

GSS General Assembly Meeting

September 29th, 2021

Agenda

- Unit Representative Discussion
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan
- Resource Chat
- Announcements
- Open Floor

What is a Unit?

- A **unit** is a group of students in the general assembly
- Units are *generally* made up of individual departments
- Smaller departments are **combined** into a single unit
- Students from units that are **active*** in GSS are eligible
- to receive travel grant funding
- Each unit has a Unit representative

What is a Unit Representative?

- A Unit Representative is the voting member of each Unit
- Unit representatives vote on changes (e.g., modifying the constitution, whether to sign external affairs bills)
- Unit representatives **also** elect the Executive Board
- These votes can *only* occur if we have enough Unit Reps in attendance

What are the responsibilities of a Unit Representative?

- Unit Representatives must attend GA meetings in order to remain **active***
 - **HOWEVER** - This is only the first step of your role
- It is critical to remember that you are representing all graduate students in your unit
- Plan to disseminate information and solicit feedback from students in your department about GSS issues

*Guidelines on active status can be found in the GSS constitution on the website

University Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity Strategic Plan

- Released by Senior Leadership to Lehigh Community on September 8, 2021
- 5-year plan outlining accomplishments and progress still needed across 4 DI&E priorities to advance Lehigh toward a more inclusive community and learning environment:
 - Enhance Our Culture, Improve Institutional Infrastructure, Diversify Faculty and Staff, & **Expand Student Access and Support**
- Board of Trustees DI&E Committee meeting October 7, 2021 to discuss community reactions
- We want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to speak directly to Board of Trustees about Lehigh's graduate student experience and shape next steps (e.g. working groups, key performance indicators)

- The plan is to be circulated again for more visibility.

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



Few Thoughts from Grad Students:

- Not only recruitment but retention of diverse student body should be part of the DE&I strategic plan. Do our graduate programs do enough to recruit and retain a diverse graduate student body? Will there be efforts to recruit (and further support and retain!) students from HBCU's as well as international students?
- Graduate students need a place to address minor grievances, a place to report toxic environments that build over time in departments or workplace.
- Including dependents in the "student" healthcare plans should be part of the strategic plan. We as a university do not include students that have dependents in their care as a consideration.
- "Exit Interviews" in departments, or on university level with the HR department, will help figure out some of the retention issues and must be on the plan.
- Does the plan allow for direct student involvement? Graduate students would like to see a strategy outlining how the goals and aims of the strategic plan will be 'advertised' or made available to the general student population.

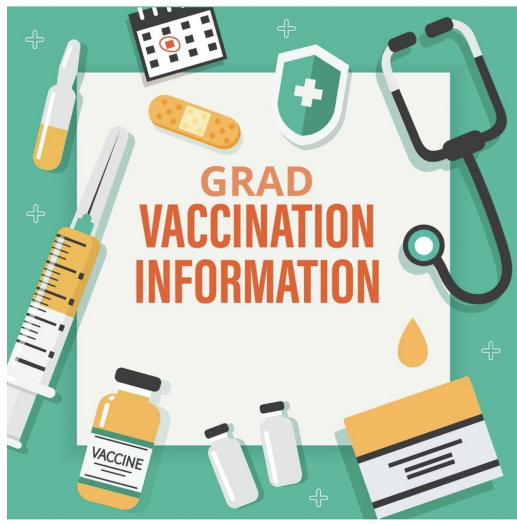
Resources Chat:

What has the E-Board used?

- 14-days Writing Challenge from GWS for overcoming writer's block and getting in the habit of writing.
- Center for Writing and Math.
- Counseling Services.
- Center for Career Development.
- Teacher Development Program helps with syllabi, and how to become a better teacher over-all.
- Kathleen reinforced the fact that all graduate students are welcome to visit her office if anyone experiences an unwanted microaggression.
- There are also two Omburds, two full-time faculty that serve as a confidential resource, at Lehigh if you are not sure about the nature of micro-aggressions, or where to report it. They are there to help with bias incidents and controversial happenings. They are in the graduate student handbook, but in general, are not publicly advertised.
- Lehigh students get Grubhub+ for free which means free delivery on all orders. Check it here:
<https://www.grubhub.com/help/contact-us/grubhub-student-membership/71RLrRK8xKUi4g7mfqxlEJ>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Information



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](#).

