

Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

September 2, 2020

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



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Agenda

- Who is part of GSS? What does GSS do?
- Travel Grants Officer election
- Constitution amendments
- External Affairs Update
- Announcements
- Open Floor



Why get involved with GSS?

Address issues pertinent to graduate programs and graduate life

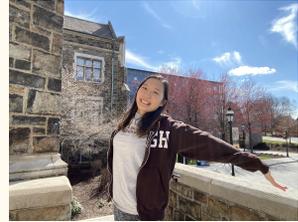
Serve as an **advocate** and represent the graduate student body

Network with the Lehigh community

Gain professional **leadership** experience

Help grads reach their goals

E-board



Senators and Club Reps

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



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

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

Travel Grants Officer Election - Sept 16th

GSS Election Committee:

*“Election proceedings shall be governed by a volunteer Election Committee. The Election Committee shall minimally consist of a supervisor, an announcer, and **two (2) record keepers**. No member of the Election Committee shall be permitted to run for office or vote in the elections. Efforts should be made to include one graduate student from each college in the Election Committee. Graduate students do not need to be Unit Senators or Club Representatives in order to volunteer as a member of the Election Committee.”*

Volunteers?

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Travel Grants Officer Election - Sept 16th

Nominations open now! Email ingss@lehigh.edu

To accept a nomination, the following must be sent to ingss@lehigh.edu by September 13th:

- 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

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”

Vote will be at the next GA meeting!

External Affairs Update

- LGBTQ+ Referendum in Northampton County
 - Decision was vetoed
 - Thank you!
- Grad Student Presidential Candidate Questionnaire
 - MIT and CMU's grad organizations drafted
 - Aiming to form a Grad coalition/have us sign on
 - Questions related to higher ed and grad student concerns
 - E.g. The Higher Education Act
 - Responses will be made public

As an e-board, we will be voting on whether or not we want to add our name to this by the end of the week. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Annie Sanchez or another member of the e-board to share these.

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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>



Open Enrollment Period is here!

**Please make sure that you don't let your
current insurance gap!**

https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group_id=4

Porch Time with Kathleen Hutnik

Associate Dean for Graduate Student Life

*just
breathe*

3-4:30 PM
Wednesday, Sept 2
Thursday, Sept 3

Join Kathleen on the Packer House porch.
(217 W. Packer Avenue)

If you'll be dropping by, please wear a mask and social distance.

Career Center



Strategic Career Management Seminar

A VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Complete
in under
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Self-Paced Online Program

- *Enhance your skills
- *Expand your network
- *Empower your job search
- *Earn a digital credential

Learn more & register on Handshake



More Info:

<https://www.hirelehigh.com/post/virtual-career-expo-faq-s>

Aly Erk (Career Center):

- There are resources on Handshake, including COVID-19 remote opportunities
- Register through Handshake
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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](#)

GRAD STUDENT
OPEN ZOOM
Q&A SESSIONS


ASK AMY

If Amy doesn't know,
she'll try and
find the answer for you!

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/97889852147>

**Tuesdays
9-10AM EST**

**Thursdays
2-3pm EST**



Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office



Registration now open for
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\$25

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**PLUS RECORDED
CLASS LIBRARY**

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BODYPUMP
CIRCUITS
CORE
BARRE
ZUMBA

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



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*Calling all grad students!!
Do you love classical music and play an instrument?
The Lehigh University Philharmonic wants you!*



*Openings in many sections: all orchestral strings
woodwind, brass and percussion
For more information, email lcg3@lehigh.edu*

THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY PRESENTS:

STORY TIME LIVE!

A CAREGIVING SUPPORT SESSION BROUGHT TO YOU BY

SCOTT BURDEN

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE PRIDE CENTER

READING IBRAM X. KENDI'S

"ANTIRACIST BABY"

AVAILABLE FROM THE LEHIGH LIBRARIES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

10 AM

EMAIL TMP218@LEHIGH.EDU FOR THE ZOOM LINK

FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEHIGH COMMUNITY ONLY

Lehigh Parenting and Caregiving Network



Lehigh Support Connection
CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY



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/virtuallyally

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

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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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



Announcement from Kathleen:

- Still accepting applications from the Creative Scholarship Institute (through the end of July)
 - This summer it will be shortened (3 days), plus regular special interest topics through the course of the year
 - Specifically crafted for doctoral students who are in the middle of their program
- This is an opportunity to re-center your values and purpose, as well as engage in creative professional development

Yvonne Lee (yrl210) - new member of GLO, supporting graduate student writing

- Email her with ideas and feedback!

COVID Compliance Panel:

- Looking for 4 graduate students to serve on a panel
 - Email from Katherine Lavinder will happen in the next week which will include a social contract to be responsible for the health of the entire community
 - Panel of undergrads, grads, faculty, and staff, for people who are defiantly non-compliant
 - Don't anticipate this being needed very often

LTS - training for graduate students who are TAs

- Identify some initial recordings and documents

- New TA ambassadors (5-6) to be available for a couple of Zoom sessions on Wednesday, August 19th
 - How did people use virtual technology effectively?
 - Email Kathleen Hutnik (kaha@lehigh.edu) if interested

Budget committee met yesterday and came to a consensus

- Able to give clubs almost 40% more than last year



Next Meeting:
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