GSAC is the <u>Graduate Student Advisory Council</u>. We are dedicated to the promotion of graduate studies at Eastern Illinois University.

Our Mission:

• To be the representative body of the graduate student population at Eastern Illinois University

To discuss, review, and participate in any university decision that has a potential impact on

the graduate population

• To facilitate communication and implement continuous dialogue between graduate students, the administration, faculty, and staff of EIU

To promote greater interaction among the graduate student population and increase

awareness of graduate activities

• To place graduate student representatives on all university committees, councils, or other functioning bodies concerned with the development and implementation of policies and procedures relevant to graduate studies

Who can get involved?

We welcome the input of any graduate student enrolled at EIU. We strive for a diverse body of dedicated individuals to represent an equally diverse student population. GSAC is particularly interested in increasing the involvement of non-traditional and international students, and students enrolled in multi-year programs.

What issues does GSAC address?

During the 1999-2000 academic year, GSAC's agenda included:

• off-campus Internet access alternatives

• improving the quality of Textbook Rental Services

• raising graduate student fees to increase GSAC's budget

• thesis-writing and grant-writing workshops

• increasing the community's awareness of graduate activity

How can you get involved?

Notify the Graduate School Office by e-mail or phone that you would like to be a GSAC member.

In past years, low attendance and scheduling conflicts have weakened the council's ability to successfully represent the graduate student body. Potential members are encouraged to have a flexible schedule.

With your participation, GSAC can become a powerful and successful student organization.