

Graduate Student Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
November 11th 2011
Martinsville Room: MLK Jr. University Union
Eastern Illinois University
Advisors: Dr. Carrie Dale and Bill Elliott

- I. 9:05 am - Call to Order (President Kim Ensign)
- II. Attendance
 - A. Have everyone sign on sheet
 - B. Nicole Mangiaracina is absent and excused
- III. Old Business
 - A. Better Communication with Graduate Students
 1. Health Fair
 - a. 6 people made 177 stress balls in 2 hours
 - b. Thanks to all those who helped
 - c. Need for volunteers for the Health Fair – pass sign up sheet
 2. EIU Total Health Counter – Creating a brochure
 - B. Issues of graduate students
 1. Being researched further
 2. Tuition waivers taking too long – show of hand of those for whom it took too long (meaning after the deadline to pay bill)
 - a. 8/14 GAs has issues
- IV. New Business
 - A. NAGPS Conference
 1. Midwest Region (3 positions open)
 - a. Dr. of outreach, employment concerns chair, communications chair
 - b. If people are interested they should let us know
 - B. Student Organization Cabinet Update
 - a. Student Life – Leadership Conference need early planning committee – those interested should let us know
 - b. Panther Palooza in the Spring 2012 – we would like to participate and so we need to think of what we could do
 - c. Campus Connection – open for cheap advertisements to be on the calendar
 - d. Better communication – share idea of newsletter and people seem supportive
 - C. Illinois Higher Education Center at EIU Survey
 1. Consumption of alcohol
 2. Catherine will check if we are a group they want and if we could do it at the next general meeting
 - D. Outreach Programs
 1. Nicole is sick but Catherine explains the plan and will relay the info to Nicole for her committee
 2. Book Drive for 14-18 year old teens
 3. Big Brother Big Sister – One stop Christmas

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4. There are books in the bookstore for \$5
 5. Ask for people to sign up if they can take a box in their department/office
 6. Will email a flyer and put one with the boxes
- E. Graduate Student Open House?
1. Speakers, panels
 2. Research for next year
 3. Research committee need
- F. Kim Ensign
1. 217-549-7323
 2. ksensign@eiu.edu
- V. Open Floor(Comments, Suggestions, Discussion)
- A. When asking for volunteers, try to have different times so that people who have class can still participate.
- VI. 9:34am - Adjournment (President Kim Ensign)