More information can be found here:

<https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/>

COVID-19 Policies for Graduate Students

Please access all [COVID-19 Guidelines 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

The Graduate Writer's Studio is looking for master's or doctoral students from any discipline to work as Graduate Writing Consultants for the upcoming semester!

GWCs will receive \$20.00/hour; working min. of 5 hours/week.



THE POSITION

Graduate Writer's Studio is looking for advanced master's or doctoral students from any discipline who have strong writing and interpersonal skills to work as Graduate Writing Consultants for the upcoming semester.



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING



AMAZING CO-WORKERS



PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC GROWTH

Scan for more details!



Last Chance to apply this week!

 *Grad
Guidance*



Overcoming Writer's Block featuring:

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

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Center for Career & Professional Development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3NfjrGAZ6Y>

Career Development Resources

FALL 2021

Teacher Development Series

A free 6 part non-credit series for graduate students to improve instructional and classroom skills.

EARN YOUR LEVEL 1 OR LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE

Every other Thursday
2-3 PM

Sessions can be attended in person at EWFM 520 or virtually via Zoom.



<https://qrgo.page.link/o8UWM>

Fall 2021 Dates

September 23

October 7

October 21

November 4

November 18

December 2

Teacher Development is brought to you by the Graduate Life Office and the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

- Attendees can miss one session and still qualify for the certificate. So if you are planning to attend, you still have a chance to avail this opportunity.

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Center for Career and
Professional Development and
Graduate Education & Life

Join us!
Bring your lunch.
Snacks and drinks
provided.



Professional Communication Graduate Workshops

Communicate and collaborate effectively to advance your career



**Maximize Your Email
Communication**

September 10th
12-1 pm



**Navigate Communication
Pitfalls**

September 24th
12-1 pm



**Present
Like A Pro**

October 8th
12-1 pm

Held in Packer House
Registration required via Handshake
lehigh.joinhandshake.com

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

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Professional Development and the
Graduate Education & Life Office



**EXPLORE CAREER
OPPORTUNITIES TO
LEVERAGE YOUR
GRADUATE DEGREE**

Graduate Workshop
Wednesday, Oct. 20th
12:15 - 1 pm
Register on Handshake
lehigh.joinhandshake.com
Access Via Zoom

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

Presented by the Center for Career and Professional Development



HANDSHAKE



A centralized online platform for students to connect with employers, register for career and employer events, search the career resource tiles, create appointments with a career coach, and explore over 20K job and internship opportunities.

Complete your profile & explore today:

lehigh.joinhandshake.com

BRING THE CAREER CENTER TO YOU!

Career support for your graduate club or department



Customized workshops

Request a workshop on career exploration, personal branding & job search strategies, networking, interviewing and more



Working sessions

Plan a session to work on a resume, CV, cover letter, or LinkedIn profile as a group with your Graduate Career Coach



Event collaboration

Partner with the Career Center to access resources and promote your professional development event

Contact Ali Erk - alison.erk@lehigh.edu

career ready = life ready

Center for Career & Professional Development



**National Center for Faculty
Development and Diversity**

Free for Lehigh
Students

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

- Grad student On-line resources
- Grad student Membership is free for Lehigh students
- Programs include Dissertation Success, a 12 week program to get you writing, impostor syndrome, publishing perils, writer's block, and mentoring among many others.

<https://goo.gl/6pGfzi>

Graduate Life Office - gradlife@lehigh.edu





National Center for Faculty
Development & Diversity

Do you know that Lehigh has a membership to the National Center for Faculty:
Development and Diversity (NCFDD)?

The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD) is an **independent professional development, training and mentoring community** for over 90,000 faculty, post-docs and graduate students, dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers.

