Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
December 04, 2019
Packard 416
Agenda

- University Outing Club
- External Affairs Update
- Winter Photo Contest
- LUGS 5K
- Announcements
- Open Floor
LU Outing Club

Wilderness, Friendship, Personal Growth
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Overview
Wild activities
Gender in wilderness
Our contributions
Graduate community
Overview

- Provide financially accessible wilderness engagement opportunities
- Foster the social connection within Lehigh’s student body
- Promote self-care, well-being, and personal growth

140 active members, 1k+ email list, 24 trips this semester

- Provide social opportunities and help mental health flourish
Wild Activities

- Hikes
- Camping
- Rafting
- Rock climbing
- Ski
- ...

- Focus is on building community; do not need to be strictly an outdoors person to do this
Beginner Friendly

- Intro rock climbing
- All-womens' outdoor rock climbing trip
- All-womens’ backpacking trip
- ...
Contributions to LU Community

1. Relax and destress in wilderness
2. Foster an outing culture community
3. Reveal uniqueness of LU campus: surrounded by so many wilderness opportunities!
Graduate students bring a sense of maturity to social events and hikes. One-time mentorship offers insights into career choice, academic pursuit etc.

- Want more grad students involved in the outing club
  - Provide health and safety training, risk management training, etc.
  - Try to make it as easy for grad students to sign up and go
- Active members get unlimited access to gear shed
- Needs help pitching the concept and idea for the club to grad students
- Wanting to get more funding
  - Student engagement office
- Next semester provide the GLO Office with information about the club
  - Email chain and first blast
- Communication: 1 email a week on Mondays that tells you what the trips are for the week and weeks after that
  - Email: inouting@lehigh.edu
  - Slack info: lu-oc.slack.com
  - No GROUPME
- Price Range: Rock or day trip, probably won’t pay anything
  - Spring Break Trip: $200-$250
- Constantly looking for resources for the group by engaging with Student Engagement Office
  - Ideally with more funds an overnight might only be $50-$70
- Use own cars for everything; possibly consider GLO using its van to go on trips
External Affairs Update

- NLRB Comment deadline has been pushed back to January 15th
- Please write your own comment
- Send me an email to let me know you have submitted a comment, so we know how many comments have come from Lehigh

- 8,372 Comments
- NLRB has had to push back deadline to both Dec and then Jan 15
- NLRB wants to say students who are “employees” are not actually employees and, thus, cannot unionize
  - This means if you want to organize, this would take one avenue away from going to National Relations Labor Board to organize
- Comments can now be fairly concise and quick given the volume of them
- Question about Harvard: Harvard students on strike b/c Harvard refused to recognize better health insurance, more regulations on labor, better harassment procedures, etc.
- Lehigh has not made statement one way or the other → last year, Pres. Simon and Pat Farrell did not feel students are “employees”
Winter Photo Contest

3 Categories

$50 gift card to top photo in each category!

Submit by Jan 30, 2020

- Take photos for: Lehigh campus, Lehigh and South Side, Lehigh around the World
- Submit to Alex Sackett als817@lehigh.edu
Lehigh University Graduate Student’s 5K

LUGS 5K supports the Travel Grants Fund

Race Date: April 19th, 2020

Volunteers needed!

Sign up at:
https://tinyurl.com/LUGS5k2020

- Travel Grants are routinely underfunded
- LUGS was created as a way to raise money for TG specifically
- Annual 5K to continue supporting TG
- Need volunteers for race day (sign in, directing people, refreshments, etc.)
  - Need a LOT of volunteers

https://tinyurl.com/LUGS5k2020
https://forms.gle/JMDtUh49s4i6qqjr5
Let’s Talk Food.

Share your narratives about food insecurity!

All submissions can be anonymous.

Food Insecurity on Campus

- Conversation happening since Winter 2018
- Newer flyer format (more approachable)
- Qualitative portion of survey about food access and insecurity
- Food insecurity looks different for different people
- Want to use the qualitative data to enrich the quantitative data
- Narratives will be anonymously featured (if given permission) in an event in the Spring to show them to Lehigh admin
- Look for email later today about it
Co-hosted with Biological Organizations for Grad Students
- Good learning opportunity to see different career options and resources
- Processes, tools, and resources in looking for jobs
- Open to all!
- Nacho bar!
- Please come out!
Board Game Night
Hosted by WiSE
Thursday, Dec. 5
Packer House @ 6pm

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyD_lehWKVTYKCnTeGS1QIEkPvDLu_V8wCHEnAr-XUBNVeGw/viewform?usp=sf_link
Tea Time
Community Building event from University Productions

December 6 from 8-10pm
3rd Floor Asa Packer Ballroom

Dress: Business Formal

- Opportunity for folks who normally don’t get together to engage in shared conversation and dialogue
- Pastries from Lit!!
Hey! What's going on?

The #HWGOLehigh Summer Visibility campaign was a blast!

Told you it'd be back.

Grads do amazing work year-round.

GSS is continuing this energy in showing off our graduates & helping them achieve their goals.

So, we're taking it up one more notch.

All submissions received will be considered for the $100 Fall Visibility Award, and winners will have the opportunity to be showcased at a university senior leadership reception.

#HWGOLehigh

Fall Visibility Campaign

Show off your research!

Chance to win $100 to support academic/career goals!

Opportunity to showcase your work to senior leadership

- [https://forms.gle/TiLNTZd2pnggQWdt6](https://forms.gle/TiLNTZd2pnggQWdt6)
- If interested, send a submission with what you’re doing, how it impacts Lehigh, and why it interests you. We’ll post on SM channels and winner will get $$$ to academic/career goals!
Spouses/Partners now have access to Taylor Gym!

Scan QR code for request form
College of Health Candidates

College of Health Candidates want to meet with grad students!

Meet over lunch to discuss your experiences at Lehigh

Email: jek207@lehigh.edu
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

- Junior for Travel Grants
  - How many have applied for travel grants before?
  - Need more people to apply for travel grants
    - This will help raise more money so more students can access for TG
    - First or second author or presenting, you can apply for up to $225 per year
      - Can get up to $150 per individual conference
    - Folks not presenting but want to attend
      - Can get up to $75 per individual conference
    - Folks can apply for up to three trips of $75
    - Cannot ask for $225 for one conference
      - Junior edits this when application comes in
  - Application Guides
    - Junior is trying to revise the application guide and how it’s presented
    - Would like to ask or suggestions for help with co-designers to make this process and guide accessible
  - No funding that can cover every price for a conference
    - Applying to multiple funding sources helps demonstrate your desire to attend
  - We still have 50% of funds available to folks
Next Meeting:
January 29, 2020
Rauch 091

Happy holidays! :)

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