

Graduate Student Advisory Council
February 11th 2010, 12:00 PM
Rathskellar Loft; MLK Jr. Union Basement
General Meeting Minutes

I. Parking

A. Current proposal

- i. Amendment to current proposal to include all Graduate Students
 - a. Fee reduction for all graduate students at EIU
 - b. Ability to purchase Faculty/ Staff parking for only those graduate students on graduate assistantships
- ii. Having a balance of fee (to offset any financial concerns the University may foresee)
 - a. Lower cost for graduate students enrolled
 - b. Higher cost for graduate students on graduate assistantships
- iii. Final draft will be available for all members at next general meeting for member approval

II. Student Insurance

- A. Still moving forward – more updates at the next meeting

III. Grad Showcase

A. Received Nominees for videos

- i. Videos are currently being filmed throughout the university

B. Gala

- i. GSAC members want to conduct the Gala, but does not seem possible due to man-power and participation of members; therefore, decided to forgo the Gala this year.
- ii. Possibility for future GSAC members/Executive Boards to conduct

C. Donations

- i. GSAC members would still be interested in obtaining donations within the community for purposes of prizes/incentive for graduate student attendance at the Grad Showcase events
- ii. Want to establish a tiered system for monetary donations
 - a. Eg. Gold, Silver, Bronze
 - a. Gold = \$75+ (or \$100)
 - b. Silver = \$50
 - c. Bronze = \$25
 - b. Monetary amounts will not be displayed in program
- iii. Zach will put together a script of “what to say” to the business owners, along with a letter describing who GSAC is, and a list of potential businesses to visit
- iv. List will be distributed to GSAC members at next general meeting

IV. Constitution

- A. Need to work out a time with Bill and Tina to meet after March 1st

V. Project Backpack

- A. GSAC members want to make this a primary project
- B. Donations will be collected throughout remainder of year
- C. Want to set up a donation box in the MLK Jr. Union Building
- D. Need all GSAC members to emphasize participation to fellow graduate students and faculty in their department
- E. Once an ample amount of donations have been collected, Amanda will work towards getting coverage in The Den.

VI. Adjourn