

Graduate Student Advisory Council

General Assembly Meeting

Friday, September 7, 2018

Effingham Room

1. Welcome, Introductions, Program Updates

2. Executive Reports

a. President, Amber Webb – ajwebb2@eiu.edu

- i. Executive Officer Elections
 1. Taking nominations until Friday, September 14th
- ii. Library Advisory Board Representative –
 1. Brandon West, History
- iii. Parking Advisory Committee Representative –
 1. Grace Wilken, Sustainable Energy/MBA Dual Degree
- iv. Council on University Planning and Budget (CUPB) Rep. –
 1. Ranadeep Reddy Basani, Technology
- v. Requests for guest speakers/topics
 1. Career Services – PantherTRACS, Resume
 2. Pursuing a Ph.D.
 - a. Discussion of challenges and experiences
 3. Thesis – How to start, workshops, presentations, getting published
 4. Volunteer work (social event)
 5. Graduate Student Networking Night
 - a. Share research other students are working on
- vi. T-Shirt ideas/suggestions needed
 1. Representatives from the Technology department will be working on a design

b. Graduate Student Dean, Morgan Tudor mttudor@eiu.edu

- i. No Report

c. Graduate Advisor, Barbara White – bjwhite@eiu.edu

- i. No Report

d. GSAC Faculty Advisors, Lori Henderson and Dianne Timm

- i. No Report

3. Old Business

4. New Business

- a. Volunteers needed to participate for a research study held by Kiley Sturm. Graduate students, part-time or full-time are welcome to participate. Kiley Sturm can be contacted at kjsturm@eiu.edu.
- b. Volunteers needed for Special Olympics Family Festival held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please contact Jess Howell at jlhowell2@eiu.edu for more information or to volunteer. There will be an

orientation on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Buzzard Auditorium.

5. Announcements

a. Next Meeting:

- i. September 21st, 2018 - 12pm in Effingham Room (MLK Union)
- ii. Voting for the following Executive positions:
 1. Vice President of Administrative Activities
 2. Vice President of Public Relations
 3. Vice President of Programming
 4. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention

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Friday, September 21st, 2018

Effingham Room

1. Welcome, Announcements

2. Executive Reports

a. Graduate Student Dean, Morgan Tutor – mttudor@eiu.edu

i. Welcome to GSAC!

ii. Executive Officer Nominations

1. Nominees for executive officer positions will present their case for their respective offices
2. Sara English for office of Vice President of Public Relations
3. Emily Pope for office of Vice President of Recruitment and Retention
4. Caleia Flannigan for office of Vice President Public Relations
5. Nick Caldwell for office of Vice President of Administrative Activities
6. Josey Fioretto for office of Vice President of Recruitment and Retention
7. Daniel Njoh for office of Public Relations
 - a. Absent – cannot vote for absent nominee
8. Imani Adams for office of VP of Programming
 - a. Absent – cannot vote for absent nominee
 - b. New nomination needed for Vice President of Programming
9. Adaeze Akubueze for office of Vice President of Programming

iii. Executive Officer Voting

1. Vice President of Administrative Activities
 - a. Congratulations Nicholas Caldwell of School Counseling!
 - b. E-mail to contact him = njcaldwell@eiu.edu
2. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention
 - a. Congratulations Josey Fioretto of School Counseling!
 - b. E-mail to contact her = jmfioretto@eiu.edu
3. Vice President of Public Relations
 - a. Congratulations Sara English of History!
 - b. E-mail to contact her = senglish@eiu.edu
4. Vice President of Programming
 - a. Congratulations Adaeze Akubueze of Clinical Psychology!
 - b. E-mail to contact her = awakubueze@eiu.edu

iv. Thank you to all nominees who ran for office!

