



Q&A with Deputy Provost Beth Dolan

April 2, 2020

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Thank you for joining! The Q&A will begin at 3pm

As a reminder, the Q&A will be recorded and shared with students who could not attend

Submit questions in chat!



Q&A with Beth Dolan and Kathleen Hutnik

Coursework

I would like to use the C/NC option for a course I am enrolled in. Can an exception to the current policy be made? If so, who should I contact?

- Reason for not allowing C/NC more fully explained in [FAQ Page](#)
- Some reasons include:
 - We already have a very liberal and flexible incomplete process for grad students
 - Already have “SP” designation
 - It communicates as a placeholder until student graduates and then the student gets a grade
 - SP doesn’t impact GPA; C/NC does (GPA not as relevant for graduate students)
 - Worries that C/NC would hurt graduate students in the long run if they go for jobs, licensure, etc.
 - If there is a very unusual case for having it, Beth will hear it out, but designating it will be unlikely

Have Summer Courses been moved online yet?

- We should see a decision about this in the next couple of days

Some universities are noting COVID-19 designation on student transcripts. Will this apply to graduate students? Just in case students don't perform well during this semester?

- This is the first Beth is hearing about it, and she can mention it to the Registrar
- Beth asks for folks to send her lists of schools doing it to help motivate the University

Research

Have the requirements for filing for degrees been changed given our current circumstances? CAS requires physical signatures on the same thesis approval page, is that still the case given our new circumstances? Not all my committee members have access to a scanner to be able to print, sign, and scan the doc

- Paperwork to file for graduation has been extended by **two weeks later than original deadline**
- Paperwork requirements are being changed and being moved to digital formats (forms are finalized; just need to create the links for them)
 - This applies for Ph.D. and M.A. forms
 - All students who have applied to graduate in CAS will receive an email soon with further instructions
 - Engineering students received this, too
 - Same for Business students

Beth asked if there is a need for having another degree conferral date beyond May and August? (Maybe June?)

- Yes, as long as it doesn't impact summer courses and how they're being offered
- We still have time for people to get sick, so having a midway stop gap might help mitigate people's' anxieties
- This helps folks who have jobs that begin in August

Assistantships

My current line of funding ends this semester and I have yet to secure funding for the summer. What should I do?

- Beth has started having conversations with folks may be able to address this
- Unfortunately, there is no one step solution for this
- Beth recognizes and has shared with senior leadership that many summer opportunities might not be available
- Beth has asked the Office of Research Services (could they extend funding for students whose research has been interrupted?)
 - Agencies have not yet weighed in on this

For people who have TAs with no summer funding, can graduate students be prioritized in getting those summer classes where it makes sense

- Several humanities groups are trying to offer several additional funding opportunities: Inst. for 18th C. Studies, Humanities Center, etc., but **NOTHING IS CONCRETE YET**
- One idea Beth's office has: given the hiring freeze, Beth needed a project manager to build a website and work with health insurance (Beth may hire a graduate student to work on that all week)
 - More broadly, Beth encouraging colleagues to hire grad students wherever they lost possible staff positions and hires

Kathleen will ask about bumping up funding for students teaching summer TA

Graduate Life/Wellness

Should I order graduation regalia even though it is postponed?

- This is a tough call for Kathleen and Beth to answer; so much is unknown at this moment
- Kathleen has been in touch with University Events, who is keeping Kathleen updated as information comes in
- Commencement website will be updated with an FAQ
- Kathleen's personal feeling is put it on hold; she anticipates flexibility will be present
- Beth adds that while commencement is being delayed, they are thinking about virtual commencement
 - Beth strongly believes in hooding ceremony and its importance and wants to advocate for a digital hooding

Will the University consider supporting off-campus students who will have to break leases now or beyond summer? (either through direct fees incurred, signing letters of support for landlords, etc.)

