



# NEWS & NOTES

September 3, 2021

This newsletter contains a brief summary of the proceedings of the Faculty Senate Meeting held on **September 3, 2021**. As a reminder, faculty can view the full details of Senate meetings by reviewing the minutes found on the Faculty Senate Website. [facultysenate.lehigh.edu/meeting-minutes](http://facultysenate.lehigh.edu/meeting-minutes)

## **Provost Urban - COVID-19 Update - 206 active cases, 120 students in residence halls**

1. 200 isolation beds available, will likely run out over the weekend or next week.
2. Transmission mostly linked to indoor, unmasked social activities; little evidence of transmission in classrooms.
3. Questions about the guidelines for masking and sizes of outdoor events in the near term.

## **Soaring Together - Janet Norwood and Lindsay Drake**

1. Celebration of coeducation and Lehigh women, 50 years since 1971, with events through commencement 2025, including Lehigh students and alumni.
2. [lehigh.edu/soaringtogethertoolkit](http://lehigh.edu/soaringtogethertoolkit) - resources available for faculty who want to connect to the program with your existing projects, activities, classes.

## **Impact of the new Health and Wellness fee on graduate students - Caitlin Lindley, Chair GSS**

1. \$100/semester, same for undergraduate and graduate students without any consultation
  - a. Graduate students were not notified in advance and are uncertain what the fee is for exactly - most graduate students do not use the campus health and wellness center.
2. GSS is requesting the opportunity for students to opt out of the fee if they will not be using these services.
3. Students with 6+ credits are being charged. Those on maintenance (with just 1 credit) or fewer than 6 credits are not charged, but can still use these Wellness Center services.

## **First Reading - Code of Ethics - Ed Gomez and IC subcommittee**

1. Partly motivated by Lehigh climate survey showing significant numbers of members of the Lehigh community were experiencing discrimination, prejudice, and negative behavior that does not qualify for other mechanisms that we have to address, such as harassment, criminal behavior, or research misconduct.
2. Motivation is to provide a mechanism to allow faculty to define what we view as appropriate and ethical behavior.
3. Core idea is to address behavior that is repeated, and where no good faith effort has been made to address negative behavior.

## **Draft faculty resolution - Guidance on large gatherings - Jeremy Littau**

1. Resolution posted on the Faculty Senate website, asks for University administration to provide more guidance on policies regarding large meetings. Also asks for Colleges and Departments to consider more flexibility for Zoom meetings, etc. when possible.
2. Resolution passed Faculty Senate, 92% in favor.

## **Idea/feedback for "Regalia Days" ahead of Founder's Day weekend - Frank Gunter**

1. Wed 10/13 and Thurs 10/14 - faculty encouraged to teach in academic regalia to boost morale, faculty participation optional.

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting: Friday, October 1, 2021**