

## **GSAC General Body Meeting**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**11AM – Online via Zoom**

- I. Guest speaker – Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Office (Crystal and Sophie)
  - a. Discussion of food insecurity and a potential Big Blue Campus Food Pantry
    - i. Substantial portion of EIU students experience this and the negative side effects associated with it.
    - ii. There are currently departmental efforts within the Student Dietetics Association, library snack stations, and other decentralized efforts.
    - iii. Hoping to establish the food pantry on campus in August.
      1. Mission: to eliminate food insecurity amongst members of EIU campus community.
      2. Hoping to minimize the stigma; this pantry is for anybody and everybody.
      3. Still figuring out some of the logistics, like hours and location. They are wanting to be as open and accessible as possible, though.
    - iv. They would like to have GSAC's support as they move forward.
- II. Executive board updates
  - a. President – Zach Sandoval
  - b. VP of Administrative Activities – Carson Gordon
    - i. Constitutional updates slideshow with Brock
      1. Carson and Brock proposed eliminating the current VP of Recruitment and Retention position and replacing it with a VP of Diversity and Inclusion position and making some other language changes.
      2. Two bills will be voted on next meeting: one is regarding the proposed new “VP of Diversity and Inclusion” position and one is regarding other language changes within the Constitution.
  - c. VP of Programming – Lacey Jenkins
    - i. Trivia night: 7PM on March 26<sup>th</sup>
      1. Respond to Microsoft link by March 24<sup>th</sup> to sign up.
    - ii. Movie marathon via Zoom: April 24<sup>th</sup>
      1. Still deciding which movies but will let everyone know at the next meeting.
  - d. Student Dean – Brock Hammond
    - i. Going to be sending everyone the bills that will be voted on at the next meeting.
  - e. Graduate School Liaison – Austin Eichorn
    - i. GSAC scholarship extended to March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM
    - ii. Graduate expo
      1. April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>
      2. Virtual – April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
      3. In-person – April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

- III. Departmental updates
  - a. Aging studies – no updates
  - b. Biology – no updates
  - c. Communication Disorders and Sciences – no updates
  - d. Chemistry – no updates
  - e. Communication – in the process of hiring a new PR instructor and believe that it just recently happened.
  - f. Curriculum and Instruction – currently working on building a community in their department because their entire department is online; they are looking for ideas and tips as to how to go about this.
  - g. Counseling – just had their interview day this past Friday; it was online, which was the first time they have had it online. Everything went well, though.
  - h. Clinical Psychology – CSI is having a spirit week next week.
  - i. College Student Affairs - no updates
  - j. English – the Writing Center sent out an email to all students to try to get more people to schedule appointments.
  - k. Geographic Information Sciences - no updates
  - l. History - no updates
  - m. Human Services Program Administration
  - n. Business Administration – had a PHD panel yesterday that went well but unfortunately did not have enough preparation to get the information out to students from all departments.
  - o. Music - no updates
  - p. Political Science – Moot Court and Model Illinois Government had their virtual simulation, and it went very well.
  - q. Special Education - no updates
  - r. School Psychology - no updates
  - s. Technology - no updates