

Graduate Student Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
October 28th 2011
Martinsville Room: MLK Jr. University Union
Eastern Illinois University
Advisors: Dr. Carrie Dale and Bill Elliott

- I. 9 am - Call to Order (VP Pauline Matthey)
- II. Attendance
 - A. Have everyone sign on sheet
- III. Explanation of Kim and Alex attending National Conference
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Better Communication with Graduate Students
 1. Reminded attendees of the Facebook page and list serv and encouraged them to use those channels
 2. Announced idea to have a Twitter account
 3. Get our name out there at the Health Fair – 10-3pm Nov. 16th (Catherine Bocke)
 - a. Stress Busters theme
 - b. Need sign ups
 - i. Making stress balls on 11/08 in Shelbyville room from 5-7 pm.
 - ii. Tabling
 - B. Nicole Conrad- Textbook Rental Advisory Committee
 1. Nicole was absent
 2. We will ask her for an update at our next meeting
 - C. Issues of Graduate Students
 1. Gave update about the following issues
 - a. Tuition Waivers taking too long
 - b. Increase in funding to non-sciences majors – Reminded attendees about the Williams Travel Grant Application due on Nov 4th
 - c. No GA's for Exercise Science – looking into it
 - d. # of courses – lack of European Courses - department
 - e. Any more issues?
 - i. Only one person came by table at the fair
 - Look at how departments are advertising
 - Encouraged the use Facebook page to advertise events
 - ii. No opportunity in certain departments for teaching GA.
 - Look for creation of shadowing positions
 - Maybe teaching labs is a feasible option, as they do in biology department

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– More TAs teaching the survey classes could help with the issues of lack of diversity in curriculum because then professors could focus on more specialized courses.

V. New Business

A. Philanthropic event (Nicole Mangiaracina)

1. Explained our idea to stick with Big Brother Big Sister
2. Shared our ideas of fundraiser for this winter
3. Nicole asked for people interested in serving on a committee with her
4. Questions, Suggestions comments
 - a. Suggestions to associate ourselves with another department or RSO so we would not have to create an event on our own but could still contribute due to time constraints
 - b. Toy Drive
 - c. Collect Christmas decoration we could donate to a house for people victims of domestic violence – it is domestic violence awareness month.

B. Graduate Marshals

1. Ask for people to volunteer
2. Will take place on 12.17
3. Sign-Up

C. Approval of Nominees to the Grade Appeal Committee

1. There was no objection
2. Joe was at the meeting and Pauline Matthey appointed him representative on the Grade Appeal Committee
3. I do not remember his last name—sorry!!

VI. Open Floor(Comments, Suggestions, Discussion)

- A. The counseling department is looking for ideas on how to advertise to recruit and reach out on a national level
1. Choose keywords carefully for web searches
 2. Target undergrad
 3. Revamp website

VII. 9: 45am - Adjournment (VP Pauline Matthey)