

Graduate Student Advisory Council
General Assembly Meeting
Friday, January 19, 2018
Rathskeller Loft

1. Welcome, Introductions, Program Updates

2. Reports

- a. Spring Schedule now available
- b. Faculty of the Month nominations for January has been **extended through Monday, January 22nd at 11:59pm**
 - i. Please nominate a faculty member you think is deserving of this award!

3. Presenters:

- a. Malorie from the Financial Aid Office
 - i. There are some amazing scholarships available for students, check out their website!
 - ii. If you're graduating or curious about your loan status, check out www.NSLDS.ed.gov to find out the updates on your loans, servicer, and payment plans for paying it back!
- b. Barbara on GSAC's D2L page
 - i. If you are a rep you have access!
 - ii. This is where we post all of our info from meetings and events, so make sure you are checking the page regularly
 - iii. ***Pro Tip:** You can turn on text notifications to be sent from D2L!
- c. Sydney on programing dates and times
 - i. Check out the D2L page for a copy of her beautifully color-coded calendar (located in the 'Content' section)!
 - ii. There are events for volunteering, socializing, and professional development that all graduate students from all programs are welcome to attend
 - iii. **Please note that a date has changed:** GSAC Networking Night from 6-8pm is now being held on **FEBRUARY 7th** and will be held in the **7th Street Underground** located in the basement of the Union (big space next to our usual GSAC meeting room)

4. Announcements

- a. The EIUnity Diversity Conference is **February 2nd, 2018**
 - i. Click on the link to check it out and register for the Safe Zone Training or other workshops!
 - ii. <http://www.eiu.edu/minoraff/EIUnity%20Diversity%20Conference.php>
- b. Please read your GSAC Rep document, and share it with other program reps
 - i. Remember, **only 2 unexcused absences per semester** are allowed in order for you to maintain your position. Please try to **notify Charity at least 48 hours in advanced** if you will not be present, and **find a substitute** if both program reps cannot make it!
 - ii. Remember, if you don't **inform the program members that you are representing**, they are at a huge disadvantage! Scholarship funding, board

and committee positions, volunteer opportunities, and professional development and socializing events are being kept from them!

c. Next Meeting:

- i. February 9th, 2018 in the Loft!
- ii. Jessica Ward and Dr. Davenport will be talking about diversity issues
 1. **Please bring questions you have relating to diversity issues as graduate students! Topics include LGBTQ+, Black Lives Matter, DACA, and more!**