CENTER FOR CAREER AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

 **YouTube Hire Lehigh**

 **@lehighcareercenter**

 **Blog: hirelehigh.com**

**Expand your career skills
and connections**

Educational Talks/Conferences



LEHIGH
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College
of Health

POPULATION HEALTH COLLOQUIUM
HEALTH INNOVATION &
TECHNOLOGY

10/20

Dr. Rebecca Jacobson,
President, Astrata
"DIGITAL HEALTHCARE"



12 Noon EST ~ Free Registration is required @
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/POPHEALTHCOLLOQUIUM



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HEALTH INNOVATION &
TECHNOLOGY

12/1

Dr. Stephen Tang, President & CEO,
OraSure Technologies, Inc.
"DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE HEALTH
DIAGNOSTICS TO IMPROVE
POPULATION HEALTH"



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Second Annual Multilingual Education Conference

**The Condition of Education:
Re-establishing Connections with
Multilingual Learners**

October 23, 2021
Iacocca Hall, Lehigh University

Submit a Proposal:
<https://forms.gle/PvkTTbqZzXidWNqNA>

Register:
https://secure.touchnet.net/C20058_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=664



Pride Center & Center for Gender Equity

THE PRIDE CENTER FOR
SEXUAL ORIENTATION &
GENDER DIVERSITY



IT'S A QUEER WORLD

FALL 2021

QUEER MORNING BLESSING

MON & FRI MORNINGS
8:30AM-8:45AM
IN PERSON IN OUR LOUNGE UC212
& VIRTUALLY AT
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

LUNCH & LEARNS

OCT. 5 (5X10)
NOV. 9
12:30-1:30PM IN PERSON - UC8025 OR
IN OUR VIRTUAL LOUNGE AT
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

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FRIDAYS

SEPT. 17 (5X10)
OCT. 15 (5X10)
NOV. 19
2:00-4:00PM IN PERSON - UC8025 OR
IN OUR VIRTUAL LOUNGE AT
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

LUALLY SESSION

NOV. 17 - SUPPORTING TRANS PEOPLE
12:00PM-1:30PM HYBRID SESSION - IN UC8025
& OUR VIRTUAL LOUNGE
REGISTER AT GO.LEHIGH.EDU/LUALLY

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS


**SEPT. 27 - ATTACCA
QUARTET (5X10)**
DEC. 6 - THERAPY DOG
2:00-3:00PM UC FLAG POLE

QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO?
EMAIL US AT PRIDECENTER@LEHIGH.EDU

The Pride Center is committed to making each 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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The pride Center
QUEER
SPIRITUALITY

awaken
begin
build community
acknowledge
affirm
nourish your heart

QMB
Queer
Morning
Blessing

To our queer community members and allies...what sustains and fulfills your heart? Let's begin and end our week together as we center ourselves in the shared knowing that we do this life best when we create space for gratitude and compassion.

Open to students, staff & faculty in person in our lounge UC212 and virtually at:
go.lehigh.edu/virtualpridecenterlounge

8:30am-8:45am
Mon & Fri

facilitated by Dom Ocampo, Mel Kitchen, Mark Wonsidler & Rabbi Steve Nathan

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IRIS Mentorship Program

An initiative for LGBTQ+ students,
faculty and staff.



- * Meet fellow students and connect with faculty/staff
- * Participate in learning activities and fun events

If you are interested in participating, fill out this form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2Zg7nUFYNutQxHw7LHbdshjAM1trT8XcgVbLYIBqnbjZhg/viweform?usp=sf_link

Or contact sab617@lehigh.edu for more info!

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2Zg7nUFYNutQxHw7LHbdshjAM1trT8XcgVbLYIBqnbjZhg/closedform>

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Center for Gender Equity



- [Click here for the latest virtual events and news!](#)

Graduate Life Office



HUNGRY?
COME MEET YOUR FELLOW GRAD
STUDENTS FOR BREAKFAST
EVERY TUESDAY AT 10AM!

TUESDAYS @10

Every Tuesday* from 10 am - 11 am, Packer House

***IMPORTANT**
THIS EVENT WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IF THE
WEATHER PERMITS US TO HOLD IT OUTDOORS.
WE WILL NOT HOST IT INDOORS DUE TO THE
PANDEMIC. PLEASE CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
ON MONDAYS FOR UPDATES ON WHETHER IT HAS
BEEN CANCELLED FOR THAT WEEK.

