November 9, 2012

General Assembly Meeting

MLK Union Tuscola/ Arcola Room

**Call of Order**

- 2:01

**Graduate Reports:**

* Com dept- documentary screening
* English- bake sale report- money goes to travel grants
* Special Ed- Food drive-- Buzzard 1212
* KSS- (GA) Mr. EIU competition SRC upstairs meeting room
* Chemistry- Undergrad and Grad research program
* MBA- bake sale last month, Honors Association tribute night Nov. 10th
* Kinesiology- health screenings available
* Communication Disorders and Sciences Dept- raising money to open autism center
* Historical Admins- exhibit opening- Spring semester

**President’s Report:**

* NAGPS Conference attendance
* Grad. Orientation Committee met

**VP of Administrative Activities Report:**

- no report

**VP of Programming Report:**

* Event Planning Committee met-
* International education week
  + On campus events: Special displays in lib, volunteer events, study abroad offices

**VP of Public Relations Report:**

- Committee Meeting

**Student Dean:**

- NAGPS Conference attendance

**Advisors:**

- no report

**Committee Reports:**

**- Outreach**

* take events on campus and put on the GSAC website, go through depts.
* t- shirts
* Goals for semester/year: continue newsletter, fliers, handouts, dept. chair meetings to make sure everyone knows who GSAC is, have dept tags so everyone knows where you’re from, extra-curricular event at end of year

-**Event Planning**

* Hurricane Sandy relief effort fundraiser next week
* Festival of Trees (Sarah Bush) Nov. 16-17- need volunteers to help with set-up running, and tear down
* December social, evening time, near campus
* book drive, panther-paloosa table, speaker event in spring
* seeing what the campus does and seeing if we can volunteer for them as well

-**Orientation Committee**

* 50 things to do in Charleston Area
* Social/welcome event for Grad students at the beginning of next semester

**Open Floor:**

* events concerns: maybe hold on weekends and make more family orientated
* Event planning committee- maybe an Easter egg hunt(?)

-definitely trying to plan for a broad range of Grad. Students

* CUPB meeting, trying to gather info for admissions- looking for stories: success or experiences that Grad students could share with everyone and help promote a shared experience

- contact Vance Woods or Ryan Gibson (or GSAC) or Lori Henderson

**New Business:**

-**Lori Henderson:**

* Integrated Graduate Studies Institute- in research phase to see how to implement mentoring section especially

-help mentor undergrad students who may not know much about the grad school

* get currently enrolled grad students and faculty (find those faculty advocates)and have the undergrad students work with this team to meet and learn more about what is offered at EIU and through the Grad. School

-**NAGPS Wrap-Up**

* budget- know exactly where that money is going, see if the fees can be used more effectively- to the betterment of grad students
* creating best practices- updating our constitution, looking at how we interact with grad students, with faculty, staff

-see how we can change or promote these relationships and collaborate together

- work together with different grad programs

**Next meeting:**

-Nov. 30th

**Adjournment:** 2:48