

Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

September 16, 2020

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216>



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Agenda

- Constitution amendments
- Travel Grants Election
- Hawk the Vote
- Announcements
- Open Floor



Senators and Club Reps

- Attend GSS meetings
- Update your constituents
- Bring up concerns



External Committee Positions

Graduate and Research Committee - Need 1

University Committee on Discipline - Need 2-4

Faculty Committee on Student Life - Need 1

University Appeals Committee - Need 1-2

Leadership Awards Committee - Need 1

Faculty Committee on Facilities Planning - Need 1

Library Users Committee - Need 1

Visiting Lecturers Committee - Need 1

Lehigh Sustainability Council - Need 1

Review of LU Police

- Determining the scope of the review
- Assessing options for engaging an outside group to evaluate data and procedures.
- Looking for one grad with interest to serve on the committee

Internal Committees

GSS DI&E Committee -

Co-chairs: Katherine Melo Li, Princess Neely

Mental Health Committee - Chair: Raquel Sosa

Budget Committee - Chair: Sine Zungu

External Affairs Committee - Chair: Annie Sanchez

GSS LUGS 5k Committee - (to be planned in the spring)

DI&E Committee will likely be looking for a few new committee members in the fall
Mental Health and Graduate Wellness committee - will be at September meeting
External Affairs Committee

Constitution changes

- Add in College of Health
- Change the word “popular” in voting procedures to “majority” for clarity
- Add section detailing internal committees
- Require senators to send an email to their unit after each GA meeting, cc-ing the secretary
- Change “his/her” to “their”

These changes were approved by a simple majority.

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Travel Grants Officer Election - Sept 30th

Nominations open now! Email ingss@lehigh.edu

To accept a nomination, the following must be sent to ingss@lehigh.edu by September 27th:

- Statement of Intent: 500 words, describe qualifications and plans if elected
- Personal Photo

All Candidate Intent Statements will be posted online and on social media

Hawk the Vote

- Undergrad Organization, backed by Undergrad and Faculty Senates
- Goals:
 - 100% voter registration
 - Cancel or reschedule classes on Election day (Nov 3)
 - Day of Civic Service
 - Paid time off for faculty and staff to vote

Jonathan Shen, MBA/MS - might be difficult for this specific program, because it is an accelerated program

Natania Lipp, CPSY - it would be great if graduate students who have assistantships could also be supported for taking time off under this

Zach Arms - for non-accelerated programs, maybe seminars and things can be moved to a different day

Leanna Altenburg - for people who can't take time off, can we make sure that they have a day off?

Chung-Yi Lin - professors could potentially reduce work, in case they can't give class time off

Bryan Yekelchik - might leave it to professor to decide what they think is best for their particular class, rather than prescribing a specific approach

Kathleen Hutnik - can write to Kathy Iovine, the chair of the faculty senate to ask how they addressed the issue of grad classes

Jess Joseph - 100% voter registration; GSS can send resources for this as well

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Free t-shirts!

<https://tinyurl.com/LUtshirts>



Volunteering to hand out shirts - sign up on the form above

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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>

Lehigh COVID-19 Information Center:

<https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/>

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Covid guidelines for graduate students

<https://tinyurl.com/lehighcovidguidelinesforgrads>

Mental Health - Self-Care



<https://tinyurl.com/LehighSelfCare>

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

- Natania and Sara have put together this self care guide.

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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

Therapists in the Lehigh Valley Database

Put together by grad student Natania Lipp

Keep up to date:

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

TRANSITION TO GRAD SCHOOL



**Fridays
2-3 pm**

Sign up to register and for the zoom link



Imposter Syndrome

YOU WERE NOT ADMITTED BY
MISTAKE
September 4



Time Management

HOW TO GET IT ALL DONE
September 11



Habits of a Successful Grad Student

A FACULTY VIEW
September 18



Sustaining Your Energy; Eat, Sleep, Move

FINDING A HEALTHY
BALANCE
September 25



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Habits of a Successful Grad Student



A FACULTY VIEW
September 18



GRADUATE LIFE OFFICE AND OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

WHAT I WISH I HAD KNOWN IN MY FIRST SEMESTER OF GRAD SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 8 AM
EST

JOIN HERE:
[HTTP://BIT.LY/WHATIWISHIHADKNOWN](http://bit.ly/whatiwishihadknown)

ARE YOU BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND/OR A PERSON OF COLOR?

Are you a graduate student that identifies as Black, Indigenous, and/or a Person of Color? Would you be a part of a focus group to help Lehigh understand what supports are needed to support thriving in graduate school?



Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office
and Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Office

Thursday,
Sept 17 at
1:00 pm

GRADS! ARE YOU A FIRST GEN STUDENT?

Are you the first person in your family to go to college? Navigating grad school can be tricky. Would you be a part of a focus group to help us understand what supports are needed for this population?



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Thursday,
Sept 17 at
noon



APPLY TO BE A GLO GUIDE

GLO Guides help grad students !

Apply with subject heading 2020 GLO Guide

Do you like organizing activities?
Are you creative in connecting people?
Would you like to earn a few extra dollars?

Consider becoming a GLO Guide!
Position begins asap

The Graduate Student Life Office (GLO) seeks student assistant, GLO Guide, to help our grad students be connected through outdoor and virtual activities.

Activities, Outdoor Adventure, and Entertainment:
Plan, coordinate, and staff on or off campus activities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all University safety guidelines will need to be followed including social distancing and masks.

Time commitment: approximately 5-10 hours/week, which includes 30 minute zoom meeting with associate dean every two weeks to discuss plans and outcomes.

Payment: \$15/hr

Budget: Students will have a maximum budget of \$500 to either pay for or defray costs of supplies and activities.

Please send a brief letter (one page maximum) explaining why you are interested, any experience you may have and ideas to connect students for this semester.
Please include contact information.

