



# Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting  
October 23, 2019  
Packard 416

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# Agenda

- Committee Positions
- Visibility Campaign
- Parking Update
- Dr. Ric Hall, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Announcements
- Open Floor

# Internal Committee Positions

External Affairs Committee (2 needed)

LUGS 5k Committee

Graduate Wellness Committee

- EAC: 2 more people needed; meet once a month and discuss updates and develop a list of what policies GSS supports to have a quick response to larger issues impacting graduate education
  - Email Zach Arms ([zna216@lehigh.edu](mailto:zna216@lehigh.edu))
- LUGS 5K: Overseeing and organizing the LUGS 5K Race; work starts in October; head is Michael Mfarej
- GWC: Focusing on advocating improvement to resources surrounding graduate wellness at LU

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## Fall Visibility Campaign

Show off your research!

Chance to win \$100 to support  
academic/career goals!

Opportunity to showcase your work  
to senior leadership

hey!  
what's  
going  
on?

The #HWGOLehigh  
Summer Visibility  
campaign was a blast!

Told you it'd be back.

Grads do amazing work  
year-round.

GSS is continuing this energy  
in showing off our graduates  
& helping them achieve their goals.

So, we're taking it up one more notch.

All submissions received will be considered  
for the **\$100 Fall Visibility Award**, and  
winners will have the opportunity to be  
showcased at a university senior  
leadership reception.

#HWGOLehigh  
FALL 2019

- <https://forms.gle/TiLNTZd2pnggQWdt6>
- If interested, send a submission with what you're doing, how it impacts Lehigh, and why it interests you. We'll post on SM channels and winner will get \$\$\$ to academic/career goals!

# Parking/Transit Update

Student parking lot on mountaintop

Goal to improve reliability and commute times. Focus groups are being planned, be on the lookout

Feedback to Parking and Transit:

<https://tinyurl.com/LehighConnections>

## Questions or concerns?

- With new mountaintop parking, can we still park in faculty/staff spots after 4PM?
  - Yes, but need to park in student lots if during work day.
- If someone from Building 15 wants to park in Building 1 and then go back to 15, how would that work?
  - Larger issues and lack of awareness on accessibility.
- Meeting was held at 12PM noon for SV residents on MT, but this was not accessible for schedules. Kathleen working with them to provide other times to chat with SV residents.

# Dr. Ric Hall

## ● Vice President for Student Affairs

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<b>Dean of Students</b> Williams Hall, Suite 380 610.758.4156	<b>Disability Support Services</b> Williams Hall, Suite 301 610.758.4152	<b>First-Year Experience</b> University Center, Room C112 610.758.1300	<b>Fraternity &amp; Sorority Affairs</b> University Center, Room B013 610.758.4157	<b>Gender Violence Education &amp; Support</b> University Center, Room C109 610.758.1303
<b>Health &amp; Wellness Center</b> Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor 610.758.3870	<b>Health Advancement &amp; Prevention Strategies Office</b> University Center, 4th Floor 610.758.0275	<b>Military Science and Leadership (ROTC)</b> Jordan Hall 610.758.3275	<b>Residence Life</b> Williams Hall, Suite 320 610.758.6598	<b>Student Affairs</b> Williams Hall, Suite 380 610.758.3890
<b>Student Center Facilities</b> University Center, Room C102 610.758.4160	<b>Student Conduct &amp; Community Expectations</b> Williams Hall, Suite 320 610.758.4632	<b>Student Engagement</b> University Center, Room C105 610.758.6670	<b>Student Support &amp; Case Management Services</b> Williams Hall, Suite 390 610.758.4156	<b>Writing &amp; Math Center</b> Drown Hall, Room 110 610.758.4525

## Dr. Ric Hall

- Attended Ohio University (Masters in Higher Ed Admin)
- PhD Educational Leadership (Clemson Univ)
- Decided on education b/c of his love for undergrad experience
  
- Now in his third year at Lehigh U
- 11 years- University of Miami (Assoc VP and DoS)
- 6 years at Wake Forest (DoS Office)
- 3 years at Clemson
- Worked for IUP in Housing/Res Life
- First job was U Wisc in Whitewater
  
- In his role as VP for Student Affairs, Dr. Hall is:
  - Primarily an advocate for students and student interests
  - Trying to figure out what motivates student
  - Getting information from UG and Grad students
  - Talking to student leaders on campus
- Dr. Hall sees student leaders as liaison between admin and student community
  
