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?
Travel Grants Officer Needed

Term: present to end of April

The Graduate Student Senate is looking for a graduate 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)
Sign up on Handshake for both of these opportunities.
The Career Expo is coming!
February 18, 2021
4 - 7 p.m.

2021 Virtual Career Expo

Student registration opens on January 25!

alse98@lehigh.edu
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
COE COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH PRESENTS

VIRTUAL WRITING RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
REGISTER HERE TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK
HTTPS://LEHIGH.CO1.QUALTRICS.COM/FFE/FORM/SV_4NOAGEBBILTNNXBD

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY College of Education
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/0Y6kXGH2KP8WmyK7 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/S6ZnUPDSzfreiw6A
Healthy. Happy. Here we come.

Start your free membership on February 1, 2021

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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.

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

Teacher Development is brought to you by the Grad Life Office & Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

Done by the Grad Life Office & Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning
Graduate Women's Exchange

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 2023: February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25 and April 8
12-1pm

Please sign up to receive zoom link:
https://zego-page.link/c3jEX

#LUGLOevents
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: https://bit.ly/resilienceperformance
or scan QR code.
Graduate Student

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

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
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

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 Toos Pyne IN ADVANCE at imp21@lehigh.edu.
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
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-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagErylDXJzjaoDCM7pY/edit?usp=sharing
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 YouTube Channel

https://youtube.com/channel/UCIVTXEgcMgCJU8moxcjTU7A
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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