GSAC: General Assembly Meeting

February 7, 2013

Rathskellar Loft: MLK Jr. University Union

**Call to Order**- 4:01

**Graduate Program Reports**

 Kinesiology: Mr. EIU, McAfee Gym, March 2, Research grants, **Special Olympics Power Lifting team- looking for someone to help out- exercise experience beneficial**

 **Contact:** **zkpope@eiu.edu** **if interested!**

 School of Technology: planning on putting 2 new solar panels at Energy System

 Dr. Slaven heading it, if you’re interested

 Early Childhood Ed.: Scholastic book fair this week and next

 College of Student Affairs: Interview days coming up

 Historical Administration: interviews for faculty candidates, interviews for next years class, launched FB page for exhibit: EIU Historical Administration Exhibit Class of 2012-2013 “Like” on facebook!!

 History: Historia submissions, only a week left to send in! Please email mshirley@eiu.edu OR negarbrough@eiu.edu

 Communication Studies: interviews for candidates, Monday, Feb. 11 Monicals pizza event for Relay for Life

**Executive Reports**

 President

- Retreat this past weekend. Update Mission and Constitution

- Orientation Committee: what would we like to see for orientation- strengths and weaknesses that you find in Graduate Orientation for new students

* + newsletter that explains dates for financial aid waivers
		- * understand the chain of command- who to contact when you have a problem
	+ put on website, not just website
	+ descriptive map for where Grads. specifically go- ex: key pick up, ID, textbook rental- buying option for grads, health services, student accounts vs payroll office
	+ online based orientation- Grad may not want an actual physical orientation
	+ Social right at the beginning of the year for both semesters

VP of Administrative Affairs

 -new Constitution presented in March for final changes

 -contacting student government and making connections there

VP of Programming

 -event planning committee: next social February 22: Bowling and Wings- free food but pay for bowling

 -First weekend in March and March 25-27 volunteer activities: nursing homes, nature centers, many many opportunities

 -Girls on the Run in April- maybe just helping out

 -end of semester Grad. Send-off

VP of Public Relations

 -sending out newsletter on Monday

 -apparel discussion- options: 4th St, Govina--- Please submit a design! If you get the winning design, your t-shirt is FREE!!

Student Dean

 -Archives

 -Budget/ Apportionment

 -Finance Committee/ Student Fee Conversation

 -Quality of Life Survey- ready to launch

Advisors

 -travel grants- TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE!! Feb. 8th

**Committee Reports/ Special Projects**

 CGS: First Choice MBA program presentation

ELM: expect a survey within the next month

**Open Floor**

 -nothing new

**Old Business**

 -Committees: assessing whether or not to keep committee involvement voluntary

 - looking for more members!! Please consider joining a committee

 -Graduate Student Marshalls

**New Business**

 -Dr. James Wallace- faculty member from College of Student Affairs. Recently passed away and we send our condolences to his family and program.

-Speaker Funding: major message= personal branding. He would specifically come to Grad students, faculty, and Undergrad- costs include his speaker fees and hand-out materials

 -total costs are $1600

 -Wed. Feb. 27th, Faculty at 9am, Undergrad at 11am, Grad students at 3pm

 -Paying for Speaker APPROVED – GSAC will be bringing in the speaker

-note that many budgets are finalized for programs in the first semester- if we want to sponsor a speaker or something of that sort, we need to plan far ahead of time

**Adjournment-** 5:00