- Ric has lunch group with individual classes and tries to have a discussion and gain information
  - Then follows up with SLs in second discussion group

- “Institution is listening and acting on information being gathered”
- Board of Trustees (BoT) coming to town end of this week - Family Weekend, Founders Week
  - Three times a year, BoT meets to discuss major updates and initiatives
  - Various committees present
  - Grad students have been invited in past to introduce GS issues to the board
  - We look at student experience through primarily UG student experience; need to make them aware that graduate student life is just as important
- One of the issues with the Board will be a discussion of institutional challenges, goals, and opportunities with the Path to Prominence (PtP)
- PtP is a “sustained period of institutional growth” ; 2-4 years, 5-7 years to go
- What challenges are being faced by this promise?
  - More difficult to communicate the “brand” of Lehigh to the masses
- What’s the institutional motto of Lehigh? No answers.
  - “Homo minister et interpres nature” - “Man, the servant and interpreter of nature”
    - Came from the nineteenth century
  - We don’t have a succinct and thoughtful response to the university motto.
    - Differences in the “elevator pitch” of the Lehigh student experience
    - We have a rich but varied history
    - Lot of alum and many of our trustees consider Lehigh something different from what students today see it
    - Their perception of Lehigh is “caught in time”; see it as an engineering college that some believe it should only be men. It is 60-70 percent Greek
    - And is a party school
      - Greek life now is only 30 percent or so. Not only an engineering school. Students here do not fit “party school” mode.
- Second challenge: resources
  - If you grow student pop. by 1K (UG) and 500 (Grad), you need more resources
    - Not enough faculty, space for Health and Wellness Center, etc.
      - Need more and more effective space for H&W Center
  - We can’t wait to add resources with the incoming of students
- Requests for Provost: additional therapists and doctors; how can DSS be supported to make Lehigh campus accessible
  - We are over resourcing Greek Life for a campus our size

- Greek life staffing is tied to priorities of the Board
- Writing & Math Center, Academic Success, Office of Gender Violence Education and Support (GVES)
  - GVES only receives a standing budget once a year
  - Lehigh was the building point for Clery Act; we don't have a budget to support this!
- Aware of parking issues
  - Remind parking staff of the rollout of a plan and how it impacts campus culture
  - "Every \$5 ticket you give is a lost \$500 on good will"
  - Ric hears the "horror stories" of parking
- Questions?
  - It feels like decisions are being made that grad students are impacted by without being aware of who was in the conversation
    - We don't know who was talked to
    - Alcohol Policy; feelings of visibility
    - Grad student experience is quite different and we don't get to discuss our experiences
    - Beth, Kathleen, Eugene, Jess, and Ric will take into account policies on grad students
  - Space constraints? What are the plans to deal with this?
    - What will happen with spaces to host events and fit with the increasing number of students
    - Expansion of Rauch is in the works with this campaign
    - We've outgrown the large space for First Year Orientation (Grace Hall)
      - Entire class can only be fit on Stabler on Goodman Campus
      - Expansion of the University Center
    - Rethinking the way we eat ourselves up from the inside (i.e. Zoellner)
  - However, Lehigh is famous for being a small-sized research institution. Is all of this research being gathered from other spaces or from grad spaces as well?
  - Institution has taken grad students for granted
    - Beginning to see the focus on grad students with Deputy Provost position
    - Can't take grad students for granted.
    - Development and alumni relations want to connect with grad students
      - When you graduate, this institution wants you to feel



- connected. They want energy directed to Lehigh.
- Is there talks of a graduate college being formed again?
  - No conversation about it as of yet.
  - Question was asked, not sure if it will make it to the BoT meeting.
    - Could lead to Graduate Student Affairs section

# Halloween Party

October 25th, 7-9pm  
Revel Social Lounge  
217 Broadway, Bethlehem

Sign-up

COLLABORATIVE  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
21+, 1 GUEST PER ATTENDEE  
OCTOBER 25TH, 7-9PM  
REVEL SOCIAL LOUNGE  
217 BROADWAY, BETHLEHEM  
First 40 guests get ONE (1) FREE DRINK TICKET!  
Drinks and appetizers available while supplies last.  
**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME!**  
Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/92HPji5NeMGtN77e8>  
Add to our party playlist by scanning the QR code above!



- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXNf3kWBhGqjINAUaUZzOgi-sU3vabXlyfOKABnE9bmjzxXw/closedform>
- Please make sure to notify Sine if you can no longer attend
- Event is capped right now at 118 people
- Come early so that folks who signed up get priority
- Thanks to GSS, PRISM, WiSE, and ChEGA for their help for it

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## Escape Room

Friday, Oct 25th @ 5pm

LV Escape Rooms

Sign-Up on Lehigh Marketplace

\$15 per person

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# Brown & White BBQ

Come one, come all to **Founder's Weekend**, celebrating Asa Packer and his legacy!

Join us to hear from President John Simon, Chair of the Board of Trustees Kevin Clayton, and student leadership and see the annual unveiling of the senior class numbers.

Don't miss **FREE** nom noms from your favorite food trucks (including Island Noodles, y'all!), battle of the bands performances, and DJ Zen. Plus, show up early to make sure you get some awesome **GIVEAWAYS** like this year's **Founder's Weekend t-shirt**, a pair of iconic **brown and white striped socks**, and more!

**Friday, October 25  
4 p.m. @ the Lawn at Clayton University Center**

## Brown & White BBQ

Friday, October 25th at 4pm

UC Front Lawn

Free food, music and giveaways

- Check emails for registration

# Interstride Launch

Tomorrow (October 24th)

3:30-5:30pm

Career resources for  
international students

Resources for international jobs

## Interstride Launch Party!

\*Live demos every 30 minutes

Q&A with career coaches \* Snacks and free giveaways!

Oct. 23 - 8:30 - 10:30 am Maginnes Hall, 500  
featuring "Sweet Treats"

Oct. 24 - 3:30 - 5:30 pm Maginnes Hall, 500  
featuring "Festive Eats"



-Resources and videos

-Visa Insights

-Jobs (U.S. and abroad)

- Online platform that helps support international students and student going abroad
- Nacho bar!

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# Dissertation Boot Camp

November 16 and 17th, 2019

Distraction free writing!

Includes 4 meals, refocusing exercise, and chair massages

THE LEHIGH  
GRADUATE LIFE  
OFFICE PRESENTS

## Dissertation Boot Camp

NO DISTRACTIONS  
NO INTERRUPTIONS  
NO EXCUSES

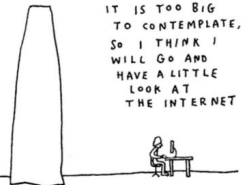
MOUNTAINTOP CAMPUS  
NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2019

### Day 1

8-9: **Sign-in & Breakfast**  
9-9:10: **Motivational Kickoff**  
9:10-12: **Distraction-free writing**  
12-12:45: **Lunch**  
12:45-1: **Refocusing Exercise**  
1-4: **Distraction-free writing**

### Day 2

8:30-9: **Sign-in & Breakfast**  
9-12: **Distraction-free Writing**  
12-12:45: **Lunch**  
12:45-4\*: **Distraction-free Writing**  
  
\*1-4 Complimentary Chair Massages



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# College of Health Candidates

College of Health Candidates want to meet with grad students!

Meet over lunch to discuss your experiences at Lehigh

Next Lunch: Monday, October 28 at 12:15pm in STEPS 386


Email: [jek207@lehigh.edu](mailto:jek207@lehigh.edu)



- Chance to interview college and health faculty and have a role in founding CoH
- RSVP by **Thursday, October 24**


[sas617@lehigh.edu](mailto:sas617@lehigh.edu)

Friday,  
Nov 1st  
6:30-8:30pm





FOODIE  
FRIDAYS  
FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Prepare Mexican  
Pozole and Arroz  
con Leche  
with Artemiza  
Martinez



PACKER HOUSE  
SAS617@LEHIGH.EDU



Sign up is in Weekly Buzz and below:



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## Suggestion/Concern Form

Send the E-Board feedback

What issues are you facing as a grad?

Submissions can be anonymous

<https://bitly.com/GSSsuggest>

<https://forms.gle/H45JrxGbjXb45qdh7>



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# Open Floor





# **Next Meeting:**

**November 13, 2019**

**Alan Snyder, Vice-President and Associate  
Vice-Provost for Research and Graduate Studies**

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