- This has not come from any conversations with folks at the university
- In terms of off-campus housing, Lehigh traditionally does not want to be involved with off-campus leases
- If landlords are being really difficult, the [Bethlehem Housing Authority](#) can act as a good ally
- Also, Emergency Loans are available to graduate students
 - \$500 interest-free loan for six months
 - Can't have outstanding debts to the university
 - It's small, but it is a starting point

- Emergency Fund also is related to the shift in semester
 - Through the Dean of Students
 - Available to folks who need to travel home, technical needs (i.e. teaching a class from your apartment), etc.
 - Not sure if this would be available for folks breaking leases

Job Market

Do you have any sense what the ramifications of this will have for students who are currently or about to go on the job market? We're seeing so many schools freeze their hiring processes, but are there any talks on the longer effects of what the market might look like?

- Very broad conversations so far (i.e. *Chronicle of Higher Education*)
 - Talk that this will be an existential crisis for lots of institutions, esp. smaller tuition-driven institutions, which were already on the financial edge
 - For context, Lehigh did not have a freeze during the 2008 crash, but now in this crisis are staff and faculty hires
 - There is a lot of concern
 - If you're ready to go on the market, go on the market and see what's out there
 - Might be that jobs continue, jobs might look different, TT and faculty might be Postdocs and temporary
 - If you have funding to stay, you might want to stay, but it's not a guarantee
- Kathleen and Beth are in regular touch with Center for Career and Professional Development and Ali Erk (alse98)

Other (Incoming Questions)

Kathleen asks graduate students to contact GLO if there are any issues students are experiencing. Please fill out the survey linked [here](#).

- GLO also needs to know about issues with faculty asking students to show up to campus to continue their research
- If things like this are happening to you or you hear of it with colleagues, friends, etc., PLEASE let GLO know
- Beth stresses right now it is NOT okay for anyone non essential or living on campus to be trying to sneak on or push LUPD to let them in
 - Please report if you feel pressure (Beth and Kathleen will ensure confidentiality)

Will there be parking reimbursement to students?

- Yes
 - Parking has done a prorated refund, and the \$ has been posted to your Bursar's Account
 - Check the account to see if refund has arrived
 - Kathleen believes money has already gone out
 - At times, the refund accidentally goes to defray the cost of tuition paid for by a grant or his department
 - The refund didn't go to the student directly
 - If this happens to you, contact Bursar's Office ASAP with your LIN and they'll send money home to your address on Banner (please make sure this is up to date!)
 - One student checked their Bursar account during this conversation, and they don't see money on their account
 - Check in with Sharon Field (sc06) from parking and ask if money has been sent out

Are campus buildings inaccessible now even with student IDs? What advice would you give to folks who need access to materials needed for continued remote work?

- Unfortunately, right now, there is no way to access items left in these buildings
- No one who is not essential can access buildings

Beth asks how are graduate students doing?

- One student asks Beth to echo to faculty and staff to be more flexible, creative, and resourceful with students and understanding this is a complex issue (i.e. expectations regarding resources to buy, homework amount, etc.)
- LTS is doing great work to keep the University going. Could they make a list of free and accessible resources?
 - ILL and PALCI are closed
- Jump on Academic Twitter
 - Follow other academics and see what conversations are happening
 - Can be a great networking opportunity

What do we do with books we already have from the library or ILL? Especially for folks moving off campus and might not be coming to campus physically?

- No fees or deadlines for returning right now
- For now, rely on the kindness of friends and colleagues who can return them on your behalf
- If this becomes a larger issue, we'll think of systemic ways to address this

Ultimately, let's remember to be kind to one another and make sure to create healthy space and boundaries for ourselves. Thank you, Beth and Kathleen for your time, Eugene for facilitating, and for all the students who were in this conversation or who check it out later on!

