GSS General Assembly Meeting

October 13th, 2021
Agenda

- David Rubenstein, Psy. D., Executive Director of the Health & Wellness Center
  - Update on graduate student use of Wellness Center
- Oliver Yao, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Graduate Programs
  - Updates on wellness fee
- Announcements
- Open Floor
**Student Discussion:**

- David Rubenstein, Psy. D., Executive Director of the Health & Wellness Center
  - Update on graduate student use of Wellness Center

- The wellness fee is in regards to the university working towards doubling the size of HWC, modifying Johnson hall for better facility structure, adding staffing & creating new positions.
- HWC did outperform its capacity in covid. For instance, it hired new technicians and installed new technology to obtain covid results within a few hours.
- It also hired another psychologist in the Counseling Services, and is now working to develop more programs pertaining to graduate students in the university counseling center. Connect with Brianna (brl319) if you have any questions regarding the graduate counseling programs.
- You can reach out to David (dar719) directly as well and share any concerns you may have regarding the HWC at the university.
Student Discussion:

- Oliver Yao, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Graduate Programs
  - Updates on wellness fee

- The wellness fee will remain intact this year and will likely continue in future; however, no late fee will be charged. Please remind your fellow graduates to pay before registration begins for next semester’s courses to avoid any holds.
- The wellness fee will be reviewed once the pandemic is over. Unfortunately, there is no sunset clause for now on the W/Fee.
- Significant amount of graduate students do use HWC services. About 20% of graduate students use HWC, while 28% of all appointments in Counseling center are also graduate students. However, it is to be considered what percentage of that usage are actually referrals out of the HWC?
- Nathan’s Office is going to look at the potential stipend rise. Kathleen and Oliver are also reviewing the HI policies, looking at the dependent’s package, and will push for a more substantial change in the near future.
- “If 200$ a year is difficult for graduate students to pay, then the university is paying them too low.” --Oliver
University Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity Strategic Plan

- Any **concerns, suggestions, comments, or praises** about what the Strategic Plan includes or does not include? This could be anything from grammar and language to specific content and initiatives named across all sections.

- How do you see your individual needs as a graduate student fitting into the Strategic Plan? Do you feel represented?

- Are there any goals of the Expanding Student Access and Support section that should be considered a priority to address for graduate students? Are there any additional goals you would add?

- Email Princess Neely (pon216) or Natania Lipp (nsl319) with remarks or submit about this or other DI&E concerns with our Anonymous Google Form!

Scan for Anonymous Google Form
Nominate a mentor that has impacted your time here at Lehigh!

Submit Nominations

- Take use of this great opportunity to thank all your faculty mentors. Let’s bring the party back to grad life. DON’T be shy in thanking someone who had an impact on your life’s most important years.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
More information can be found here:

- https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/


The University has decided that a COVID vaccine will be required this fall for all Lehigh undergraduate and graduate students participating in on-campus programs and activities. More information can be found here.
Writing Resources
Come Write With Us

at the October, Saturday Write-In

9:00am - 5:00pm
October 16th
participate virtually or in person

Registration Required

go.lehigh.edu/gradwritingevents
Keep your writing momentum going!

Join GWS virtually each Monday from 4pm-6pm and Friday from 2pm-4pm and on one Saturday each month from 9am-5pm.

Links to Zoom rooms and registrations can be found on the events web page at go.lehigh.edu/gradwritingevents
Career Development Resources
Lehigh Connects
A networking community for students and alumni
go/lehigh.edu/lehighconnects
Grad Student Sign Up Event

*Information
*Refreshments
*Swag

Join Us!
Wednesday
October 13th
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Packer House Lawn

Register:
lehigh.joinhandshake.com

Sponsored by the Center for Career & Professional Development and the Graduate Education & Life Office
Graduate Workshop  
**Wednesday, Oct. 20th**  
**12:15 - 1 pm**

Register on Handshake  
[lehigh.joinhandshake.com](lehigh.joinhandshake.com)  
Access Via Zoom

- Gain insights into the career exploration process
- Explore ImaginePhD, myIDP, & ONet
- Maximize Handshake and job search boards to find positions
- Ask questions of your graduate student career coach

Presented by the Center for Career and Professional Development
Career Management Seminar: A VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR CAS, COE, AND RCEAS GRADUATE STUDENTS

Empower Your Career

- Earn a Blackcert in just 5 hours
- Complete online, self-paced sessions
- Receive support from your career coach

*Register lehigh.joinhandshake.com
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

Grads, do you need help with your writing, time management, productivity?

- Grad Student Option available
- Grad Student Membership is free for Lehigh students
- Programs include Dissertation Success, a 12-week program to get you writing, impostor syndrome, publishing pens, writer’s block, and mentoring among many others.

https://goo.gl/6pGfzi

Graduate Life Office - gradlife@lehigh.edu
Educational Talks/Conferences
Tuesday October 19th 12-1 PM - “Being a Helper”

A discussion on what it means to be a helper and learning skills to enhance our ability to help students.

