Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
September 16, 2020
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216

ingss@lehigh.edu
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.
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
Free t-shirts!

https://tinyurl.com/LUtshirts

Volunteering to hand out shirts - sign up on the form above
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/
Covid guidelines for graduate students

https://tinyurl.com/lehighcovidguidelinesforgrads
Mental Health - Self-Care

https://tinyurl.com/LehighSelfCare
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pdoAf-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagErylDXJzijaoDCM7pY/edit?usp=sharing

- Natania and Sara have put together this self care guide.
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](https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/covid-19-counseling-psychological-services-updates)

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
TRANSITION TO GRAD SCHOOL
Friday 2-3 pm
Sign up to register
and for the zoom link

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/WHA?IWISHIHAVKROWN
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?

Thursday, Sept 17 at 1:00 pm

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

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?

Thursday, Sept 17 at noon

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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 soon.

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

- Activities, Outdoor Adventures, 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 10 hours/week, which includes 30 minute zoom meeting, 3-5 hours of on-campus activities.
- Payment: $10/hour
- Budget: Students will have a maximum budget of $100 to either pay for or buy/sell some of the supplies and activities.

Please send a brief letter (no more than 1 page) explaining why you are interested, any experiences you may have, and ideas to connect students for this campaign.

Please include contact information.

Applying applications DEADLINE:
Please send to glosl@mit.edu with Subject line: 2020 GLO GUIDE.

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

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
Graduate Writing Support

Graduate Writing Support Presents:

Professional Writing Workshop Series
- Constructing a Professional Email
co-facilitated with CCPO
  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

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 gather virtually every Friday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. They will share their personal goals for their writing session, spend time writing on their own, then together to share their writing session accomplishments.

Starting September 11, the WAG group will meet virtually every Friday evening from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at mywco/lehightgradwriting

Working Writing Group (WWG)

WWGs are "draft sharing" events. Participants gather virtually every Sunday afternoon from 3:00pm - 5:00pm to share drafts of writing projects and receive feedback from group members. Each group member will take turns sharing and providing feedback.

Starting September 11, the WWG group will meet virtually every Sunday afternoon from 3:00pm - 5:00pm at mywco/lehightgradwriting

JOIN US IF YOU CAN!

GRADUATE WRITERS' STUDIO

NOW OPEN!

schedule your consultation here: mywco/lehightgradwriting

• 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

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 Research, Teaching, and Practice.
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, circuits, core, barre, zumba

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

Go Lehigh.edu/fitness
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
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216