Accepting applications NOW.
Please send to gradlife@lehigh.edu with Subject Line: 2020 GLO GUIDE

Selected GLO Guides are required to attend a one hour zoom training session (paid) with GLO coordinator prior to beginning work.

Career Center



The Center for Career and Professional Development and the International Center for Academic and Professional English present:

Managing Online Conflict

Learn the Do's and Don'ts of successful online collaboration and conflict resolution

September 23rd from 9:30 - 10:30 am

Register on Handshake. Access via Zoom.

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

Featuring: Muge Wood
Microsoft Houston Technology Center Director

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
12 - 12:30 pm
Register on Handshake
Access via Zoom

career ready = life ready
Center for Career & Professional Development

Graduate Writing Support

Graduate Writing Support Presents:

Professional Writing Workshop Series

Constructing a Professional Email
co-facilitated with CCPD
Wednesday, September 9, 12:15-1:15

Writing a Professional Proposal
Wednesday, September 23, 12:15-1:15

Grant Writing: A General Overview
co-facilitated with the Office of the VPR
Wednesday, October 7, 12:15-1:15

Drafting Persuasive Messages
Wednesday, October 21, 12:15-1:15

Delivering Effective Presentations
Wednesday, November 4, 12:15-1:15

[To register, visit Graduate Writing Support](#)

Graduate Writing Support Presents:

Dissertation Workshop Series

So You Want to Write A Dissertation?
Tuesday, September 1, 3:00-4:00

Tackling the Literature Review
Tuesday, September 15, 3:00-4:00

Telling Your Data's Story
Tuesday, September 29, 3:00-4:00

**Structuring the Dissertation
Argument**

Tuesday, October 13, 3:00-4:00

[To register, visit Graduate Writing Support](#)

Graduate Writing Support

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Writing can seem like a lonely endeavor.

But it doesn't have to be!

Join a community of Lehigh University graduate writers by participating in a writing group facilitated by Graduate Writing Support.

Writing Accountability Group (WAG)

WAGs are "just write" events. Participants will gather virtually every Friday evening from 6:00pm-8:00pm. They will share their personal goals for their writing session, spend time writing on their own, then regroup to share their writing session accomplishments.

Starting September 11, the WAG group will meet virtually every Friday evening from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at <https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/93213465274>

Working Writing Group (WWG)

WWGs are "draft sharing" events. Participants gather virtually every Sunday afternoon from 2:00pm-4:00pm to share drafts of writing projects and receive feedback from group members. Each group member will take turns sharing and providing feedback.

Starting September 13, the WWG group will meet virtually every Sunday afternoon from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at <https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/94305601270>.

JOIN US IF YOU CAN!

GRADUATE WRITERS' STUDIO

NOW OPEN!

schedule your consultation here:
mywco.com/lehighgradwriting

- Consultation methods
 - Online Asynchronous (etutoring)
 - Online Synchronous
- Consultations scheduled for 1-2 hours
- Consultants will work with you and any document up to 20 pages.
 - For synchronous sessions with any document larger than 5 pages, please submit the document at least 5 hours prior to the appointment time to provide the consultant adequate time to read and form beneficial feedback.



TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

*A free 6 part non-credit series for graduate
students to improve
instructional and classroom skills*

EVERY OTHER THURSDAYS
2:00-3:00PM

SIGN UP FOR ZOOM LINK

EARN A LEVEL 1 OR LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE
FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO

Sign up required



Dates:

Sept. 24

Oct 8 and 22

Nov 5 and 19

Dec 3

Teacher Development is brought to you by the Graduate Life Office and
the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning

Registration now open for
fall virtual fitness classes!

**Special discount for the first 25
Graduate students**

**\$25
with code grad25**

11 WEEKS LIVE VIRTUAL CLASSES
**PLUS RECORDED
CLASS LIBRARY**

YOGA
BODYPUMP
CIRCUITS
CORE
BARRE
ZUMBA

*FREE yoga mat and
resistance band for the
first 25 Grad students!*



GO.LEHIGH.EDU/FITNESS

THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY PRESENTS:

STORY TIME LIVE!

A CAREGIVING SUPPORT SESSION BROUGHT TO YOU BY

TESS PYNE

CGE COORDINATOR READING AND DISCUSSING

PATRICIA POLACCO'S

"PINK AND SAY"

AVAILABLE FROM THE LEHIGH LIBRARIES

SEPTEMBER 16 2020

1:30 PM

EMAIL TMP218@LEHIGH.EDU FOR THE ZOOM LINK

FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEHIGH COMMUNITY ONLY

Lehigh Parenting and Caregiving Network



Lehigh Support Coordinators
CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY



CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY
30th ANNIVERSARY 1990-2020

on campus or remote...
the Pride Center is
always here for
YOU

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS

9/14
10/19
11/16

via social media

FIERCE FILM FRIDAYS

9/25
10/23
11/13

in our virtual lounge

LUALLY SESSIONS

LGBTQ+ 101 - 9/9

QTPOC - 10/7

QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11

Sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 at
go.lehigh.edu/virtuallylually

LUNCH & LEARNS

9/18

10/15

11/3

in our virtual lounge

Meet 1 on 1 with a PC Staff Member at pridecenter.youcanbook.me



email us at pridecenter@lehigh.edu

Hang out in the Virtual PC Lounge 24/7. Staffed 11am-4pm (est) weekdays
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

ingss@lehigh.edu

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



Kathleen Hutnik:

- Will be on a panel that is crafting a new grad student engagement survey
 - This will have questions about academics, mental health, and finances
 - If you have suggestions of things Kathleen should include, please reach out to her at kaha@lehigh.edu



Next Meeting:
September 30, 12:10-1pm

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