These trainings will be available for all Lehigh Staff, Faculty, and Students.

go.lehigh.edu/carewell to sign up!
Past date for submitting a proposal but you can still register to attend!
The Pride Center and the MLK Celebration Committee at Lehigh University in partnership with The Eastern PA Trans Equity Project present an evening with

JENNICET GUTIÉRREZ
national organizer with Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement (TQLM)

Oct 21, 2021
7:00PM
RAUCH 184 & VIRTUALLY
REGISTER AT:
yakshithnadhul/Jennice
5x10 credit
The pride center is committed to making each event and every one of our programs and initiatives accessible and inclusive. If you are planning to attend a program and have any accessibility needs or desires, please contact Mel Kitchen at mbk411@lehigh.edu in advance of the program for coordination.
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Center for Gender Equity

- Click here for the latest virtual events and news!
Graduate Life Office
*Tuesdays @10 will be back next week (10/19).

Reminder: Check for updates on our social media every Monday on whether it will be cancelled for that week due to inclement weather or other reasons.
Trip to Dorney Park Halloween Haunt

Saturday, Oct. 23, 5-11 PM

Cost: $15

Registration Link:

[tinyurl.com/TheHauntatDorney](tinyurl.com/TheHauntatDorney)

Transportation provided for those that need rides.
Come Explore
Sept 9 & 23, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18

Women's Exchange provides a space for graduate women from all walks of life to develop meaningful relationships and promote personal growth. Occurs every other Thursday throughout the semesters both Spring and Fall over lunch, guest presentations, and activities are presented around participant interests.

Location: Packer House Lounge
217 West Packer Ave
12-1pm

Registration is Required: Limited to 15 participants and we encourage you to attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions.

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office
gradlife@lehigh.edu
Grads! Do you need a reimbursement from the Graduate Student Senate travel grants, your graduate club OR your department?

Find the details in the link below:

https://grad.lehigh.edu/financial-support/reimbursement
Funding Opportunities
Greetings from the Graduate Student Senate!

In an effort to increase efficiency and reduce paper waste, the GSS Travel Grant application process is now electronic. Revised applications are available as a PDF form (here) to be completed electronically and submitted via email to GSSTravelGrants@lehigh.edu.

Please see our website to access the application and instructions for the new submission process: https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/node/170.

Any questions should be directed to the GSS Travel Grant Officer at GSSTravelGrants@lehigh.edu. Thank you for your help in making this transition!
Funding Opportunity: The Sustainable Initiative Grant

Grants of up to $2,000 are available to Lehigh students, faculty, and staff!

The Sustainable Initiative Grant is available to members of the Lehigh community for projects that contribute to sustainability on Lehigh’s campus and the surrounding area.

You can find more information about how to submit an application at:

https://sustainability.lehigh.edu/sig
Other Graduate Resources & Information
CORN MAZE AND PUMPKIN PATCH AT MAZEZILLA

OCTOBER 16

9:30-11:30 am
$11/ student
&
12-1:30 pm
pumpkin carving and free pizza at Packer House

Questions: Tulika
tum221@lehigh.edu
LEHIGH COLLEGE OF HEALTH IS LOOKING FOR A

Graduate Research Assistant

To work with Dr. Michael K. Gusmano on a multi-year research project
funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Dr. Michael K. Gusmano in the College of Health has a position available for a Graduate Research Assistant (Research Coordinator) for a study of the ethics of xenotransplantation, funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (Award 1R01TR003644-01). Experience conducting in-person and telephone interviews and surveys is preferred, but not necessary. Find this posting and apply for this role on Handshake.

- Conduct in-person and telephone interviews and surveys
- Enter data of participant surveys and maintaining careful records of participants in the study
- Assist with manuscript and report development
- Best for doctorate or masters level students

Submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Michael K. Gusmano by email mig321@lehigh.edu
POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2022
An 80,000 word thesis would take 9 hours to present. Your time limit...
POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2022
3 minutes
Lehigh University
3MT 2021
1:00pm-4:00pm
STEPS 101
Donegan Elementary Presents...

Cultural Night

Join us and share your culture on 10/15 from 5-7 at Donegan Elementary School

Looking to showcase foods, dances, and many more cultural traditions!

Interested? Email Lexi at inserve@lehigh.edu

CSO
community service office
Congratulations to Artemiza, Laura, and Praneetha!

See the winners’ videos on our YouTube channel!
STITCHING CIRCLE

Bring any kind of creative project and join us!
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm EST
In the CGE Lounge (CUJ L207) or via Zoom.
Register at go.lehigh.edu/sasch

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BETHLEHEM FARMERS' MARKET

APRIL 29 – NOVEMBER 18, 2021
EVERY THURSDAY 10AM–2PM
LIVE MUSIC 11:30AM–1:30PM
NEW & MORTON STREETS | FARRINGTON SQUARE
SOUTHSIDE BETHLEHEM

LEHIGH OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Contact Rita at rts202@lehigh.edu with requests.
Healthy. Happy. Here we come.

Start your free membership on February 1, 2021

go.lehigh.edu/headspace

Need help?
teamsupport@headspace.com

headspace
Your Lehigh ID gets you free rides on the LANTA (Lehigh Valley Public Transit) bus!

Lehigh U students can ride LANTA buses for free
Lehigh University students will be able to ride LANTA buses for free.

MCALL.COM
OPEN FLOOR
Fall 2021 General Assembly Meeting dates
Every other Wednesday
12:10-1:00pm

September 1st
September 15th
September 29th
October 13th
October 27th
November 10th
December 1st

When we can meet in person, a pizza lunch is included at every meeting.