Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
November 11, 2020
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216

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Agenda

- Karen Salvemini
- Updates with Kathleen
- Announcements
- Open Floor
November 18th - proposed Title IX (specifically sexual harassment) regulations published
124,000+ comments submitted by the public through February 2019
US DoE reviewed comments and revised regulations over the course of 15 months
New regulations published May 19, 2020
Effective date: August 14, 2020

Impact of new Title IX regulations:
- Definition of covered conduct
- Jurisdiction
- Response obligation of the university
- Formal complaints
- Live hearings
- Implications for current processes addressing other forms of harassment/discrimination

Sexual harassment (under Title IX):
- Quid pro quo (employees only)
- Hostile environment
- Sexual assault, harassment, stalking, dating violence - very specific definitions

Jurisdiction:
- Sexual harassment
- Occurs in an education program or activity covered by the university
Within the US
University controls the respondent (i.e., respondent is either enrolled or employed by the university)
Complainant is participating or attempting to participate in the education program or activity at the university

**Lehigh has more specific rules than in Title IX

Informal vs. formal processes:
- Informal - meant to be educational or rehabilitative
  - For example, if parties agree on what happened but disagree on the interpretation
  - Parties are voluntarily working together to a resolution
  - Depends on whether both parties are willing to work together on the informal process
- Formal - more disciplinary in nature
  - Investigation by two neutral people who present their findings

Reporting link: https://eocc.lehigh.edu/reporting-forms
Updates with Kathleen

Exit testing:
- Link has been sent regarding exit testing

Contact Beth Dolan if there are issues with:
- Graduate students being required to be on campus for any reason (they should not be)
- If you are a TA and want to be TAing in a larger space for COVID safety reasons
- If the faculty you are TAing for becomes sick
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

**Please share this with your units!**
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-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagErylDXJzjaoDCM7pY/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
President Search

https://www.research.net/r/lehighuniversitypresident

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey!

Let the committee know what is important to grads in finding a new president!
Mentorship Appreciation

Check out the video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTaY3e4bAxw

See the Mentor Wall:
go.lehigh.edu/mentorwall2020
Career Center

GRADUATE STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT BOOTCAMP
Speed Skill Sessions For Career Success
November 23, 2020 | 2:00-5:00 pm
REGISTRATION IS LIMITED AND REQUIRED
SIGN UP: lehigh.joinhandshake.com
ACCESS VIA ZOOM

Session Topics:
- Building a professional network
- Preparing for a job search
- Interviewing for success
- Evaluating and negotiating a job offer

career ready = life ready
Center for Career & Professional Development

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Strategic Career Management Seminar
A VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR CAS, COE, and RCEAS GRADUATE STUDENTS

Self-Paced Online Program
* Enhance your skills
* Expand your network
* Empower your job search
* Earn a digital credential
Complete in under 5 hours!

Register on Handshake for the November 2020 cohort
Navigating today’s job market? Read these articles for tips.

- Explore career opportunities
- Understand the job search process and how to stand out
- Promote your value to employers
- Engage in networking such as informational interviewing
- Maximize your interviewing skills to show your “fit”

Check out the Graduate Student Career Development Bootcamp, sign up here.
Learn more about the Strategic Career Management Seminar, sign up here.

Email Ali Erk at alison.erk@lehigh.edu with questions.
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
Deadline extended to Nov 15th! *Please share with units*
LUALLY

QUEER CRIMINALIZATION

JOIN OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR SCOTT BURDEN & LEHIGH'S CHIEF OF POLICE JASON SCHIFFER FOR OUR FINAL LUALLY OF THE SEMESTER TO LEARN THE WAYS THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IMPACTS LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES.

November 18
11:30am - 1:00pm

SIGN UP AT: GO LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALLY

LEARN 25 BE WELL POINTS 5X10 CREDIT

The Center Commit to ensuring making each and every one of our programs and services accessible and inclusive. If you are planning to attend a program and have any accessibility needs or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. We are here to support you in ensuring you can participate in all aspects of the program to the fullest.
BRING YOUR OWN STITCHING PROJECT, START ONE, OR LEARN/TEACH SKILLS!

STITCH AWAY STRESS

Embroidery, cross stitch, crochet, and knitting: you're in charge. Take time to create and explore and build community.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm EST via Zoom. See caption for link info

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Tessa Pyne IN ADVANCE at tms21@lehigh.edu.
Porch Time with
Kathleen Hutnik
Associate Dean for Graduate Student Life

Pretzels and
Warm Cider

Wednesday
3:00–4:30 PM

just breathe

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

If you’ll be dropping by, please wear a mask and social distance.
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+ 101 - 9/9
SITPOC - 10/7
QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11
Sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 at go.lehigh.edu/virtually

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

Meet 1 on 1 with a PC Staff Mentor at pridecenter@lehigh.edu

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

email us at pridecenter@lehigh.edu
Subscribe to GLO’s new YouTube Channel

https://youtube.com/channel/UCIVTXEgcMc7moxcjTU7A

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

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
Next Meeting:
December 2nd, 12:10-1pm
https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216