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Information Pages for Graduate Students

Graduate Life Office Homepage:

<https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/>

Graduate Student COVID-19 Information Page:

<https://www.lehigh.edu/~inprv/organization/graduate>

incso@lehigh.edu

Mental Health Resources

Counseling Center access is still available via Zoom or phone

After hours counselor always available.
Dial **(610)758-3880**, select “0” on the keypad

Keep up to date:

<https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/covid-19-counseling-psychological-services-updates>

Feeling overwhelmed?
Wanting to connect?

JOIN A UCPS VIRTUAL GROUP WORKSHOP

Live Better, Stress Less

Counselor facilitated groups focused on distress management with opportunities to talk about, share coping efforts, and gain support around how students are being affected and adjusting to COVID-19 and related stress

HOW TO GET CONNECTED:

Call UCPS (610-758-3880) or email incso@lehigh.edu for workshop times and to be provided with the Zoom link!

Extra Resources:

1. [Yoga with Adriene](#)
2. [Fitness Blender](#)

Campus Sources of Support



PRIDE Center

- Virtual Pride Lounge: Zooming daily **M-F 2pm - 4pm EST**
- Posting daily anxiety management resources on social media



OMA

- Anyone can access remote services by emailing the office at inmca@lehigh.edu or calling at (610)758-5903
- Virtual Zoom every **Tuesday and Thursday 1pm - 3pm** - <http://bit.ly/OMAlounge>

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Campus Sources of Support



GVES

- Advocates are still available 24/7
- Can connect you to your local, state, and national resources

Gender Violence Education & Support

University Center C112 and C108

✉ ingves@lehigh.edu

☎ PH 610-758-1303

📠 FAX 610-758-6164



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- Events are virtual and Beth and Kathleen can still be reached:
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Mental Health - Self-Care



<https://tinyurl.com/LehighSelfCare>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pdoAf-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagEryIDXJzjiaoDCM7pY/edit?usp=sharing>

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GSS Executive Board Elections

Submit nominations by April 15th

Email nominations to ingss@lehigh.edu

Nominees are invited to attend our remaining E-Board meeting (April 8th)



- Currently in the middle of nominations
- If you have anyone in mind, please nominate them! Send us who they are, email, and what position you think they would be good for
- Nominations are NOT binding in any way

Prorated Parking Reimbursements

Refunds will be deposited into your Bursar's account and then a check will be mailed to your home address (in Banner)

1. Check to make sure your address in Banner is up to date
2. If your college/department pays your tuition, call the Bursar's Office to make sure that you receive your refund (may accidentally be applied to your tuition balance)

This is a manual process, please be patient as it will take time

- The refund, in some cases, has gone to offset the cost of tuition that was paid by a college or grant.
 - In other words, the students paid for parking but the refund might be going to the college or grant
 - If this is the case, the students should contact their department ASAP and the Bursar's Office and have their LIN ready. Someone will look at their account and if they fall into this category, the Bursar's Office will mail a check the home address that is in Banner.
- Please make sure your address is correct in Banner in order to receive your check!
- Do students have to contact the Bursar's office first, or is this automatic?
 - Students should get their check in the mail automatically
 - Only need to reach out Bursar if there is an outstanding balance

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Access the Career Center Virtually

Remote Career Lab (via Zoom)

Monday - Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Coaching Appointments (Phone/Zoom)

Schedule an appointment on Handshake

Career Lunch & Learn is now Virtual

More Info. <https://careercenter.lehigh.edu/content/working-virtually-career-center>

CAREER LUNCH & LEARN FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS GOES VIRTUAL!!

Grab your lunch and join the conversation
to discuss interviewing tips and strategies
with your fellow graduate students!

12:00pm to 1:00pm
REGISTER ON HANDSHAKE &
ACCESS VIA ZOOM

**Wednesday, April 8 - Interviewing:
Tips, Tools and FAQ**

Sponsored by the Center for Career and Professional Development
and the Graduate Student Senate

- Please tune in for the Grad Student L&L next Tuesday! (flyer above)

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International Students in STEM

Friday, April 3 from 10am to 12pm

Meet panelists who will share their
experiences

Panelists include graduate and
undergraduate students

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS
CENTER FOR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN STEM

CAREER WORKSHOP AND PANEL
FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd from 10 am to 12 pm

Meet the panelists who will share about their path
to internships, jobs, & opportunities in the US!



