Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
September 30, 2020
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216
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

Nicholas Coscarelli
Running for Travel Grants Officer
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 liaison 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
This is the schedule for civic involvement day (including virtual programming):
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A1ZvM7CCh_2yJ7S8R9yPp6qtB1g4aXoI5NSK5iCv3EU/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.
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
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
Put together by grad student Natania Lipp

Keep up to date:
https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/covid-19-counseling-psychological-services-updates
Free t-shirts!

https://tinyurl.com/LUtshirts

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

230 Fellowship Positions
36 Post-Doctoral Positions
listed on Handshake
Visit:
lehigh.joinhandshake.com
The Center for Career and Professional Development

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

Featuring: Stephanie Santora
Campus Recruiter
Bloomberg LP

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
12 - 12:30 pm
Register on Handshake
Access via Zoom
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
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 projects, 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.com/lehighteaching

Working Writing Group (WWG)

WWGs are “work 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.com/lehighteaching

JOIN US IF YOU CAN!

GRADUATE WRITERS’ STUDIO

NOW OPEN!

schedule your consultation here: mywco.com/lehighteaching

- 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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3NfjrGAZ6Y
DAY HIKE ON SAUCON RAIL TRAIL

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

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

Any questions? Email ghsc@hpsg.edu
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 on 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
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: 12:10pm
Boxed lunch and water provided

ingss@lehigh.edu
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 Office of Graduate Studies, Teaching, and Research.
on campus or remote... the Pride Center is always here for YOU

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS
9/19
10/16
11/6
in person and remote

MEET 1 on 1 with a PC Staff Member at pridecenter@wmich.edu

FIERCE FILM FRIDAYS
9/23
10/21
11/11
in our virtual lounge

LUALLY SESSIONS
LOST- 101 - 9/9
QPOC - 10/1
QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11
Sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 at go.wmich.edu/virtually

LUNCH AND LEARNS
9/13
10/18
11/3
in our virtual lounge

email us at pridecenter@wmich.edu
OCTOBER 14:
GOOGLE SCHOLAR

SECOND WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
AN LTS SEMINAR SERIES FOR GRAD STUDENTS

REGISTER AT GO.LEHIGH.EDU/SWAN
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

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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