

Graduate Student Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
December 9th 2011
Casey Room: MLK Jr. University Union
Eastern Illinois University
Advisors: Dr. Carrie Dale and Bill Elliott

- I. 9:03 am - Call to Order (President Kim Ensign)
- II. Attendance
 - A. Have everyone sign on sheet
 - B. Catherine Bocke is absent and excused
- III. Old Business
 - A. Better Communication with Graduate Students
 1. Health Fair – wrap up – Thank you to all the one who helped. It was a success – 1st time at the health fair and we drew lots of attention – lots of students expressed interest in graduate school and GSAC.
 - B. Issues of Grad students
 1. Bill wrote paper for Dean Augustine – Bill gives a summary of where things stand. He explains that there is a meeting set up in January with the Dean and with the office of bursar. They will discuss the tuition situation. He also explains that the increase in funding in the sciences is the first choice for allocation because 10 of the programs are in science. He is also in touch with the Dean in regards to the lack of European courses.
 2. Amelia Sanders
 - a. Vandalism
 - b. Importance of backing up documents
 - c. Amelia discussed how her department has been affected and how people feel about it. She also explains how the whole campus has been helping them out and expresses appreciation for it. She reminds us that people have lost tons of data and that it is important to back up our documents. She takes this opportunity to raise awareness and discuss the cost of it all. She also says that there has been an increase police presence and that the locks have been changed.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Panther Palooza Jan 13th 10am-3pm
 1. Sign up – we will send an email too
 - B. The Final Break Event
 1. 4pm at the Panther Paw – December 9th 2011
 2. Free appetizers, GSAC social event
 3. We hope to see everyone later today – bring your friends and come hang out to relax before finals
 - C. End of semester wrap up
 1. Ideas, thoughts, comments?

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- a. Where can we recycle? – there is recycling opportunities in the residence halls. In fact, they all compete
 - b. We can contact Ryan Seagal to ask him for a list
 - c. We can put up a recycling event
- D. Outreach Program/Philanthropic Events
1. Thank you to everyone for all your help – we will donate it to community service.
 2. Count Books we have 152 books
 3. Take Pictures – we had group pictures.
 4. Next time we would like to give people more time
- E. Kim Ensign
1. 217.549.7323
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- V. Good luck with finals
- VI. 9:35am - Adjournment (President Kim Ensign)