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THE VOICE

Lehigh Student Senate XXI Newsletter

Campus Life Improvement Promotions Updates

This issue of The Voice has an update from each CLIP committee on Senate. Each CLIP has been working hard this semester to reach their goals. If you have any questions about something the CLIP is working on, please contact the CLIP chairs!

Student Advocacy and Safety

- Legal Advisory Board
 - Contacted C.L. Lindsay's agent, Chris Schuler, and have finalized a February visit to the campus.
 - C.L. is a nationally recognized leader and speaker in the field of students rights and freedoms
 - Met with Attorney Shoemaker of Allentown, PA to discuss the legal advisory board
 - Trying to create a legal database of lawyers that can provide information and feedback to students in an attempt to motivate and shed their apathetic attitudes.
 - Allows students to become acquainted with lawyers in the area and if necessary provide a legal guidance if needed.
- "Know Your Rights" Campaign
 - This has been organized to notify students about their rights and safety
 - This program will be complemented by C.L. Lindsay's February visit.
- Landlord Forum
 - Worked with Community Relations CLIP to establish a way for students to facilitate communication with landlords in the area
 - Allows students to become acquainted with the necessary procedures to fulfill when targeting off campus housing

Transportation

The Transportation CLIP Committee is steadily working to complete their list of goals. They have already helped Transportation Services move toward installing bike racks on buses, which will be completed soon. The committee is also selling tickets for a bus to Newark airport and NY Port Authority for Thanksgiving break. The tickets will be sold from noon until 3PM during the week of the 17th in Ulrich for \$10. The committee has now formed subcommittees to further concentrate on specific goals such as bus stop signs, the improvement of TRACS, the bus system, and looking into starting a bus to Wegmans grocery store. Fixing the Transportation Services web site is also a big priority for the committee.

Community Relations

- Working with the Bethlehem Community Collaborative to receive input from the city's youth.
- Want to create an off campus housing packet full of helpful information to give to all students living off campus.
- Supporting the zoned trash bill being brought forward to the city council
- Interacting with Bethlehem residents to foster better relationships and a greater mutual understanding

Facilities and Student Spaces

Main Project #1: Art in Upper Ulrich

- The committee has taken on the project of hanging artwork around Upper Ulrich to brighten up the walls and provide an opportunity to display student artwork.
 - They have contacted the administrative personnel in charge of Upper Ulrich, Sheila White about their proposal.
 - They had a meeting with Sheila White to further discuss their proposal. She thinks it would be best to start with putting student photography and possibly paint a mural on the walls.

Main Project #2: Bus Shelters

- The committee has taken on the project of setting up overhangs at the bus stops around campus to protect students against harsh weather and to act as a sort of notice to students that it is a bus stop.
 - They have sent a proposal via e-mail to Mark Ironside, the Director of Business Services and plan on meeting with him soon
 - They have done research on bus stops at other college campuses to see how they integrate it into their architecture.

Main Project #3: Freshmen Study Lounges

- The committee has taken on the project of improving freshmen study lounges.
 - They have walked around each of the freshmen dorms to get a feel for their respective study lounges.
 - They have developed a survey for each freshmen dorm residency to see if the freshmen feel there is a need for improvement to their study lounges.
 - They have contacted RHA to see if it will be possible to conduct the survey by going room-to-room within each of the dorms and is currently awaiting response.

Healthy Living

Goal #1:

To have nutritional facts listed by the food options in Rathbone and Lower UC to make students more aware of the nutritional values of the food they eat in the dining halls.

Steps to Achieve Goal:

- Met with dining services to discuss various intensity levels of nutritional fact labels
- Conducted over 200 surveys of students at Lower UC and Rathbone to better understand the needs and wants of a nutritional facts labeling system
- Contacting Joe Sterret to hopefully receive athletic support for the labeling system

Goal # 2:

To give students the opportunity to learn how to eat healthier

Steps to Achieve Goal:

- Met with Miniversity to organize Healthy Cooking Seminars
- Healthy Breakfast Seminar on Friday, November 14th from 11-1 in Lamberton was a success
- Healthy Lunch and Dinner Seminars being planned

Goal # 3:

To make students more aware of living a healthy lifestyle and how to do so on campus

Steps to Achieve Goal:

- Making a pamphlet about various locations on campus to help pursue a healthy lifestyle
- Organizing a "Healthy Living" week before Spring Break
- Meeting with Healthy Hawks to discuss possible lectures and forums
- Meeting with Women's Center to discuss a forum on eating disorders and their effects
- Organizing a "goody bag" of things to stay healthy on spring break such as sunscreen, condoms, BAC information card, etc.

STUDENT SENATE XXI PRESENTS THANKSGIVING EXPRESS!

The Bus departs from the Newman Center on Tuesday, November 25th at 4:15pm! Seats are Limited! Tickets are only \$10 and are being sold at the Ulrich Student Center November 17th to 21st from 12 to 3pm. Open to all Lehigh Students!

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

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