

Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

February 10, 2021

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/92992708503>



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Kadia Hylton-Fraser is stepping in to replace Jess as the president of GSS.

Agenda

- Provost Nathan Urban
- GSS Updates
- Ali Erk
- Yvonne Lee
- Announcements
- Open Floor

- If interested in participating in COVID response team, email GSS President Kadia Hylton-Fraser

Provost Nathan Urban:

- Two most important parts of COVID response that were under stress:
 - Close contact tracing
 - Average close contacts was between 15 and 20, so there is a huge amount of work that needs to happen here
 - Most transmission was happening in off-campus settings, when people were gathering without masks
 - Little evidence for transmission in classrooms or the library
 - Unclear with dining and fitness center
- Action steps
 - Increasing the number of people trained to do contact tracing
 - Increasing in-person courses
 - Increasing testing
 - Every undergrad is tested every week or every other week, at minimum
- Current numbers - nearly 10% positive with undergrads; looking at what steps to take to restrict access on campus

Questions for Provost Urban:

- Has there been consideration for expansion of testing for grad students who live in off-campus housing for graduate student?

- If someone is a close contact, that testing is available
 - This particular question has not come up yet; Provost Urban will bring to COVID response team
- Why no expansion of testing for research assistants?
 - Provost Urban will bring to COVID response team
- Seeing large groups of students entering off-campus parties with no masks; are LUPD and BPD taking steps to shut down these parties? Will there be consequences?
 - Undergraduates assume that we must know about these things happening and are knowingly not responding
 - It is important for students to let LUPD know; there is an anonymous reporting system on the COVID response website
 - Students identified go through the student conduct system
 - Consequences have been increased for this semester
- Is university communicating with faculty about plans for shut-down plans?
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Travel Grants Officer Needed

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Term: present to end of April

The Graduate Student Senate is looking for a grad student to serve as a member of the GSS e-board as the Travel Grants Officer.

This position is critical for travel grants to continue to help students attend and present at conferences.

CAN YOU HELP? Contact ingss@lehigh.edu

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!****

External Affairs Updates

Grad Student Coalition (MIT and CMU) drafted letters for the executive and legislative branches of government outlining priorities for graduate students - would like support from other GSOs

7 letters total: education, OSTP, EPA, DHS, DoD, congressional leadership and judiciary committees

NAGPS NE Conference will be February 27th 10am-4pm - more details on registration for this next week (free for all students of member schools)

CAREER EXPO MOCK PREP

Friday, February 12, 2021
2-4 pm



Join us for this prep event & practice before the expo

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The Center for Career and Professional Development and
The Graduate Education and Life Office and
The Graduate Student Senate present:

Design Your Life

Graduate Workshop Series

Apply design thinking to your career and life planning

Based on the book *Designing Your Life* by Bill Burnett & Dave Evans

Zoom Sessions

TUE. FEB. 9TH 12-1 PM - Start Here

TUE. FEB. 23RD 12-1 PM - Find Your Way

TUE. MAR. 9TH 12-1 PM - Plan Your Odyssey

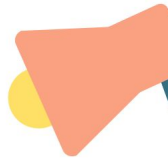
TUE. MAR. 23RD 12-1 PM - Prototype Your Life

Register: <https://lehigh.ioinhandshake.com>

Sign up on Handshake for both of these opportunities.

THE CAREER EXPO IS COMING!

**February 18, 2021
4 - 7 p.m.**



**Student registration opens
on January 25!**

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Spring Services:

- Writing Consultations
 - Video Chat, Online Drop Off, Face-to-Face (limited)
- Workshops
 - Design Your Life (w/CCPD), Publishing, Working w/Graduate Writers, Grant & Fellowship Writing, Systematic Literature Review (w/Librarians)
- Weekly Writing Accountability Groups
 - Tuesdays 8:00am-10:00am; Fridays 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Writing Retreats
 - March 12-14, May 8-9
- 14-Day Writing Challenge
 - April 5-18
- Classroom Visits

Contact:

- Email
 - Director Yvonne Lee – yrl219@lehigh.edu
 - Graduate Writers' Studio – gradwriting@lehigh.edu
- Phone
 - Director Yvonne Lee – 610-758-2726

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**COE COUNCIL FOR
GRADUATE RESEARCH
PRESENTS**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTER HERE TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK

[HTTPS://LEHIGH.CO1.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/
SV_8N0AGBBILT NXBOD-](https://lehigh.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_8n0agbbiltnxbod)



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CAMPUS ATHLETICS PRESENTS

STUDENT FITNESS & WELLNESS ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

- Join a weekly accountability group with your Lehigh peers that will help motivate you to set positive goals and adopting healthy lifestyle habits.
- Student accountability group will meet Mondays, 7:00pm - 7:30pm via Zoom.
- Register here: forms.gle/QY6kXGH2KP8W6myKZ or email Teresa Carotenuto at tnc219@lehigh.edu

CAMPUS ATHLETICS PRESENTS

SPRING VIRTUAL FITNESS CLASSES

- FREE to the Lehigh community!
- 45 minute fitness classes will be taught by professional fitness instructors via Zoom.
- Class schedule will be published monthly and is subject to change.

