

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, January 20, 2023 11 a.m.- Paris Room (in-person and ZOOM).

I. Next meeting: February 3rd in the Paris Room.

II. Executive Reports

a. Board members:

i. Tea Wheat

- Opened the floor for guest speaker ideas. Having a representative from Study Abroad, the U.S. Bank, Disability Services, and undergraduate collaborations were suggested and will be discussed by the executive board.
- Game night was a success! Thank you to all who came out.
- “Murder Mystery” party idea for future GSAC event! Theme will be 80’s!
- GSAC will be at Panther Palooza this Tuesday! Let us know if you’d like to help!

ii. Ruby Oboro-Offerie

- GSAC video project.

iii. Jessica Meadows

- “Sleepy Jean” layout with why sleep is important for graduate students!

iv. Gabe King

- Headspace is renewed for those interested!
- Grad Life at EIU tab on D2L in the process of being used!
- Minutes from last semester’s meetings are in the process of being archived!

v. Elian Mackey

- Looking for anyone interested in making flyers for future events!
- Send Elian flyers if you would like your program promoted in the newsletter!
- Introducing a “GSAC Member of the Week” forum! The elected member will be posted.

vi. Attainea Toulon

- February is “African American Heritage Month!” A calendar of events will be released soon.
- Committee updates to follow!

vii. Myra Taylor

- Share any info you would like on the GSAC or Graduate School social media pages and interact with others on them!

viii. Dr. Timm

- N/A.

III. Elections and Open Positions

Overview: one position open. A student is nominated and it is seconded by a member of the board. The nominated student expresses why they are deserving of the position and a vote is held.

Ai. Open Position: *Vice President of Programming*

Duties:

- *Assist building the GSAC community through programs/events.*
- *Coordinate Guest speakers for each semester*
- *Plan and execute events of GSAC*
 - *Social*
 - *Educational*
 - *Professional*
 - *Volunteer*

Bi. Nomination

- Justin Richards nominates himself.
- Seconded by CSA.
- Ruby Offerie nominates Tyler Davis.
- Seconded by CDS.
- Declined.

Ci. Nominees Speeches

- Justin Richards:
 - 10 years of planning experience in the theatre department. Has worked with budgets between \$0 and \$10,000, which gives him experience with program planning and coordinating.
 - This position will give him a better idea of how to properly plan programs in the graduate school and give him ideas of how to continue doing this after he graduates.
 - Question: how do you use your free time?
 - Answer: enjoys baking and cooking when available. Currently is writing a cookbook. Video games are a big part of the free time.
 - Question: what is your “why?”
 - Answer: Doesn’t feel as though there is one reason fueling his drive. “If you love what you do, it isn’t actually work.” Having the love to

event plan and collaborate with others
encourages Justin to give everything his all.

- Question: do you feel as though having events that you already work with will be properly balanced while working with GSAC?
 - Answer: Yes. Has been working on budgeting time and understanding when the time to work on his job is appropriate and when working with GSAC is appropriate.

- **Secret Ballad Voting (by raise of hands):**

Decision: Justin Richards!

IV. Department Updates

- a. Sustainability: Study abroad meeting info on the EIU website.
- b. Communication Studies: 2nd years are doing comp exams or defending their prospectuses.
- c. College Student Affairs: Working on admission days in February. 2nd years are beginning to prepare for mock interviews. 2nd years are going to
- d. MBA: Many new students! As a program, they are trying to get new students affiliated with campus and their cohort!
- e. Communication Disorders: N/A.
- f. Clinical Psychology: Interviewing applicants for a professor position.
- g. Counseling and Higher Education: Applications for the fall semester are due February 3rd. 1st years are officially starting practicum. 2nd years are preparing to finish their journey at EIU!
- h. Public Health will be hosting a Narcan Training on Jan 24th 6-7:30, Taylor basement - space is limited and registration required. Admission is free and you will leave with a certified Narcan kit.
 - Eta Sigma Gamma, Public Health honors society for undergraduate and graduate students will resume 2023 meetings in Taylor basement the second and 4th Tuesday of the month at 5pm.
- i. Aging Studies: The Illinois Council on Family Relations will be holding their Families in 2023 Conference: Harmony in Chaos at EIU on March 31st.
 - The EIU Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program is currently seeking submissions for this year's essay contest. The deadline is Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, and cash prizes will be awarded to winners.

V. Upcoming Meetings

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Theme: Sports AND Candy!