COME HUNGRY!
Bagels, Yogurt, Fruits, Toast, Eggs,
Cheeses and lots more!
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

**Tuesdays @10 will be back next week (10/5) if the weather permits, however, it will not be held on the week of Pacing Break (10/12).*

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.

Graduate Women's Exchange



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.



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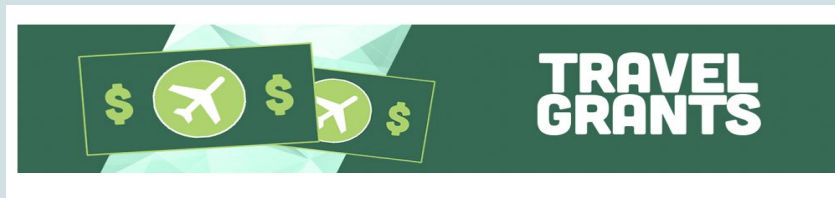
Reimbursement

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>



An 80,000 word thesis
would take 9 hours to
present. Your time limit...

3 minutes

Lehigh University
3MT 2021

See our 3MT web page for more details



Friday, October 15th
1:00pm-4:00pm
STEPS 101



LEAD Fund Authors Program

**Tell your students and friends
about this outstanding
opportunity**

https://www.aaaed.org/aaaed/The_LEAD_Fund_Authors_Program.asp

Other Graduate Resources & Information



LEHIGH SCHOOL PSYCH CLUB
PRESENTS

A TRIP TO THE CUP

Get ice cream on us after a long week of
class

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8PM

RIGHT ON CAMPUS!

Join us around 8pm to get your ice cream, and
feel free to hang out with us in Farrington Square
afterwards!

RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/wNF82ILDafUG4FGz8>

Contact Sam Shera or Adelle Sturgell with
questions

SAY YES TO FRESH

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
UNIVERSITY

Office of
Sustainability

FMP FARMERS' MARKET CHECKS ACCEPTED.

bethlehemfarmersmarket.com



TAYLOR GYM REOPENING INFO

TAYLOR GYM WILL REOPEN WITH LIMITED HOURS, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

As a reminder, current, full time faculty and staff must fill out the Taylor Gym Registration for Privileges form prior to being approved for any participation within Taylor Gym. Please allow 2 business days for access to be granted.

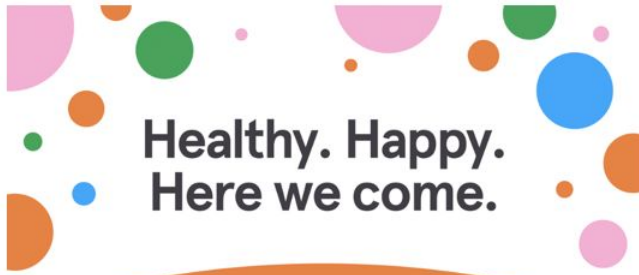
Hours of Operation beginning September 20:
Fitness Center, Climbing Wall, Racquet Courts:*
Monday - Friday: 8:45am - 6:30pm
Saturday - Sunday: 11:15am - 5:15pm

Recreation Swim hours:*\br/>Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Sunday: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

* All hours are offered by appointment only via IM Leagues

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Please allow 2 business days for access to be granted.



Healthy. Happy. Here we come.



Start your free membership on February 1, 2021
go.lehigh.edu/headspace

Need help?
teamsupport@headspace.com



LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

PEER HEALTH ADVISORS



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

- **Update on Wellness Fee:** The wellness fee is the \$100 fee on everyone's account that started this year. Although the rollout of the fee was not handled well, and the frustration at that is understandable, it will be sticking with us, at least for this year.
- David Rubenstein has offered to address the GA at the next meeting to explain the details of the fee. Oliver Yao is also working with the university to push for a more organized rollout of the fee.
- GSS is advocating for the fee to be added to the doctoral students package. Both GLO and GSS are trying to get the "right" people into the rooms when these fees are being discussed. Regarding the wellness fee, we have the faculty senate's backing.
- Bench-marking studies on stipends are currently conducted by GLO to see how our stipends compare to other graduate schools. Oliver Yao will also be taking steps towards reviewing graduate stipends as they realize that the stipends may be too low if it is becoming increasingly difficult for the students to pay the wellness fee.

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.