

## ***Graduate School Advisory Council***

*Friday, February 4, 2022*

*11AM – Online via Zoom*

**A. Next Meeting: February 18<sup>th</sup> in Rath Loft @ 11am & Online via Zoom**

**I. Bobbi Kingery- Career Services**

**A. Helping incoming students who aren't sure of why they are here, then aiding in whatever other help they might need with a career development focus**

**B. Offer free services to all of their Alumni who might need help as well**

**C. Go to career services website where there is a tab for handshake, you will log in with your EIU email and password and schedule a meeting online**

**1. Offer in-person and online appointments- 8:00am-4:30pm M-F (offers outside appointments if the times do not work.)**

**D. Job fairs!**

**a) 2022 Spring Internship & Job Fair**

*Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 1-5 pm*

*Fair Format: Virtual*

**b) 2022 Spring Educator's Job Fair w/ UIUC (University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana)**

*Monday, March 7, 2022, 9:30 am-12:30 pm*

*Fair Format: Virtual*

**E. Career Services Q & A**

**1. Are there any red flags we should look for in a job position?**

**c) Not necessarily, but does the company have a ton of turnover?  
Read the reviews and look for themes.**

**2. What are the differences between the resume we used to apply to grad school and the resume we will use to apply for a job?**

**a) You want to make sure that you are using the same language that the job might use, and you are highlighting the experience and expertise that they are looking for.**

**3. How many pages do you recommend on the resume?**

**a) There is no page rule! The first page should hold the information that the job is most interested in and work from most recent to the past.**

**4. Is it possible to get an internship after we graduate?**

**a) It is possible, but some might require you to be a current student.  
It depends on what you are looking for and what you're hoping to gain.  
Also, don't sell yourself short!**

5. *Would developing a CV something that you would be able to help with?*
  - a) *Of course! Career services will help you know the difference between a CV and a resume and will also help you learn to write one.*
6. *What's the difference between an internship for undergraduate and graduate?*
  - a) *The difference is really the amount experience and work needed, and what is the purpose or reason that you are using the internship for?*
7. *Is it okay to apply to many different jobs within the same institution?*
  - a) *It is okay as long as you are very interested in the positions and the company. Keep the applications focused on the professional higher ed, and do not sell yourself short.*
8. *When jobs ask about salary, do I give an actual number?*
  - a) *Give a salary range! You do not have to pick an exact number but do your research and be prepared with a number range!*
9. *How can we go about securing an entry level job that requires years of experience?*
  - a) *0-5yrs- Apply! On your resume, lead with your experience! You have more applied experience from what you have been apart of while in school. Usually, the things that you have been a part of will hold a lot of the skills that the job is looking for! Call it related experience or professional development. 7-10yrs- not yet.*
  - b) *Can good letters of recommendation also help with this? Definitely! Have a good, strong LinkedIn, where you can put recommendations on there without even calling your references! They all should be strong but should not focus on the exact same thing!*
10. *LinkedIn for Teachers?*
  - a) *Of course! So many different opportunities are on the site, you never know who you will come across for job positions!*

## **II. Executive Reports**

### **A. President- Brooke Gibson**

1. *Welcome Bobbi Kingery!*
2. *Thesis 101 Webinars coming in March – stay tuned!*
3. *Ph. D Panel is next week- make sure to RSVP!*

- a) *It will be Thursday, February 10th, 3-5pm, in the 1895 room on the 2nd floor of the Union*
- b) *We will have 3 people on the panel from various departments (some who have recently graduated as well) answering your questions about Ph.D. programs and sharing their experiences.*
- 4. *GSAC has a Scholarship Opportunity! Scan the QR code for details!*
  - a) *There is a prompt that you will answer to earn a scholarship for Eastern!*
  - b) *There are 2, \$250 scholarships for each of the 4 colleges that will be going out. (1 will go to an in-person student and 1 will go to an online student in each of the colleges)*



**B. Graduate Student Dean –Faisal Tariq**

- 1. *Online Student Survey*
  - a) *This zoom would be great to highlight Career Services for our online population!*
- 2. *Best Practice Videos will be coming soon!*
  - a) *These will show case student voices and their experiences with finding the best ways to enhance online learning!*
- 3. *GSAC Spotlight Video*
  - a) *We are looking to spotlight Graduate students that are doing awesome things in their departments possibly each week! You can nominate anyone from your departments!*

**C. VP of Administrative Activities -Natalie Roberson**

- 1. *February is Black History Month!*
  - a) *Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.*
- 2. *Don't forget to reach out if you need support or resources!*

**D. VP of Programming- Anders Voss**

- 1. *GSAC Programming Survey*
  - a) *Keep filling out the Programming Survey*  
<https://forms.gle/6s9HuGgahUmvYKJH9>
- 2. *Sledding at Kiwanis Park! ☃*

**E. VP of Public Relations- Justin Richards**

- 1. *GSAC Spring 2022 Newsletter*

- a) Please send me details of what's happening in your departments and any important things that you would like to be published in the Spring Newsletter.
2. Promoting Ph.D. Panel on Social Media

**F. VP of Diversity and Inclusion- Dahlia Martinez**

1. Happy Lunar New Year
2. Headspace
3. Scholarships

**G. Graduate Student Liaison- Austin Eichhorn**

1. Headspace testimonial and demo
2. Headspace usage stats
3. March 8th 5:00-7:00 – Grad School Q&A
  - a) Sign up in order to help undergraduate students learn more about grad school and get a free meal!
4. Valentine's Goodie Bags!- Pick them up: 100 bags that you can pick up from the Graduate student office!

**III. Department Updates**

**A. Updates from your department? Updates from students in your program?  
Upcoming events?**

1. CSA: Just went through a mock placement with the student affairs division!
2. Counseling: Interviews coming up!
3. Political Science: Interviewing for a faculty member!
4. Communication Studies: All first years have to decide within the next week whether they will do a thesis or comprehensive exams. Second years are presenting their thesis.
5. History: Still looking for a Latinx professor! Tanner passed the written exam for MA!
6. Biology: Hiring a new professor and anyone can come to meet them!
7. Aging Studies: Jayme has been asked to submit her research proposal to Illinois Council on family relations! Austin will share a handout that provides an opportunity to get a second master's degree.
8. Communication Disorders and Sciences: just finished processing grad apps for next semester!

**B. Vote for next PowerPoint theme**

1. Balloons or umbrellas?
  - a) Balloons!