Pei Chen, Director at ConsenSys
Lehigh Alum of the Financial
Engineering MS Program

Student Panelists Include:

Aakash Rana

Raahil Amarshi

Odilon Niyomugabo



Ramos Wu

Shrivats Agarwal

Emma Fernandez Echeverri



GLO Virtual Events

Add GLO's Virtual Event Calendar!

<https://tinyurl.com/GLOVirtualEvents>



VIRTUAL TUESDAYS@ 10

Featuring our Guest Star:
Samba Dieng
April 7

Come join us every Tuesday @ 10 to chat, ask questions or just to have a cup of coffee while you work. Let's virtually get together!

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/599516949> GLO

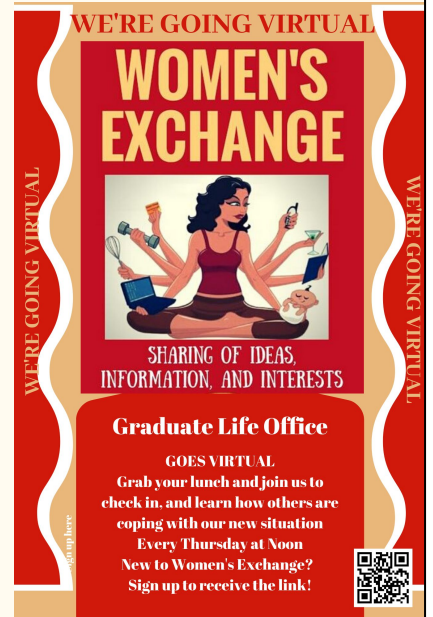


Virtual Scavenger Hunt!

Join the **GLO Scavenger Hunt** Groupme to play along! Each week's top scorer will win a **\$50 Amazon giftcard!**

GLO will release 10 new challenges each Saturday at 10 am

Questions? Contact Annaliese at arc319@lehigh.edu



WE'RE GOING VIRTUAL

WOMEN'S EXCHANGE


SHARING OF IDEAS, INFORMATION, AND INTERESTS

Graduate Life Office

GOES VIRTUAL

Grab your lunch and join us to check in, and learn how others are coping with our new situation Every Thursday at Noon

New to Women's Exchange? Sign up to receive the link!



- Let us know if we need to add any events to the GLO calendar!
- Possible upcoming events include: Kitchen Zoomba or a Meditation Yoga!

We're hanging out, chilling and chatting. Join us for this week's

VIRTUAL NETFLIX HANGOUT



QUEER EYE

[https://www.netflix.com/watch/80993998?
npSessionId=e414e4d4399d269f&npServerId=s136](https://www.netflix.com/watch/80993998?npSessionId=e414e4d4399d269f&npServerId=s136)
4.30 pm - 5.30 pm April 3 2020



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Netflix Hangout

Chill, chat and watch Queer Eye

April 3, 2020
4:30 - 5:30pm

[http://www.netflix.com/watch/80993998?
npSessionId=e414e4d4399d268f&npSe
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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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Date	Meeting	Time	Location	Notes
March 18, 2020	General Assembly	12:10 - 1:00 pm	Zoom	Nominations Open
March 25, 2020	E-Board Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Zoom	Open to nominees
April 1, 2020	General Assembly	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Zoom	Informal, Town Hall April 2nd
April 8, 2020	E-Board Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Zoom	Open to nominees
April 15, 2020	NO MEETING			
April 22, 2020	General Assembly	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Zoom	Elections
April 29, 2020	General Assembly	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Zoom	New E-Board

Next GSS Meeting:

April 22, 2020

Elections!

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