3. Old Business

4. New Business

5. Announcements

a. Next Meeting:
October 5th, 2018 – 12 p.m. in Effingham Room (MLK)

Graduate Student Advisory Council

General Assembly Meeting

Friday, October 5th, 2018

Effingham Room

1. Welcome, Announcements

- a. Ice breaker - one reason why you like fall
- b. Program updates
 - i. College Student Affairs - Conference for Student Affairs 101
 1. October 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Union
 2. Register online through EIU's website
 - ii. Counseling - Faculty search
 1. The department of Counseling and Higher Education is looking for a replacement faculty for Dr. Alyssa Swan who is moving to New York!
 - iii. Sustainable Energy - a sustainability fee will be proposed at EIU
 1. \$3 fee for full-time students
 2. Will be used for campus sustainability initiatives
 - a. Reinvest in recycling
 - b. Expand and continue composting
 - c. Create a sustainable garden to generate fresh produce on campus
 3. Benefits: clean campus, positive environment effects, and attract new students
 4. Will work with the student government

2. Executive Reports

- a. President, Amber Webb - ajwebb2@eiu.edu
 - i. Welcome to GSAC!
 - ii. Thesis Workshops
 1. Week 1 = Tuesday, October 30 (6-6:50 p.m.) & Thursday, November 1 (10-10:50 a.m.). The topic will be "Researching the Literature"
 2. Week 2 = Tuesday, November 6 (6-6:50 p.m.) & Thursday, November 8 (10-10:50 a.m.). The topic will be "Organizing Your References"
 3. Week 3 = Tuesday, November 13 (6-6:50 p.m.) & Thursday, November 15 (10-10:50 a.m.). The topic will be "Presenting Your Thesis"
 4. All locations are on the fourth floor of the library
 - iii. Rise Conference
 1. Researching Inclusivity for Student Excellence
 2. Friday, October 12 in Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union at EIU
 3. Registration is on MEI website - contact Amber or Sara

4. Presenting speaker = Denice Hood, Associate Professor and the Director of Graduate Studies in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (EPOL) Department at the University of Illinois
- iv. TRiO Mentors
 1. TRiO is support services for academic supports and student retention
 2. Designed for low-income and first generation students
 3. Pick up your application today!
- v. T-Shirts
 1. Long sleeve and short sleeve options
- b. Graduate Student Dean, Morgan Tudor – mttdor@eiu.edu
 - i. Goal = to increase GSAC's and each department's presence
 - ii. Goal = to ensure effective communication between the departments
 - iii. Will attend the Budgeting Committee Meeting
- c. Vice President of Administrative Activities, Nick Caldwell – njcaldwell@eiu.edu
 - i. Record the meeting's minutes
 - ii. Student Body Government representative and will attend meetings
 - iii. Will lead the GSAC meeting in Amber's absence
- d. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention, Josey Fioretto – jmfioretto@eiu.edu
 - i. Recruit and retain individuals
 - ii. Possible recruitment event in the future
- e. Vice President of Public Relations, Sara English – senglish@eiu.edu
 - i. Social Media representative
 - ii. If you attend a conference, take a picture and send it to her!
 - iii. Use the #EIUGSAC on social media
 - iv. Will create a monthly newsletter
 1. Please send her event information (e.g., who, what, when, where, benefit, etc.) through DropBox on D2L
 2. Send her an e-mail about the event if you cannot get information out in advanced
 3. An “update folder” will be available for any changes to events
 - v. Goal = to increase your availability within your department
 1. Decreasing attendance
 2. Marketing - send her a selfie and a short bio about what you can do in GSAC!
 3. Please give information on your department's social media accounts
 - vi. GSAC representatives - if you attend an event hosted by a department other than your own, take a selfie, send it in, and you'll get an extra raffle for our prizes at the end of the semester!
- f. Vice President of Programming, Adaeze Akubueze – awakubueze@eiu.edu
 - i. Events will be organized for the benefit of all graduate students
 - ii. Let her know what you are interested in!
 - iii. Three types of events = social, volunteering, and professional events!
- g. Faculty Advisor, Lori Henderson – lahenderson@eiu.edu
 - i. Graduate Fair

1. Thursday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Union (one of the ballrooms)
2. Information will be provided for graduate programs and Ph.D. schools
- ii. Tent City
 1. Saturday, October 20
 2. We will host a tent between the parade and the game by O'Brien Stadium
- iii. Graduate Night for Undergraduates (GN4U)
 1. Thursday, October 25 from 5 – 7 pm in 7th Street Underground
 2. Speed networking – undergraduates learn about graduate student's experiences
 3. It is an opportunity to mentor an undergraduate student
 4. Free pizza and t-shirt
- iv. Panther Life – phone application
 1. Web calendars for events will be available

3. Old Business

4. New Business

5. Announcements

a. Next Meeting:

- i. October 19, 2018 – 12 p.m. in Effingham Room (MLK Union)
- ii. Pathways to Ph.D. panel!
 1. Please refer specific faculty that will provide us with information about earning your Ph.D.!

