GSS General Assembly Meeting

November 10th, 2021
Agenda

- Update: Meeting with President Helble
- Forward Thinking: Goals for this year and beyond
- Today’s Speaker
- Upcoming Speakers
- Announcements
- Open Floor
Meeting with President Helble

- Discussed the future of graduate education at Lehigh
- Conveyed the challenges and concerns graduate students face
- Requested a ‘seat’ / to continue to be heard moving forward
- President Helble will be invited to a GA meeting next semester to share his vision for the future of graduate education

- President Helble discussed his vision for the graduate community at Lehigh.
- He was open and receptive to hearing the concerns, and wanted to know more about the issues and our proposed solutions for them.
Forward Thinking: Our evolving goals

- A challenge with the GSS executive board is the brevity of academic years

- Inspired by EBoard members & our conversation with the president: *We plan to establish a long-term goal ‘plan’ to track progress towards both short- and long-term goals for graduate education at Lehigh*

- As always - we welcome feedback and suggestions on key focal goals for both the short- and long-term
Ombuds Office serves the entire Lehigh Community including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff.

The Lehigh members of the Ombuds office are part of the International Ombudsman Association, and are trained in the work they do.

The conversations are confidential and informal, and the goal is to help you understand the problem better and work towards a solution.

The office is an independent body that doesn’t conduct investigations. They only report to the President once a year.

Services offered include: a platform to listen to your concerns, helps prepare for a difficult conversation, mediators as well as can facilitate group conversations. They also help the institution understand recurring trends that might be potential problem identifiers.

To contact the office, please call/email the ombuds above.
Upcoming Speakers

- FALL 2021
  - Chris Carter - December 1st

- SPRING 2021
  - President Helble (tentative: second meeting of the semester)
  - Representative from Transportation Office
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!**

- Reminder: It is Important to provide the feedback so that DE&I can keep advocating for the graduate students.

- An update from DE&I Committee: “We did sent along all DI&E comments (direct, raw comments and a presentation to the BoTs (Board of Trustees) so far, but we are still happy to continue collecting!”
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
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
Overcoming Writer’s Block
featuring:

Yvonne Lee, Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Writing
Graduate Education & Life

career ready = life ready
Center for Career & Professional Development

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3NfjrGAZ6Y
Career Development Resources
Revamp Your Resume To Stand Out In the Job Market
GRADUATE WORKSHOP
THURS. NOV. 18
4:15 - 5 PM
MAGINNES HALL, RM 508
REGISTER:
LEHIGH.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM

Effectively Highlight Your Skills & Accomplishments

Presented by the Center for Career and Professional Development
The Center for Career and Professional Development and the Office of International Students and Scholars present:

Overview of CCPD Resources & Job Search Strategy for International Students
An Interstride Webinar Event

Tues., Nov. 30th 3:30pm - 5pm Maginnes 480
*Q&A *Snacks *Giveaways

REGISTER: LEHIGH JOINHANDSHAKE.COM
Grads, do you need help with your writing, time management, productivity?

- Grad Student Open House
- Grad Writer Membership is free for Lehigh students
- Programs include Dissertation Success, a 12-week program to get you writing, Imposter Syndrome, Publishing Penns, Writer's Block, and mentoring among many others.

https://goo.gl/6pGfzi

Graduate Life Office - gradlife@lehigh.edu
Educational Talks/Conferences
Pride Center, Center for Gender Equity, & DI&E Committee
DI&E
DIALOGUE
HOURS
11.11.2021

BIPOC AND ALLIES!

4pm–6pm

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.
The Pride Center's LUally Sessions
Fall 2021

November 17  Supporting Transgender People

All sessions are hybrid, offered in person & via zoom
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Register at go.lehigh.edu/LUally
Flem 25 & Wall Field

The Pride Center is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming campus experience for all people. We work to challenge and eliminate systems of oppression and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. For more information, please visit go.lehigh.edu/PRIDE
pridecenter@lehigh.edu

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Center for Gender Equity

- Click here for the latest virtual events and news!
Graduate Life Office
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.
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
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
STITCHING CIRCLE

BRING ANY KIND OF CREATIVE PROJECT AND JOIN US!
WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM EST
IN THE CGE LOUNGE (CJC 2207) OR VIA ZOOM.
REGISTER AT GO.LEHIGH.EDU/RATSCC

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FABRIC OF THE WORLD INCLUDES EVERYONE.
CONTACT RITA AT RMP20@LEHIGH.EDU WITH REQUESTS.

BETHELHEM
FARMERS’ MARKET

APRIL 29 – NOVEMBER 18, 2021

EVERY THURSDAY 10AM–2PM

LIVE MUSIC 11:30AM–1:30PM

NEW & MORTON STREETS | FARRINGTON SQUARE SOUTH SIDE BETHLEHEM
● GSS is working on having an evolving survey, that is pretty open-ended. The goal is to have the same link permanently set up on graduate life resources, so that whenever an issue comes up, students can just submit it over there. By looking at the data accumulated, we can then be able to add sections to the survey targeting specific problems e.g. health insurance, parking issues, transport problems etc.

● President Helble’s Office will also be working on a new University Strategic Plan, as the last one was presented in 2009, and the graduate community will be asked their input both in the planning and feedback process.

● Our next meeting will be **Wednesday December 1st, 2021**.
GSS Meetings
Graduate Student Senate Meetings

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.