

Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

September 30, 2020

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



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Agenda

- Travel Grants Election
- Treasurer Election
- DHS Proposal
- Hawk the Vote
- Campus Vote Project
- Announcements
- Open Floor



Senators/Unit Reps

How to email your unit:

- CC Teresa
- Attach these slides
- Copy the agenda into your email body and add a brief summary to each point about what was said in meeting
 - I'll let you know if I think something is important to add!



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

****Please share this with your units!****

Travel Grants Election



#MEETTHEMINEES

**NICHOLAS
COSCARELLI**

Running for
**Travel Grants
Officer**

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Treasurer Election - October 14th

Nominations open now! Email ingss@lehigh.edu

To accept a nomination, the following must be sent to ingss@lehigh.edu by October 11th:

- 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

Treasurer Responsibilities

- Understand GSS financial policies
- Act as club liason on budget related topics
- Keep track of GSS activities fund
- Request budgets from clubs at the end of the year



DHS Proposal ICEB-2019-0006

- What's being proposed?
 - Currently: non-immigrant visitors to US can stay for a period of time known as duration of stay (D/S) which is basically program length for school or job (+ time to arrange travel)
 - Proposed: setting limit of stay to a period of time (2 or 4 years) with the ability for students to apply for extensions
- Who does it impact?
 - F, J, and I visa holders from any country
- How to impact change?
 - Comments submitted online [here](#) by October 26th 2020
- What are important concerns?
 - The extension process:
 - Not a lot of proposed structure to handle higher demand
 - 4 years isn't enough for most PhDs and extension has requirements, not guaranteed
 - Eligibility of certain "category" of people for shorter approved stays
 - Most of list composed of countries with >10% overstay rate ([link](#))

[Full Proposal](#)

[Summary](#)

Hawk the Vote - David Owalabi



This is the schedule for civic involvement day (including virtual programming):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A1ZvM7CCh_2yJ7S8R9yPp6qtBIG4aXolSEKNViCV3EU/edit?usp=sharing

Conversations led by College Democrats and College Republicans

Conversations led by various Lehigh professors

Conversation led by Lehigh graduate student about politics and athletics

Conversation with Lehigh art gallery

Also, looking to pass the baton of responsibility for this role to another student in the future.

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Campus Vote Project - Ronald Johnson



I am a fellow at the Campus Vote Project, a bipartisan organization wishing to assist students with any variables to fast and effective voting. Currently, we are in a pandemic which is discouraging traditional poll workers most of whom are 55 years old and above. I am reaching out because I would like to encourage the membership of your respective student organizations to help me sign up students who are US citizens to commit to one day of service which will be compensated with payment varying depending on the specific county. I would greatly appreciate the encouragement of your membership and listserv to sign up using the link below.
www.powerthepolls.org/CVPE

Any concerns or questions please let me know

My contact is rbj219@lehigh.edu

Sincerely,

Ronald Johnson

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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>

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Free t-shirts!

Please share with units!

<https://tinyurl.com/LUtshirts>



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

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

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 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.



Graduate Writing Support



*Grad
Guidance*



Overcoming Writer's Block
featuring:

Yvonne Lee, Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Writing
Graduate Education & Life

career ready = life ready
Center for Career & Professional Development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3NfjrGAZ6Y>

GRADUATE STUDENTS OUTING CLUB



Enjoy nature of beautiful creeks, autumn breeze and more!
Social distanced hike, bonus view of golf club

DAY HIKE ON SAUCON RAIL TRAIL

October 4th, 2020 (Sun) 9:00-12:00 AM
Sign up by clicking the link



GRADUATE STUDENTS
OUTING CLUB
GSOC

ANY QUESTIONS: EMAIL shf317@lehigh.edu

Explore
what's
possible.

Lehigh University
Graduate Education

Sunday, October 18
2-5pm EST

Graduate and Professional School
Virtual Information Session
for Underrepresented Minority Students

- Meet with students and faculty in your program of interest.
- Get advice from faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds.
- Learn about academic, career, and other support services for our graduate students.

[Register here](#)

Registration closes October 11, 2020

[For more information please click here](#)

Attend our virtual event and
receive a code to waive your application fee.

[Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA](#)



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Friday, October 2
OUTDOOR

WOMEN'S EXCHANGE



SHARING OF IDEAS,
INFORMATION AND INTERESTS

Graduate Life Office

Outdoor at
PACKER HOUSE
(217 W. Packer Ave)
Time: 12-1:00pm

Boxed lunch and water provided



Sign up here

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

Hang out in the Virtual PC Lounge 24/7 Staffed 11am-4pm (est) weekdays
[GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE](http://go.lehigh.edu/virtualpridecenterlounge)

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


MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS
9/24
10/19
11/16
via social media

FIERCE FILM FRIDAYS
9/25
10/23
11/13
in our virtual lounge

LULLY SESSIONS
LGBTQ+ 101 - 9/9
GTPCC - 10/7
QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11
Sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 at
go.lehigh.edu/virtuallylly

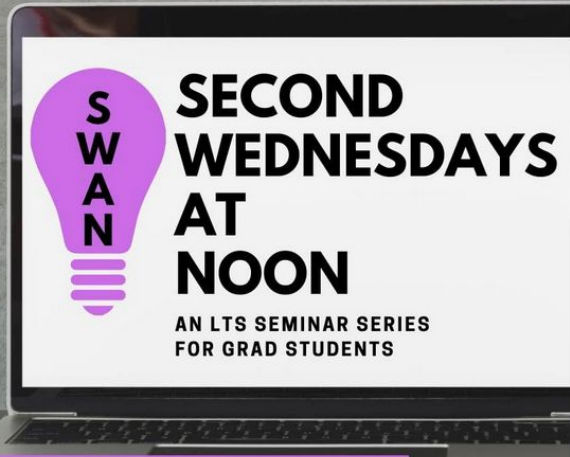
LUNCH & LEARNS
9/18
10/15
11/3
in our virtual lounge

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



email us at pridecenter@lehigh.edu

OCTOBER 14:
GOOGLE SCHOLAR



REGISTER AT [GO.LEHIGH.EDU/SWAN](https://go.lehigh.edu/swan)

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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



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
 - This survey will be going out soon!



Next Meeting:
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