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Graduate Student *Advisory Council*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF EIU GRADUATE
STUDENTS AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A
SECURE FUTURE.



Alex Dresen
President,
College Student
Affairs '13

Hello fellow graduate students!

I hope that the first month of school has treated you well. I would like to reflect for a moment on just how much the Graduate Student Advisory Council has grown over the past semester, and share what we have planned for the rest of the year.

During the fall 2012 semester, GSAC established a listserv to get into contact with all graduate students and share important updates with each other. While I deeply apologize for the technical difficulties when the listserv first launched, what resulted was an important first step in uniting the graduate community. After GSAC elected a new executive board, the group began working with program representatives in setting goals for the organization and establishing five standing committees that helped us combine our talents in Event Planning, Outreach, Internal Affairs, Finance, and Graduate Student Orientation. We also searched for graduate students who were involved in university committees or leadership positions across campus, and began a dialogue with them to find if their knowledge and talents could be used in GSAC. In November I had the pleasure to present at a national conference on the progress GSAC has made over the years in assessing and advocating for graduate student needs, and schools from across the country were impressed in what we have accomplished. As a result of

GSAC's hard work, our organization is well known on campus, graduate students from almost all graduate programs are assisting in making decisions for the organization, and we are set up to have a great spring semester!

While the outlook for the organization is very positive, I want you to know that the hard work is not over. The executive board spent the majority of a Saturday on a planning retreat, examining the mission and vision of the organization, sharing updates regarding ongoing projects, and planned out a great deal of initiatives that will set up GSAC for success this year, the coming year, and five years from now. We are excited to roll out the Graduate Student Quality of Life survey for the second year in a row, hold social and service events for all graduate students, share updates in-person and through social media, and continue our committee work to end our year strong!

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. We hope you in some way have benefited from GSAC last semester, and hope that you will again in the coming semester. If there are any questions or suggestions for GSAC please do not hesitate to contact me – I'd love to hear from you!

Alex Dresen
GSAC President

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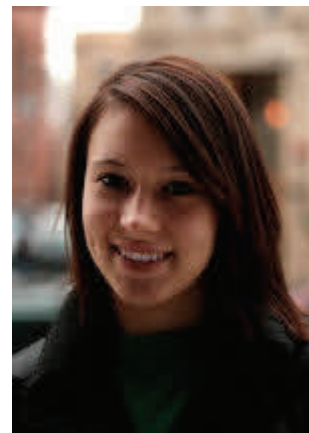
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Welcome our new VP Administrative Activities!

Becky Maday
College Student Affairs '14



Hello! My name is Beckie, and I am a first year graduate student in the College Student Affairs program. I am from Burr Ridge, Illinois and did my undergraduate work at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. Currently I serve as a Graduate Assistant in Greek Court as an Associate Resident Director (ARD) and the Executive Administrator for COSPA, the College Student Personnel Association. I also am the advisor for Order of Omega, an honor society for undergraduate Greek members. You can contact me by emailing me at rlmaday@eiu.edu or calling my office at (217) 581-7092.

2013 Graduate Student Awards and Nominations Deadlines

Deadlines are approaching fast! Apply or nominate a student today!
Click the links below for more information about each award.

February 14 [Distinguished Graduate Student](#)

February 18 [Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program](#)

February 22 [Hamand Society Scholars](#)

Spring 2013 Graduation

- Deadline for applying & reapplying for graduation: **March 20, 2013**
[Apply for graduation through PAWS](#)
- Deadline for applying for [walking with exceptionality](#): **March 20, 2013**
- Deadline to [order cap & gown](#) without late fee: **March 31, 2013**
- [Spring Commencement](#): **May 4, 2013**

Quality of Life Survey

The Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) needs **YOUR HELP** in gathering information on **YOUR** experience as a Graduate Student at EIU and how GSAC can better serve you!

Included within the [Quality of Life Survey](#) are questions about the programs, services, and resources offered at EIU and how they are utilized by the students. The purpose of the survey is to find new ways for the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) to better serve the graduate student population and help them have the best experience possible while at the University.

The information that is gathered is anonymous and it is not required that you participate in this study. The [survey](#) should only take about 5 minutes.

The program that has the highest participation rate (by percentage of students in the program) will win \$75 to go to that program in order to plan an event for those students.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Wings and Bowling at
Charleston Lanes
7 p.m.
1310 E Street
Friday,
February 22

GSAC Speaker: Robert
Allan Paul 3-4 p.m.
Location: TBA
Wednesday,
February 27

General Assembly
Rathskeller Loft,
MLK Jr. University Union
Thursday,
March 7
4-5 p.m.

