Graduate Student Advisory Council

First Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2012

2pm- Effingham Room, MLK Union

Eastern Illinois University

I. Call to Order- Introduction

a. What is GSAC? – Graduate student government. Graduate students pay a $3 fee each semester for GSAC to plan events & initiatives

 b. Introduction of all members.

 c. Meeting agenda

II. Old Business

1. Listserv update

 – We created it to be a better way to increase communication between graduate students. This was a direct result of the Spring 2012 Quality of Life survey.

- Unfortunately many students did not fully understand how to use the listserv, and inboxes were flooded.

- GSAC apologizes for the flooding of inboxes! Great information will begin to be shared in the near future.

III. New Business

 a. Nominations

* Luis Alarcon: VP of Administrative Activities
* Ejikeme Nonso Alo: VP of Administrative Activities
* Jessica McDonald: VP of Programming
* Jenna Day: VP of Public Relations
* Scott Trail: VP of Public Relations

b. Elections

- VP of Administrative Activities

 i. Discussion of candidates

 ii. Vote- Luis Alarcon is elected

- VP of Programming

 i. Discussion of candidate

 ii. Vote- Jessica McDonald is elected

- VP of Public Relations

 i. Discussion of candidates

 ii. Vote- Jenna Day is elected

c. Approval for the Grade Appeal Committee Nominee

 -Katie Sroka, College of Sciences – approved

d. NAGPS renewal

- National Association of Graduate-Professional Students. National organization for all graduate student governments across the USA

- $500 for renewal

- Allows for GSAC to be connected at a National level

 i. Can we better utilize the discounts and benefits?

 ii. Maybe do a fundraiser to raise the money?

 iii. More discussion next time

IV. Open Floor for discussion

 -No items

V. Adjournment

*Schedule – All meetings on Friday in the University Union*

*Sept 7 – General Assembly (Elections)*

*Sept 14 – E-Board*

*Sept 21 – Planning Meeting (Committees)*

*Sept 28 – General Assembly (Semester Planning)*

*Oct 5 –E-Board*

*Oct 12 – Planning Meeting (Committees)*

*Oct 19 – General Assembly*

*Oct 26 – E-Board*

*Nov 2 – Planning Meeting (Committees)*

*Nov 9 – General Assembly*

*Nov 16 – E-Board*

*Nov 23 – Thanksgiving – No School*

*Nov 30 – General Assembly*

*Dec 7 – E-Board*

*Dec 14 – Finals Week*

\* All members are required to attend General Assembly meetings.

\* Executive Board members are required to attend E-Board meetings.

\* Planning Meetings are set aside so that committees have a time to meet during the off-week. This is not mandatory, as many committees will find an alternate time to meet when other committee members are available. It is expected that committees will meet between meetings so that work gets done.