

THE VOICE

Lehigh University

STUDENT SENATE XXII

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WHAT IS SENATE UP TO?

TJ Leyden—Turning Away from Hate

"TJ Leyden joined a Neo-Nazi white supremacist group at the age of 15, and remained an actively involved participant and recruiter for the next 15 years. However, after a series of personal events, he realized that the life he was leading was unfulfilling and wrong. It was at this juncture that he extracted himself from the movement, gave away all his supremacist propaganda and for the first time, told his story. Since then he has been touring the country speaking out against prejudice and his previous life of hate, while advocating the true importance of not just tolerance, but acceptance. "Although he receives regular death threats and must take extraordinary measures to protect himself from his former friends, Leyden is committed to being a fierce advocate for the importance of appreciating the differences in all people."

(CAMPUSPEAK, Inc. Website)

<http://www.campuspeak.com/speakers/leyden/>

Student Senate Executive Board meets with President Gast!

The goal of this meeting was to discuss Student Senate's goals as they fit in with the Universities Strategic plan, and the overlap between the two. It was also a vehicle for President Gast to hear our ideas, so as to more actively engage all administrators.

SENATOR OF THE WEEK!



Hannah Goldberg



WHAT ARE THE STANDING COMMITTEES DOING?

Allocations – Binay Patel

- Our purpose is to allocate Senate funds to all Senate recognized clubs and organizations on campus.
- We have just completed our budget appeals process!
 - This is a process in which clubs can resubmit a new budget this school year, for the possibility of gaining more Senate funding.

Meetings: 4:10pm Mondays in Rauch Business Center 241

Club Affairs – Fiona Lee

- Our purpose is to recognize new clubs for trial status and trial clubs for full recognition.
- Our aim is to help support all Senate recognized clubs and organizations on campus, through workshops and forums.

Meetings: 4:10pm Mondays in Rauch Business Center

Newly Recognized Clubs!

- Turkish Students Association
- Business Careers in Entertainment Club (BCEC)

Public Relations – Katie Goldstein

- Our aim is to publicize all Senate's activities and get the student body involved in Senate events!
- We are working on Senate bumper stickers and T-shirts.
- There is a new layout for The Voice!!
 - We hope you like it – Please give us feedback!
 - Please find the Student Senate Feedback box located under the Undergraduate Life Tab on portal.

Meetings: 1:10pm Fridays in Campus Square "D" Lounge

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Campus Life Improvement Promotions

Academic Affairs – Arthur Zhang

- We are working to establish a better mentoring and advising program at Lehigh.
- We want to establish a peer mentor program that extends throughout the years and to all students.
- We are working on getting better building operations hours – such as in Linderman Library.

Meetings: Mondays 3:00pm Lucy's Café in Linderman Library

Campus Climate – Chris Basilico

- We are heavily involved in the Bystander Intervention Training program.
 - All committee members and eventually Full Senate, will participate and undergo training.
 - Subsequently we will be able to train others, and will go to our other organizations and train them in bystander intervention.
- We are also pursuing social justice work in which we are seeking to promote a campus wide initiative of acceptance and unity amongst all groups, races, ethnicities, religions, etc...
- Finally, Campus Unity is an initiative we plan to undertake. Our goal is to unite the Greeks, Athletes, International Students, Transfer Students, Engineers, Arts and Science Students, Business Students, and all the many factions of the Lehigh Community.

Meetings: 4:10pm Thursdays in Ulrich Student Center

Community Relations – Jason Kramer

- The Landlord Forum will occur again, soon!
 - Landlords and Bethlehem government administrators will be in attendance.
- The Safety and Security Conference will be taking place between students and the Bethlehem and Lehigh Police soon as well!

Meetings: 7:00pm Wednesdays in Fairchild-Martindale Library .

Healthy Living – Caitlyn Lia

- Our committee met with Rajika Reed, from the health center to discuss health issues on campus.
- We will host a forum in the near future about our health center discussion to give students as much information as possible about the health issues and risks on campus and what students can do to prevent them.
- We will also again be hosting the Healthy Living Week!
 - There will be themed days!

Meetings: 2:30pm Friday in Rauch

Infrastructure – Ariel Rubinstein

- The Thanksgiving buses are back!
- Our committee is looking into Zip-Cars for the campus.
- We will also be addressing the parking issues on campus.
- We are attempting to fix the TRACS system and communicating with involved administration about what the issues are.
- Setting up a system of Ride Boards that students can use to carpool home for breaks and holidays.
 - Help our campus and the world go green! CARPOOL!!

WHAT IS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DOING?

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Amethyst Initiative – Michael Caffrey

- We are looking into the policies other universities have undertaken in dealing with this initiative.
- We aim to pick up where last year's committee left off, and make strides in the positive direction.

Meetings: 6:00pm Wednesdays in Upper Ulrich

Information Behind the Amethyst Initiative:

This initiative is made up of presidents of universities and colleges across the U.S. to open a dialogue between students and administrators about safe drinking practices of individuals of all ages. As of today, President Gast has refused to sign the initiative.

<http://www.amethystinitiative.org/>

LEHIGH ADVERTISEMENTS



Student Senate invites you to visit **The Hub!** This is a new planning and organizational site which can be used by Lehigh's many clubs and organizations to help organize better internally as well as keep track of the many events that occur each semester!

<http://lehigh.collegiatelink.net/Community?action=getMyHome>

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