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**](mailto: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](mailto:mshirley@eiu.edu) OR [negarbrough@eiu.edu](mailto: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