

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, January 19th, 2023, 11 a.m.- 7th Street Tuscola (in-person and ZOOM).

I. Executive Reports

Board members:

- i. Elian Mackey
- ii. Okewa Owoeye
- iii. Gabe King
- iv. Efosa Ojomo
- v. Attainea Toulon
- vi. Lois Tetteh
- vii. Alex Tserenova
- viii. Myra Taylor

II. Words from Elian

He talked about the point system and asked for suggestions about topics people want to learn about, the responses were about job workshop, mental health, paint, and sip. Nancy suggested a week break to help mental health of students navigate school. Gabe suggested GSAC brunch/lunch.

Words from Okewa

She encouraged old students to help new graduate students transition and encourage them to be part of GSAC.

Words from Lois

She asked about events and people would want for the semester. Efosa suggested indoor activities like bowling event. Attainea talked about Karaoke.

Words from Attainea

She encouraged students to reach out if there is any issue so she can share with dean Chesnut. She also gave feedback of meeting with dean Chesnut, the dean promised to address the issues of GA with departments as he is not aware of departments giving priority to just 1st year students.

The issues of payment at the end of august is dependent on the date graduate assistants start work in august. Some GA complained about working overtime and they were advised to login their hours so it can be addressed.

William travel grant is available to cover travel related expenses.

Words from Efosa

He talked about the study abroad program and advised people to register for it. He advised that GSAC members share their area of expertise at a workshop to encourage

people to be part of GSAC. He asked people to pass their information so he can make a flier for it.

Words from Alex

She mentioned that international students have opt session on January 24th. Panther HO – DOWN on January 19th at the ballroom

Words from Gabe

He mentioned that Head space signup is still available, GSAC shirts are still available for pickup. Student suggested to set up a form for people to share their GA experience.

Words from Myra

She also encouraged students to apply for the different scholarships available. Taiwo Oyebade asked if funding can be provided for students attending networking events/ job fairs, Myra responded that presently we don't have scholarships for that but it would be investigated.

III. Department Updates

College of student's affairs

ACPA conference to be attended in March. CSA day is a recruitment event.

No update from other departments.

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting February 2nd, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Arc/Tuscola Room 7th Street Underground.

**Okewa Owoeye
Executive Vice president**