General Assembly
Rathskeller Loft
MLK Jr. University Union
Thursday,
April 4
4-5 p.m.



Involvement

Company of One



Sponsored by GSAC, Speaker Robert Allan Paul will be coming to Eastern Illinois University to speak about personal branding.

Robert Allen Paul will be at Eastern Illinois University on Wednesday, February 27th to present to the students and faculty. He will deliver three presentations centering around specific topics that aid students in developing their own personal brands and that prepare faculty to help future students. Robert Allan Paul is a speaker, author, and trainer as well as a corporate consultant for branding and marketing strategies. As a seasoned marketer with successful experience on all sides of the agency-media-client relationship, Robert

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Allan Paul presents a unique, universal perspective on the personal branding process.

Over the course of a career spanning nearly 30 years, he's helped dozens of companies and individuals build their personal brands. Before launching Company of One, Robert served as the VP + Managing Director of Cuneo Advertising. His entertaining, engaging Company Of One programs are a must for anyone interested in discovering their strengths, developing their personal brand and defining their professional vision.

Three Different Presentations

Faculty Presentation 9 a.m.

Undergraduate Presentation 1 p.m.

Graduate Presentation 3 p.m.

Looking for a new way to get involved?

Join a committee! Committees are a great way for students with limited time to plug in and have a more enriched GSAC experience!

Administrative Activities: With our VP of Administrative Activities, this committee works on our constitution, allocates committees appointments, serves as a liaison with student government, and other duties as assigned.

Budget: Want more experience in creating and maintaining a budget? Are you great with numbers? This committee works with our student dean on our budget and quality of life survey.

Orientation: This at large committee works with the President to create a unified orientation process for graduate students to assist with the acclimation to the university, graduate life, and local Charleston community

Outreach: Members in this committee will work with the VP of Public Relations to develop the bi-semester newsletter, create marketing materials for GSAC, monitor and update social media venues, and website design.

Programming: This committee will work with the VP of Programming to create and implement social, volunteer, fundraising, and professional development opportunities for the graduate student community.

Are you graduating this spring and want a **professional photo** for your social media, portfolio, website, etc? Bev Cruse in the Library Media Services will take **FREE professional pictures** for ANY of our GSAC students who need one!

Contact Bev Cruse in Media Services and make an appointment today! 217-581-7566
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Miss our monthly general assembly meeting? No worries!
Get up-to-date on all things GSAC by reading [meeting minutes on our website!](#)



GSAC News

2012 Winter Social



Under the guidance of Jessica McDonald, VP Programming, and Valerie Penn, CSA Representative and Programming Committee Member, GSAC's winter social was a hit! Hosted at Mike and Stan's located off of Charleston Square, graduate students were able to kick back and relax before a rigorous finals week!



2013 Pantherpalooza

This spring, the Executive Board represented GSAC at the semi-annual Pantherpalooza Registered Student Organization Fair. While here, members passed out business cards and collected names and contact information from graduate students interested in getting involved!



GSAC Apparel Competition!

This semester the Outreach Committee is challenging the GSAC members to tune into their creative side and design the first-ever GSAC t-shirt!

Contest Rules:

Submission Deadline: February 28

T-shirt color must be black, white, or EIU Blue

Language must be in good taste

Must use GSAC &/or Graduate Student Advisory Council

Your choice of font color

Your choice if you would prefer print is on one or two sides of the shirt

Vote for favorite t-shirt will be during our March 7, 2013 General Assembly Meeting

Winner: Their T-shirt free!



March Volunteering Events

Next month will be GSAC's giving back to the community month! Spear headed by our Programming Committee, GSAC will be dedicating a weekend of volunteering (March 1-3) and an end of the month week day volunteering (March 25-27). Events are TBA, Keep up-to-date on all new events on our [GSAC News page](#).



Kinesiology and Sports Studies News

- Mr. EIU/ Ms. Fitness/ Ms. Physique contest will be held at McAfee Gym on March 2, 2013. The cost is only \$5. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m.
- The Special Olympics Power Lifting Team is looking for help. Exercise experience is preferred. Contact Zach Pope at zkpope@eiu.edu for more information.



School of Technology News

The School of Technology is in the works of putting up two new solar panels at the Center for Clean Energy Research. Contact Dr. Slaven if you are interested in being a part of this project.



Historical Administration News

'Like' our new Facebook page for our Spring exhibit: [EIU Historical Administration Program 2013 Exhibit](#)



History News

Interested in being published? [Historia](#) submissions are due at the end of the week! Please email mshirley@eiu.edu or negarbrough@eiu.edu.