November 30, 2012

General Assembly Meeting

MLK Union- Effingham Room

**Call to Order:**

 - 2:01

**Graduate Program Reports:**

* Dept. of Housing: Erasing the Distance performance next Wednesday, Dec. 5,

 3:00 and 7:00

* Dietetics: new members coming next semester
* Comm Dept: Speech tournament Monday and Tuesday at 6
* KSS Updates: Graduate Research fair in McAfee Thursday 5-6:30

**President’s Report**:

* Meetings- especially about funding
* Council of Graduate Studies meeting
	+ Grad Student involved with Williams Study Travel Grant

**VP of Administrative Activities Report:**

- Resigned

* + Thank you for all the work he’s done
* Looking for replacement- interested?

**VP of Programming Report:**

* Met with Lori about Grad school initiative
* Committee Meetings and updates
	+ Spring events- a lot going on next semester!

**VP of Public Relations Report:**

* Jenna at conference
	+ Report
		- Purchased business cards for org
		- Magnet business cards
		- Panther Palooza in January- will be looking for involvement

**Student Dean:**

* Committee meeting
* Grad School meetings for event dates next semester

**Advisors:**

* Lori and Bill attending conference in DC for National Graduate Schools
	+ Dean Augustine will be a speaker talking, in part, about GSAC
	+ Reception for alumni in the DC area hosted by EIU Grad School

**Committee Reports:**

* Finance
	+ Student Fee Conversation- mainly a Spring Semester project
	+ Quality of Life Survey dates nailed down
		- Mid- January so we can get the info by early Feb
	+ Archive project- to be completed over Christmas break
* Programming
	+ Providing some snacks for finals week to hand out
	+ December social- Dec. 7 from 8pm-10pm
		- Mike and Stan’s on Monroe
			* Food provided and special bartender
	+ Volunteer Opportunity in the community
		- Toys for Tots boxes- collecting new toys, gently used coats, hats, scarves, and bedding (especially twin sized).
			* SEE ATTACHED FOR MORE INFORMATION
	+ Send Nicole ideas for volunteering in the community next semester

* Orientation Committee
	+ 50 things to do in Charleston area list completed

**Open Floor:**

 - GA’s larger inbox- John in Communication Studies starting to look into this

**New Business**:

* Election plan for VP of Administrative Activities
	+ Advertising for next semester
	+ Special session to elect new official
* Meeting time for next semester
	+ Friday still looking like the best time
		- Maybe changing the time to not mid-day
		- Sending out Doodle to see what time works best
	+ May change meeting to once a month instead of every 3 weeks
* Grad School Initiative- Mentoring program
	+ Use grad student voices to talk to undergrads
		- Looking for volunteers to help mentor undergrad- informal, coffee meeting, just to answer questions undergrads may have
	+ Event in Spring that undergrads can come to and talk to grad students
	+ Looking for ideas on how to effectively talk to undergrads- suggestions appreciated!

**Next Meeting:**

 - January! Have a great break!

**Adjournment:**

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**Toys**

**Used Coats, hats, and scarves**

**Used Twin Size Blankets and Bedding**

**Until Friday, December 7th**

**Places to drop off donations:**

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**Thank You!**