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General Assembly Meeting

Friday, October 19th, 2018

Effingham Room

1. Welcome, Announcements

- a. Ice breaker – name, program, and Halloween costumes
- b. Program updates
 - i. Clinical Counseling
 1. NCE exam tomorrow
 2. Needing volunteers for
 - ii. Biological Sciences
 1. Have speaker coming from Kentucky University
 - a. Her specialty is in both the social and biological sciences
 2. Dress up day at the Biological Science building – details will come out soon
 - iii. Aging Studies
 1. Have a certificate available now for aging studies and pathway for undergraduates to pursue aging studies
 - iv. Bio technology
 1. How to build your resume for career services on Monday from 12-1 p.m. in room 1301
 - v. Library Advisory board
 1. May be using unused areas in the library for new technologies
 - vi. Special Education
 1. Undergraduate Honors Fraternity is collecting school supplies for teachers
 - vii. Diatectics
 1. Hosting a t-shirt design contest – contact Jill

2. Executive Reports

- a. President, Amber Webb - ajwebb2@eiu.edu
- b. Graduate Student Dean, Morgan Tudor – mttdor@eiu.edu
- c. Vice President of Administrative Activities, Nick Caldwell – njcaldwell@eiu.edu
 - i. Make sure your program sends a representative
- d. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention, Josey Fioretto – jmfioretto@eiu.edu
- e. Vice President of Public Relations, Sara English – senglish@eiu.edu
 - i. Community Coffee Hour for International students
 1. October 26 from 3-5 p.m. in 7th Street Underground
 - ii. Culturefest – food eaten in Ghana, India, Japan, and China
 1. October 24 from 5-7 in the Library Quad
- f. Vice President of Programming, Adaeze Akubueze – awakubueze@eiu.edu
 - i. Social events – bowling, open mic night, bingo, dinner at a restaurant
- g. Faculty Advisor, Lori Henderson – lahenderson@eiu.edu

- i. GN4U - October 25 – night for undergraduates to learn from graduate students
- ii. Still need 3-5 more graduates!

3. Old Business

4. New Business

- a. Dean of Students, Ryan Hendrickson
 - i. We need to hear your voices
 - ii. Tax policy to tax Graduate Waiver Fees was not passed thanks to communication to Dean and President Glassman who contacted State Representatives
 - iii. Awards/Grants for graduate students
 1. Williams Travel Grant – pay for expenses when traveling to research conferences
 - a. Due November 2, 2018
 2. Research and creativity grants – financial assistance for the researching process
 3. Plummer Research Award for candidates in Sustainable Energy and Technology
 - iv. EIU Innovate – Dean Hendrickson’s podcast with faculty at EIU
- b. Mark Hudson, Director of Housing and Dining
 - i. EIU Homecoming Traditions
 - ii. National origins of Homecoming – 1911 at University of Missouri
 - iii. Traditionally homecomings usually feature a sporting event, parades, and floats
 - iv. EIU campus traditions – family weekend, Greek week, Rockfest, and class gifts to the campus
 - v. In 1908, Pemberton was first residential hall in the state of Illinois

5. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting:
 - i. November 9, 2018 – 12 p.m. in Effingham Room (MLK Union)
- b. The other November meeting will tentatively be November 30

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General Assembly Meeting

Friday, November 9, 2018

Effingham Room

1. Welcome, Announcements

- a. Ice breaker – name, program, and celebrations
- b. Program updates
 - i. History
 1. Comp Exams for the program next Friday
 - ii. School Counseling
 1. Friendsgiving is something each program could have!
 - iii. Communications
 1. Tomorrow – dinner at 7 p.m.
 2. Thursday, Nov 15 – a speaker at the EIU admissions 7-8:30 p.m.
 - iv. Master's in Business Administration
 1. Trip to visit companies in Chicago to network and learn!
 - v. Special Education
 1. New online program for Special Education!
 2. Numbers continue to grow!
 - vi. Dietetics
 1. Attended National Dietetics Conference in Washington D.C.
 - vii. School Counseling
 1. Hosting a t-shirt design contest – contact Jill Schilling-Clark
 - viii. Biochemistry
 1. Program will have a new concentration with a thesis
 2. Hiring a new faculty member
 - ix. School Psychology
 1. Illinois School Psychology Association Conference will be in January
 - x. Student Government/Undergraduates
 1. Contact mcliven@eiu.edu for voicing your opinion on Black Lives Matter flag flown in the month of February!
 - xi. College and Student Affairs
 1. Honor's organization for Greek students - November 9, 2018
Greek Court at 8

