Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
September 2, 2020
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216
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?
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.
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

Natania and Sara have put together this self care guide.

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

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.
Aly Erk (Career Center):
- There are resources on Handshake, including COVID-19 remote opportunities
- Register through Handshake
Graduate Writing Support

Graduate Writing Support Presents:

**Professional Writing Workshop Series**

*Constructing a Professional Email*
*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/97889032147

Tuesdays 9-10AM EST

Thursdays 2-3pm EST

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office
Registration now open for fall virtual fitness classes!

Special discount for the first 25 Graduate students
$25 with code grad25
11 weeks of virtual classes
Plus recorded class library

Yoga, barre, circuit, core, zumba
FREE yoga mat and resistance band for the first 25 grad students!

Go.lehigh.edu/fitness

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS
9/14
10/19
11/16
via social media

LUALLY SESSIONS
LGBTQ+: 10/1 - 11/19
ALLPOC+ - 10/7
QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11
Sign up for 1, 3 or all 3 at
go.lehigh.edu/virtuallally

FIERCE FILM FRIDAYS
9/25
10/23
11/13
Meet 1 on 1 with a PC Staff Member at
pridecenter@lehigh.edu

LUNCH & LEARNS
1/18
1/22
2/5

email us at pridecenter@lehigh.edu
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
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
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:
September 16, 12:10-1pm
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