

## GSAC General Body Meeting

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11AM – Online via Zoom

- I. Executive board updates
  - a. President – Zach Sandoval
    - i. Thesis/research updates
    - ii. New AIS representative is Arwa Ibrahim.
      1. Getting her Master's in Sustainability
    - iii. 16 headspace passes left.
      1. Reach out to Zach if you need help claiming one.
      2. Be sure to claim them before they are gone.
      3. Let people in your departments know that there are still some left.
      4. These are first come first serve.
  - b. VP of Administrative Activities – Carson Gordon
    - i. Reviewing and updating the constitution with Brock
    - ii. There are some aspects of it that the organization no longer follows that need to be modified.
    - iii. Planning to bring the updates to the general body after speaking with the executive board.
  - c. VP of Programming – Lacey Jenkins
    - i. GSAC is looking into a few different events and will be sending information out about them as soon as possible.
      1. Trivia idea
      2. Online and in-person events are expected.
  - d. VP of Public Relations – Kristy Workman
    - i. Follow the GSAC social media pages.
      1. There are updates and giveaways featured on these pages.
  - e. Graduate School Liaison
    - i. GSAC scholarship due next Friday
    - ii. The rest of the meeting consisted of members joining breakout rooms to discuss various topics and members were given the opportunity to join different rooms.
      1. Breakout room 1: diversity
        - a. Brock, Mary, and Frank/Arwa were discussion leaders.
      2. Breakout room 2: events
        - a. Lacey and Kristy were discussion leaders.
      3. Breakout room 3: recruitment
        - a. Carson and Zach were discussion leaders.
      4. Breakout room 4: Q&A/other
        - a. Lori and Austin were discussion leaders.
- II. Departmental updates – consisted of a thesis/research share this meeting that provided people an opportunity to share their research and find participants.

- a. Aging studies – no departmental updates
  - b. Biology – no departmental updates
  - c. Communication Disorders and Sciences – on fourth week of in person clinics; currently having a team of four grad students compete in state competition.
  - d. Chemistry – no departmental updates
  - e. Communication – department just interviewed candidates for a new professor of public relations; many students in the department got to meet with them and discuss their research with them.
  - f. Curriculum and Instruction – got a new graduate advisor and are looking at the schedules of all the students in the program and making sure they can graduate in time.
  - g. Counseling – no departmental updates
  - h. Clinical Psychology – had a few students accepted into MPA.
  - i. College Student Affairs – have a conference coming up from a student affairs association.
  - j. English – interviewing candidates for new professor position; down to four candidates.
  - k. Geographic Information Sciences – no departmental updates
  - l. History – no departmental updates
  - m. Human Services Program Administration – new speaker series for undergraduate students that explain all the different departments.
  - n. Business Administration – no departmental updates
  - o. Music – no departmental updates
  - p. Political Science – EIU’s Model Illinois Government and Moot Court will be arguing cases as if they were in front of an appellate court and legislators.
  - q. Special Education – working to push recruitment in their department because they have had a lot of students in the department taking breaks from their studies.
  - r. School Psychology – no departmental updates.
  - s. Sustainability – no departmental updates but looking for volunteers for Earth Week events.
  - t. Technology – there is a scholarship that can be applied for 2021-2022 school year for the School of Technology
- III. Next meeting: February 19th