2. Executive Reports

- a. President, Amber Webb - ajwebb2@eiu.edu
 - i. Instead of a December meeting, on December 7, we will be passing out items (gum, candy, stress items, etc.) to students in the library
- b. Graduate Student Dean, Morgan Tudor – mttudor@eiu.edu
 - i. Book fair was held two weeks ago in Buzzard Hall
 1. Successful! A lot of books sold
- c. Vice President of Administrative Activities, Nick Caldwell – njcaldwell@eiu.edu

- i. Attended two Student Government meetings
 - 1. EIU Open House – November 12
 - 2. Thank a Professor – November 14
 - 3. Proposal for Black Lives Matter flag being flow February 1-28
- d. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention, Josey Fioretto – jmfioretto@eiu.edu
 - i. Students that want to sponsor an item to donate at our November 30th GSAC Luncheon
 - ii. She will be in contact Civil Engagement Office to coordinate it
- e. Vice President of Public Relations, Sara English – senglish@eiu.edu
 - 1. No report
- f. Vice President of Programming, Adaeze Akubueze – awakubueze@eiu.edu
 - i. Global Cultural Night – 6-9 p.m. in the Ballroom Center
 - 1. 52 countries involved
 - ii. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday in the 7th Street Underground
 - iii. Poetry Night – Jackson Avenue Coffee – 6 p.m. 708 Jackson Avenue
 - iv. Foreign Film Festival – November 13 4-6 Coleman Auditorium Room 1255
- g. Faculty Advisor, Lori Henderson – lahenderson@eiu.edu
 - i. Thank you those who attended GN4U! It was a successful night.
 - ii. Williams Travel Grant – funds should be coming
- h. Student Advisor, Barbara White – bjwhite@eiu.edu
 - i. Please fill out the survey on D2L to RSVP for the GSAC Holiday Luncheon being held on Friday, November 30th at 12 p.m.
 - ii. We will have giveaways based on meeting attendance

3. Old Business

4. New Business

- a. Morgan and Amber attended a national GSAC conference
 - i. Exchanged ideas with other GSAC programs
 - ii. Supporting international students is a big topic
 - iii. They presented on self-care and barriers to success in graduates
 - 1. They had a lot of feedback
 - 2. There was a lot of personal stories – pressure to succeed but not enough time to take care of yourself
 - 3. Resources are a key
 - a. Counseling Center and tutoring are available resources
 - 4. National Association for Graduate and Professional Students passed a budget, and they will be informed in the future
 - a. Lobbied for not passing a bill over taxing graduate assistantship stipends
 - 5. Title IX – protection of student
 - a. Executive Branch
 - b. Legislative Branch
 - c. Will upload to D2L

- b. December Faculty of the Month
 - i. Nominate a faculty member who you think is deserving of receiving this award. Please use the link below to nominate a faculty member:
 - 1. <http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/machform/view.php?id=10409>
 - ii. Nominations end November 16

5. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting:
 - i. November 30, 2018 – 12 p.m. in 7th Street Underground (MLK Union)
- b. The December meeting will be December 7 and we will pass out items to students studying in the library

