Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
October 13, 2020
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216

ingss@lehigh.edu
Agenda

- Treasurer Election
- Announcements
- Updates and Q&A with Kathleen
- Open Floor
Senators/Unit Reps
How to email your unit:

- Attach these slides
  - https://grad.lehigh.edu/student-life/graduate-student-senate/meetings-and-minutes

- 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!**
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Treasurer Election - October 28th

Nominations open now! Email ingss@lehigh.edu

To accept a nomination, the following must be sent to ingss@lehigh.edu by October 25th:

- 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
VIRTUAL

DEBATE
WATCH
PARTY

October 22
8:30 PM

Join the GSS External Affairs Committee for this virtual event.

Register Here
https://forms.gle/4ygjHYAF2gRMN9W36

FEATURING PRESIDENTIAL BINGO WITH PRIZES!!
GOT SOME AWESOME MENTORS?
WANT TO SHOW THEM YOUR GRATITUDE?

NOMINATE YOUR MENTORS TODAY
FOR THE
MENTORSHIP APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

The Mentorship Appreciation Celebration is an excellent opportunity to show appreciation for faculty mentors who have positively impacted your career here at Lehigh. Nominees will be invited to the virtual celebration and receive a certificate of appreciation.

Deadline for nominations: October 16
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-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagEry1DXJzijaoDCM7pY/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
Subscribe to GLO’s new YouTube Channel

https://youtube.com/channel/UCIVTXEgcMgCJ8moxcjTU7A

Join us for the premiere of our first video on Monday, October 19 at 2pm!
Career Center

Delivering Effective Presentations
Strategies to engage your audience in-person and virtually

Grad Students Join us:
November 4th
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
Register on Handshake Access via Zoom.

Presented by: Lehigh Graduate Education & Life and the Center for Career and Professional Development

INTERNATIONAL CAREER PERSPECTIVES ROUNDTABLE
DEVELOP PROFESSIONALLY TO REACH YOUR CAREER GOALS
Wednesday, October 28th from 9 am - 10 am
ZOOM LINK ON HANDSHAKE
Lead Speakers Include:

Bashir Sadat
Neha Mandhyan
Nino Deschenes
Adrian Suarez
Arzoo Karki
Jorgo Tesfo
Tariq Al-Senhan
Consultations are opening up more; GAs are available for consultations as well. There is one other workshop in the professional writing series: Drafting Persuasive Messages on Wednesday, 10/21 from 12:15-1:15pm. December 5th and 12th (Saturdays), Yvonne will be hosting two all-day writing retreats (9am-10pm).

- More information will be shared later
- These will be virtual
- Will include 20-30 minute workshops to pop into
New Graduate Writing Consultants!

Sine Zangui

Joey Andrews

Full Name: Sine Zangui
Program: Academic Writing
Office: Renewed
Email: zanguisine@gmail.com
Profile: First-year PhD student
Skills: Writing, Researching, Editing

Reason for becoming a Writing Consultant: I love writing and I want to help others improve their writing skills. I believe that writing is a tool for self-expression and a means of sharing ideas with others.

Full Name: Joey Andrews
Program: Academic Writing
Office: Renewed
Email: andrewsjoey@gmail.com
Profile: Second-year PhD student
Skills: Writing, Researching, Editing

Reason for becoming a Writing Consultant: I have a strong passion for writing and I enjoy helping others improve their writing skills. I believe that writing is a powerful tool for communication and self-expression.

Schedule your asynchronous consultation with them at myuco.com/thesisgradwriting
JOIN THE CGE’S VIRTUAL READING GROUP!

We will be discussing the first half of Emma Donaghy's Hood

MEETING BIWEEKLY STARTING OCTOBER 8TH | 3:00-4:00PM
EMAIL TESS (TMP218@LEHIGH.EDU) FOR MORE INFORMATION.
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL.

JOIN US!
FILLING YOUR CUP: A CONVERSATION ABOUT FEELINGS, FATIGUE, AND FULFILLMENT

Bring your favorite non-alcoholic self-care beverage.

Wednesday, October 21st
4:30-5:30pm ET

Register at go.lehigh.edu/fillingyourcup

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Alfreda Ramirez in advance at dr@lehigh.edu.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

THE LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
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
THE FOURTH ANNUAL

WOMEN IN STEM DINNER

CO-HOSTED BY AOE, SWE, AND WISE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
SALISA BERRIEN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 5:30-7PM

RSVP VIA EVITE: LINK
TRIGGER WARNING: This event will discuss body image and nutrition.

