

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, December 4th, 2020

11AM – Online via Zoom

I. Executive updates

a. President – Zach Sandoval

i. Basics of forming a professional student group

1. He'll type up an info sheet to have Austin send out via email

2. Steps

a. If anyone is interested in creating a group, they need to find a great long term since students graduate every one or two years

i. This will help create a solid foundation

b. Check with your department chair to find out if there is an old group that you can revitalize or resurrect

i. Also check with your chair on who the best faculty advisor would be

c. You want to check and see if your organization is partnered with national organizations

d. Goals: programming, professional engagement

e. Develop a constitution or bylaws

i. Reach out to other organizations to base yours off of

b. VP of Administrative Affairs – Carson Gordon

i. No updates

c. VP of Programming – Lacey Jenkins

i. Smarty Pets – Catie Witt's dog Mason the Beagle (winner of competition)

ii. Turkey Tom - haven't gotten any social media presence on this

iii. Recipe book – Lacey sent out a google docs link to post your recipe so that we can put together a GSAC cookbook

1. You can either upload a screenshot or type out a recipe

d. VP of Public Relations - Kristy Workman

i. Don't forget to follow the social media pages (instagram, twitter, facebook)

ii. Member spotlights – email them to Kristy

1. Name, preferred pronouns, program, activities involved with at EIU, plans for the future, optional: fun fact, picture of you

e. Graduate Student Dean – Brock Hammond

i. Arbor Day support

1. We have a proposal sent to us by Dr. Hendrickson, Dean of the Graduate School. In order to remain a Tree Campus USA member, we

would like to spend \$250 to support the purchase of new trees on campus.

2. Proposal: The purpose of this proposal is to provide financial support to support the purchase of new trees for campus. The university is part of the Tree Campus USA program through the Arbor Day Foundation. This expenditure will cost \$250.
3. Motion: Zach would like to make a motion to approve this proposal. Emily and Andi second to approve this proposal.
  - a. Motion is approved 7-1

- f. Graduate School Liaison – Austin Eichorn
  - i. Over 100 of the passes were claimed on Monday
    1. There are only 20 passes left to claim
  - ii. Notebook Drive
    1. We just got approved for this so it would be amazing if everyone talked to their departments about this
    2. There will be GSAC stickers on the notebooks
  - iii. Attendance drive -Shannon, Carson, Austin D., Taylor, Emily, Anchal, Sabrina, Mary, Jeff, Jenny, Kareen, Frank, Lacey, Tanner
- g. Graduate School Advisor – GSAC has graduation cords if you are interested in having one

## II. Departmental Updates

- a. Aging studies – no updates
- b. Biology – no updates
- c. Communication Disorders and Sciences – no updates
- d. Chemistry – no updates
- e. Communication – no updates
- f. Curriculum and Instruction – no updates
- g. Counseling – sweaters that say “going to therapy is cool” have come in; email [akpinney@eiu.edu](mailto:akpinney@eiu.edu) for information on how to pick them up
- h. Clinical Psychology – comps for department are in two weeks; Psi Chi website got international recognition for their new website
- i. College Student Affairs – no updates
- j. English – no updates
- k. Geographic Information Sciences – no updates
- l. History – no updates
- m. Health Promotion and Leadership – no updates
- n. Human Services Program and Administration – no updates
- o. Business Administration (MBA) - no updates
- p. Political Science – no updates
- q. Special Education – no updates
- r. School Psychology – no updates
- s. Sustainability – no updates

- t. Technology – no updates
- III. Next meeting: February 5th