Graduate Student Advisory Council

General Assembly Meeting

Friday, January 18th, 2019

Effingham Room

1. Welcome, Announcements

- a. Ice breaker – name, program, and favorite winter activity
- b. Program updates
 - i. Family and Consumer Sciences
 1. Change of name to Department of Human Services and Community Leadership
 - ii. Clinical Counseling
 1. Play Therapy Conference in Itasca – today is last day for submissions to conference
 - iii. Sustainable Energy
 1. Parking Representative – sought out more accessible parking; lot of legal
 - a. Next year - ticket and online parking tickets
 2. Newsletter for EIU Compost
 - a. Volunteer – e-mail compost@eiu.edu or sign-up directly at <http://signup.com/go/swjFpjp>
 - iv. Business
 1. No report
 - v. History
 1. Historia – calling for papers; submit to efwehrle@eiu.edu by February 14
 - vi. Technology
 1. No report
 - vii. School Psychology
 1. Illinois School Psychology Association Conference – January 31 – February 1
 - viii. Curriculum and Instruction
 1. No report
 - ix. Communication Studies
 1. No report
 - x. College Student Affairs
 1. New executive board member
 - xi. Student Government
 1. Alpha Phi Alpha – candle-light vigil – January 21 at 5:30 in Thomas Hall
 - a. Program celebration at 6:00 p.m. in Grand Ballroom
 - b. Volunteers check-in January 21 at 2:45 p.m. – services will last from 3-5 p.m.
 2. Meeting with Lynette Drake, Interim VP of Student Affairs – 94% secured post-graduate employment by the next December

2. Executive Reports

- a. President, Amber Webb - ajwebb2@eiu.edu
 - i. EIU Cares announcement, March 22nd
- b. Graduate Student Dean, Morgan Tudor – mttdor@eiu.edu
 - i. EIU Cares announcement, March 22nd
- c. Vice President of Administrative Activities, Nick Caldwell – njcaldwell@eiu.edu
 - i. Program update – Becky Fogarty
 - ii. Will step down as the VP of Administrative Activities
- d. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention, Josey Fioretto – jmfioreto@eiu.edu
 - i. We may be starting Facebook live videos at meetings with guest speakers or other important information
- e. Vice President of Public Relations, Sara English – senglish@eiu.edu
 - i. New representative for History
 - ii. Historia – Journal for history and other topics
- f. Vice President of Programming, Adaeze Akubueze – awakubueze@eiu.edu
 - i. No report
- g. Graduate Student Advisor, Barbara White
 - i. No report
- h. Graduate Faculty Advisor, Dr. Timm – dtimm@eiu.edu
 - i. No report
- i. Faculty Advisor, Lori Henderson – lahenderson@eiu.edu
 - i. Williams Travel Grant due soon! (February 15)
 - ii. Scholarships are often due in February

3. New Business

- a. GSAC \$250 scholarship for full-time graduate students to each of the four colleges (e.g., College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)
 - i. Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on February 15, 2019
 - ii. Essay using 1,000 words or fewer – discuss how your EIU campus, departmental, and/or community involvement has helped enhance your graduate education
- b. EIU Cares
 - i. March 22, 2019
 - ii. Workshop for graduate and undergraduate students that provides education, resources, and support to promote self-care and student wellness
 - iii. PEMS model – Physical, Emotional, Mental, and Spiritual
 - iv. May have hands on activities (e.g., slime, stress balls) and opportunities to develop a plan
 - v. Need committee members!!
 - vi. Will collaborate with Mindfulness Club, On Campus Ministries, and other spirituality-based organizations
- c. Nominations for Vice President of Administration Activities
 - i. Godwin Gyimah
 - ii. Alex Martin

- d. CUPB Representative – representative will be determined by online poll
- e. Faculty of the Month
 - i. Dr. Catherine Polydore, professor from College Student Affairs was December’s Faculty of the Month
 - ii. January Faculty of the Month Nominations due by January 25th at 12 p.m. noon
- f. Research Showcase
 - i. Open for student-based research to be presented – online form
- g. Welcome Back Social-Mix
 - i. Today! (Jan 18) from 5-7 p.m
 - ii. Food, Friends, Fun, and Family
 - iii. EIU Bowling Lanes in the MLK Building
- h. GSAC Spring 2019 Meeting Schedule is posted
 - i. Bobby Kingery (Career Services) on February 22
 - ii. Ph.D. Panel is in the works
 - iii. Publishing Panel is in the works
- i. Submit your program’s organization to our social media to help you celebrate your activities!
 - i. Email Sara English (senglish@eiu.edu)
- j. Social media suggestion – “feature” a student once a week or once per month

4. **Old Business**

5. **Announcements**

- a. Next Meeting:
 - i. February 1, 2019 – 12 p.m. in the Rathskeller Loft (7th Street Underground) in the MLK Union