Register here:

forms.gle/S6ZnUPDSzfreiow6A



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Teacher Development Series

A free 5 part non-credit series
for graduate students to
improve instructional and
classroom skills
Earn your Level 1 or Level 2 certificate

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
2:00-3:00
Sign up for Zoom link.


<https://qr.go.page.link/nSQqV>

DATES:
Spring 2021
Feb 11 & 25
Mar 11 & 25
Apr 8

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GRADUATE LIFE OFFICE
AND THE CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Done by the Grad Life Office & Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

Graduate Women's Exchange

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Women's Exchange provides a space for graduate women from all walks of life to develop meaningful relationships and promote personal growth. We will have guest presentations and activities .

**WE MISS YOU!
COME JOIN US!**

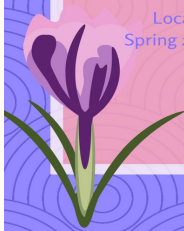


Location: Virtual until we can be together again!
Spring 2021: February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25 and April 8
12-1pm

Please sign up to receive zoom link.
<https://qr.go.page.link/csjEX>



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RESILIENCE

A SOLO PERFORMANCE

Written and Performed by Mia Raye Smith
Virtual Performance
February 18, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Brought to you by the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) & Community Conversations About Race (CCAR)

Register at: <http://bit.ly/resiliencesoloperformance>

or scan QR code



Graduate Student



Please visit the following link to find answers to questions on topics such as:

- Semester Break
- Return to Campus
- Coursework
- And more!



www.lehigh.edu/~inprv/organization/graduatefaq



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Listening Differently

How often do you listen, fully and intently, to what others are saying to you? Do you sometimes develop a response to people before they even stop talking? Is your team in a rut or hit a wall in terms of a major project? Invite Center for Gender Equity facilitators to provide a listening activity to your team. Learn alternative ways to listen to each other as well as enable voices who are often silenced to be heard equitably. Page-Up Learning Library Credited.

Custom workshop request:
go.lehigh.edu/CGEcustom

FEBRUARY 23, 2021
11:30 am - 1 pm



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FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Visit go.lehigh.edu/CGEWorkshops to register

Center for Gender Equity



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 Tess Pyne
IN ADVANCE at tmp218@lehigh.edu.

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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/>

Resources for off-campus testing:

<https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/covid-19-testing-resources-0>

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Covid guidelines for graduate students

<https://tinyurl.com/lehighcovidguidelinesforgrads>

Mental Health - Self-Care

Mental health tip of the week: Take breaks!

With the school year picking up, make sure you are taking breaks from your computer. Try scheduling meetings for 45 or 50 minutes, instead of 1 hour, so that you have time to stretch, take a quick walk, drink some water, or check in with a friend. If you're working independently, set an alarm on your phone/computer for every 45 minutes or so to take a quick break!

Bonus tip: *Download the headspace app - practicing mindfulness, even just for 1 minute per day can make a big difference.*

Mental Health - Self-Care



<https://tinyurl.com/LehighSelfCare>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pdoAf-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagEryIDXJzjiaoDCM7pY/edit?usp=sharing>

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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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Subscribe to GLO's YouTube Channel

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCIVTXEgcMgCJJ8mqxcjTU7A>



The banner features a scenic view of Lehigh University's campus with trees in autumn colors and a large stone building. On the right side, there is a dark brown box with the text "GRADUATE EDUCATION at LEHIGH UNIVERSITY" and the university's crest. Below the banner, the channel name "LU Grad Ed and Life" is displayed with a purple circular profile picture containing a white letter 'L' and "1 subscriber" below it. Navigation tabs for HOME, VIDEOS, PLAYLISTS, CHANNELS, DISCUSSION, and ABOUT are visible. The "Uploads" section shows a video titled "Welcome to the Lehigh University Graduate and Professional School Information Session for URM Students." with a "PREMIERE" badge. Another video titled "Lehigh's campus through the eyes of the Diversity, Belonging and Equity Advisory Board members." is shown with a "REMINDER ON" badge and a premiere date of "Premieres 10/19/20, 2:00 PM".

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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>



Open Floor