Covid-19, Social Media, & Body Positivity

Virtual Event/Discussion On Zoom
10-14-2020
3:00 PM

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Tess Pyne in advance at tmp218@lehigh.edu

For Zoom Registration Link: Email tmp218@lehigh.edu
October 15th
@ 4PM ET
JOIN US
AS WE WATCH CLIPS FROM
THE SOCIAL DILEMMA
& DISCUSS OUR DIGITAL LIVES.

REGISTER IN ADVANCE:
go.lehigh.edu/
SOCIALDILEMMA

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Are you looking for a little routine in your life?
A way to mark the passage of time and its rhythms?

A Time for Rest, Relaxation, and Reflection

Rosh Chodesh is the ancient Jewish practice of marking the start of each month. Jewish feminists took it up as a way to reclaim and reimagine community. Open to all, our Rosh Chodesh meetings will hold space for open dialogue and offer self care practices, creating purpose through ritual.

We’ll mark the start of Cheshvan on Monday, October 19th from 7:00 to 7:45pm ET.

Open to all women-oriented folks and their allies.
All are welcome.

Register at go.lehigh.edu/roshchodesh

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HYBRID LEARNING
Donation Drive
October 5th - October 16th
DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Cleaning Products (hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, hand soap, masks)
School supplies (markers, pencils, kid scissors, glue sticks, individual pencil sharpeners, notebooks)
Non-perishable food items (granola bars, oatmeal, cereal, mac & cheese, pasta, canned tuna, peanut butter, crackers, applesauce, fruit cups etc.)
Hygiene products (deodorant, tissues, bar soap)

DONATE on AMAZON WISHLIST or DROP OFF at UC 2nd FLOOR LOBBY

Benefits Students & Teachers at Donegan, Fountain Hill, Broughal & Liberty High School
on campus or remote...
the Pride Center is always here for YOU

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS
9/16
10/14
11/14
via Zoom media

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

LUALLY SESSIONS

LOSTG+ 101 - 9/9
QTPG - 10/7
QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11
Sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 at
go.lemontech.edu/virtually

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

Meet 1-on-1 with a
PC Staff Member at
pridecenter@lemontech.edu

small us at pridecenter@lemontech.edu
How have the changes in the past week been affecting you? Do you have questions about how these changes affect graduate students?

- **Program updates:**
  - Porch hours suspended
  - Women’s Group online

- **COVID on campus:**
  - 15 graduate students are quarantined; one positive case
  - Students who are quarantined are either negative or waiting on a negative test
  - Rate of increase is starting to slow
  - Nobody has required hospitalization for COVID so far

- **Other updates about logistics:**
  - Nathan Urban feels that any policies that are pertinent to faculty, that research and TAs should have the same policies
  - Graduate students are allowed to access the libraries; call the library help desk to arrange this
  - Don’t have clarity about whether grad students living not on campus can use outside spaces
  - Longer break over the winter might be challenging for students; what can we do for outreach for students?

- **Questions:**
  - Will there be another opportunity for grad students to get tested?
    - Undergrads and grads will continue to be randomly selected for surveillance testing
- Health Center is doing rapid testing for students who feel symptomatic
  - Has there been any word on whether or not classes will be virtual in the spring?
    - No
  - Can we return to low-risk states for the breaks?
    - Yes; if you return to a hot-spot state, you'll be asked to quarantine when you return
  - Can grad students living in student housing have overnight visitors from out of state?
    - Yes, as long as they follow the same protocols (download the HawkWatch app if you're going to be on campus at all)
- Any additional questions, email Kathleen Hutnik kaha@lehigh.edu

COVID tests:
- Can get one pretty easily and for free at Rite Aid and CVS; make an appointment online in advance
- This is no-contact - you receive the testing supplies through the prescription draw at the drive through
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
Sara Beachy, she/her (CPSY and Mental Health Committee)

- Thinking about doing a panel about seeking mental health services during this time
  - If anyone is interested (either in being part of the panel or attending it), reach out to Sara, Natania Lipp, or Raquel Sosa
- If you have ideas of activities you would like to see the committee do, please reach out
- Mental Health Mondays will start - in the GS Facebook page, small and practicable suggestions for mental healthcare (apps, activities, etc) will be posted every Monday
- Emails: Sara - sab617@lehigh.edu; Natania - nsl319@lehigh.edu; Raquel - ras619@lehigh.edu

Leslie Pearson from CGE will be teaching a workshop on zines; posted on usual social media sites
Sign-up link: go.lehigh.edu/CGEzines
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