

## **Graduate School Advisory Council**

*Friday, Feb 2nd, 2024, 11 a.m.- 7<sup>th</sup> Street Tuscola (in-person and ZOOM).*

### **I. Executive Reports**

Board members:

- i. Elian Mackey
- ii. Okewa Owoeye
- iii. Gabe King
- iv. Efosa Ojomo
- v. Attainea Toulon
- vi. Lois Tetteh
- vii. Myra Taylor

### **II. Words from Elian**

He told members to always sign in for points. He talked about the concern a professor made about international student not having winter outfits.

#### **Words from Okewa**

She encouraged old students to help new graduate students transition and encourage them to be part of GSAC.

#### **Words from Lois**

She mentioned that information about the paint and sip would be made known soon.

#### **Words from Attainea**

She encouraged students to reach out if there is any issue so she can share with dean Chesnut.

#### **Words from Efosa**

He mentioned that graduate students should encourage each other to attend, and to ensure that their voice counts.

#### **Words from Gabe**

He asked those that ordered shirts to pick up. He also mentioned that head space spots are still open. He said that the Sustainability department needs volunteers for their STEM outreach.

#### **Words from Myra**

She mentioned that Dr Allan is back. Deadline for all scholarships is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### **Words from Diana Taylor (Career services)**

She mentioned that aside from review of CV, they do mock interviews, to prep students. She suggested that graduate students can have two-page resume but ensure the most important information is on the first page. She advised students to write a cover letter for every job regardless of whether they ask or not. For cover letters key

points from the job description should be used in the body. She also mentioned that there are relevant cover letter templates on the career services website. She advised that students should come in early for career guidance before graduation. She mentioned that for some government jobs they require a full resume. She mentioned that the skills sections shouldn't involve soft skills, but technical & software skills should be highlighted. She encouraged students to use their connections and to be honest with recruiters.

The next big job fair is Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **III. Department Updates**

#### **College of student's affairs**

They are preparing for mock interview and applying for jobs.

#### **Sustainability**

They had their very first general meet.

#### **Technology**

The department has a funding for study abroad fair.

#### **History**

No update

#### **Communications**

No update

#### **Counselling**

The first year has started their program.

#### **Communication Disorder and Sciences**

They have diagnostics going on today in the clinic and the ISHA conference next Friday.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Meeting February 23rd, 2024, at 11 a.m. Buzzard 1302.**

**Okewa Owoeye**  
**Executive Vice president**