



Student Senate XXIII



2011 Spring Progress Report



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Mission

“Through forward thinking, effective communication, and active representation, the Student Senate will develop an integrated community that is empowered to build a greater Lehigh.”

Executive Committee

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Senate Structure

48 total senators

3 Standing Committees

- Allocations—funds all student clubs and organizations
- Club Affairs—recognizes student clubs and organizations
- Public Relations—publicizes Senate news and projects to the Lehigh community

4 Campus Life Improvement Promotion Committees (CLIPs)

- Determined each year based on issues Senators feel are important to Lehigh students and the campus community



Standing Committee Reports

Club Affairs

Seth Fortney

Allocations

Matt Breitel

Public Relations

Mary Nunley



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Club Affairs

Committee Goals:

- Improve the club recognition process by allowing more clubs to apply and making the entire process more transparent
- Provide meaningful and personalized resources to clubs that will have clear benefits
- Improve the relationship between Student Senate and clubs

Objectives:

- Improve the club recognition process so that more organizations are able to gain Student Senate recognition
- Make the club recognition process more apparent to potential new organizations that are not familiar with it
- Ensure that every new club will be a valuable and permanent addition to campus
- Provide valuable resources to clubs that improve their organization as a whole

Measures of Success:

- Number and quality of clubs that receive recognition
- Number of clubs that utilize Student Senate resources
- Use the club Yearly Review to evaluate club performance and monitor their interactions with Club Affairs

Action:

- Amend the Student Senate Club Rules and Regulations
- Draft a “Club Recognition FAQs” document to put on the web site
- Establish guidelines by which to evaluate clubs applying for recognition
- Revise the Yearly Review from last year to incorporate a section about clubs’ relationship with Student Senate

Key Administrators:

- Matt Kitchie
- Ruby Scott



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Allocations

Committee Goals:

- Increase communication with all Senate recognized clubs
- Encourage good club management
- Recognize outstanding clubs

Objectives:

- Provide funding for events that reflect the current goals of Student Senate and the strategic plan of the University
- Develop a quality “out of classroom” environment for all members of the Lehigh Community to engage and learn from shared experiences
- Encourage collaboration between student groups

Measures of Success:

- The Hub
- Quality of New Events
- Preservation of student’s intellectual and creative freedom
- Growth of quality programs on campus

Action:

- Continue helping to fund meaningful events
- Evaluate clubs for budgetary process

Key Administrators:

- Sharon Basso
- Matt Kitchie



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Public Relations

Committee Goals:

- Foster a stronger relationship between Student Senate and the Student Body. (ex: The Voice, The Brown and White, electronic means, etc)
- Use innovative technology on campus to promote Senate and any activities we are involved in.
- Encourage participation in Senate
- Improve visibility on campus to bolster support and participation.
- Let the student body know what we are doing and get them involved!!

Objectives:

- The Public Relations Committee will publicize the activities of the Senate and its committees and maintain and improve communication and cooperation between the Senate, the undergraduate student body, and major student organizations.
- Publish *The Voice!* (bi-monthly)
- Work closely with Club Affairs committee to constantly know what on-campus activities are occurring and which need publicizing.

Measures of Success:

- Attendance to Senate events that we help publicize- The Off Campus Living forum in the fall was very well attended, we had a great turnout for spring elections, and the Light Up Off Campus seems off to a good start
- The Voice distribution to the student body
- Improvement of the Student Senate website

Action:

- Continue investigating new ways for Senate to advertise and publicize events

Key Administrators:

- Amy Grim
- Sharon Basso
- Matt Kitchie



Campus Life Improvement Project

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Bowman Johns

Campus Unity

Sofi Barrionuevo

Facilities and Transportation

Hilary Lewis

Community Relations

Jarrett Herold



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Academic Affairs and Advocacy (A.A.A)

Committee Goals and Objectives:

- Develop a mentoring program across the University while focusing on the College of Arts and Sciences
- Examine the current orientation program and offer comments and help on ways in which to improve it
- Continue to evaluate the study spaces on campus and look for a viable 24/7 area
- Use the CBE course site as a template for CAS to have one source for all information
- Condensing all of the building hours and making something to hand out to students with all of the hours

Measures of Success:

- The successful development and of a mentoring program in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Making something that we can give our to students with all of the buildings on campus' hours
- Finding and opening a 24/7 study space on campus
- Creating course site pages for each department and or major within Arts and Sciences

Action:

- Developed and researched possible mentoring programs
- Met with Allison Ragon to discuss Orientation, and will have a follow up meeting sometime this spring
- We have started condensing the building hours and talking about possible ways to distribute them
- Looked at the CBE course site and have began putting together a template for each department and or major to put together

Key Administrators:

- The Deans of each college
- Bruce Taggart
- Allison Ragon



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Campus Unity

Committee Goals:

- Generate more school pride on campus
- Promote interaction between student groups
- Work with other organizations who have similar goals

Objectives:

- Establish a permanent Fan Van
- Host an even more successful Lip Dub than last year
- Develop unity through sporting events
- Improve transportation to sporting events

Measures of Success:

- Over 23,000 view of last years Lip Dub on YouTube
- The Fan Van was completely full to and from the Lehigh-Lafayette game

Action:

- Promote the “Big Game Schedule”
- Prepare for the Lip Dub
- Organize a Spirit Week with other student groups
- Create enthusiasm for Spring Awakening at Zoellner

Key Administrators:

- Mark Ironside



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Facilities and Transportation

Committee Goals:

- Improve student experiences with on and off campus transportation by increasing marketing for existing services and suggesting and implementing improvements.
- Transform facilities by imagining and designing better student spaces to serve academic and extracurricular needs.

Objectives:

- Provide a cost efficient, safe and fast bus to NYC and Newark over Thanksgiving Break.
- Create a proposal for the LTS grant
- Participate in campus wide conversations about student spaces
- Propose viable solutions for vacant spaces on campus
- Continue to support past efforts including bus shelters and WeCar

Measures of Success:

- Meaningful conversations with administrators about our proposals
- Effective transportation for Thanksgiving
- Useful data from student space evaluation
- Continued progress on past efforts toward reaching completion of projects

Action:

- Wrote proposals for LTS and vacant spaces
- Met with key administrators to discuss transportation and facilities
- Organized and ran a bus for Thanksgiving

Key Administrators:

- Mark Ironside
- Chris Christian
- Bruce Taggart



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Community Relations

Committee Goals/Objectives

- To improve relations between South Side Bethlehem and the Lehigh community, by learning to be better neighbors
- Teach off campus students to help promote safety in our surrounding neighborhoods
- Work with CUNA to increase Lehigh's presence in community issues
- Encourage undergrads to explore the Southside and its businesses/events

Measures of Success:

- The involvement of both Lehigh students and nearby residents in the promotion of neighborhood safety
- Increase the visibility of student's involvement in community affairs
- Changing the overall perspective of Lehigh students in the eyes of Bethlehem residents for the better

Action:

- Off Campus Living Forum
- Trash clean-up
- "Light Up Southside" initiative

Key Administrators:

- Dale Kochard
- Chief Shupp
- Matt Kitchie
- Sharon Basso