

Graduate Student Advisory Council

October 3, 2008 12:00 PM
Blair Hall Conference Room
Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order – 12:03
- II. Attendance
- III. New Business
 - Committee reports
 - Introduction of Chris Hayler faculty advisor
 - a. GSAC Meeting Rules and Procedures
 - passed out and explained
 - b. Budget (graduate student fee)
 - Peter discussed the budget proposal w/ Rodney adding information
 - Erin offered a breakdown of past points
 - Ricel offered a discussion of future possibilities
 - Q: Is there a timeline on fee increase? Peter explains the process- fees due by February for instatement in Fall 2009
 - Q: Are there ways to save \$ before considering and increase? Our goal are rudimentary. We would like to make them otherwise. (student activity fees currently go towards events geared to undergrads... there is currently no awareness of GSAC around campus)
 - Q: Have we evaluated expenditure efficiency? Yes
 - Q: Do we have a detailed like of spending? Yes
 - Q: How are we getting NAGPS info to students currently? Through representatives currently, sort of a trickle down- putting info received into action.
 - Q: Why don't we do fundraisers?
 - Q: Why don't we take advantage of free services on campus, donations?
 - perhaps change the marketing of the proposal
 - speaking with businesses/ groups in town to receive donations for events
 - control propensity to be wasteful if there is a more moderate increase
 - Q: Were there any other measures taken from other fee? Apportionment board to receive a max of \$500.00

PRO

budget increase necessary
small amount
expand goals

reliance on graduate school
more opportunities
more independence
networking

CON

paying more money
too much \$ is a danger
not every graduate student will
benefit
150% increase
detail application of expenditures
no one knows who we are

Budget line item tabled until next general meeting.

c. GSAC Constitution

- task force constitution requirements passed out

d. Cap on Financial Aid

-cap on financial aid at 48hrs
-inquire about possible increase
-potential for a one time appeal proposal

e. Website / Technology

- publicize on website for GSAC
- vote to make GSAC facebook group open to all

f. Semester Events

-committee formed to plan future social and professional events

g. Graduate Expo

-presentation of what currently occurs during the week w/ a discussion of what
can be added or changed

h. New Issues

- possibility for on vs. off campus fees assessment
-meet with graduate alumni board weekend of October 11th (morning)

IV. Open Floor

-redo admission packet info for those who did not attend EIU as an undergraduate

V. Adjourn- 1:29