

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, March 29th, 2024, 11 a.m.- 7th Street Tuscola (in-person and ZOOM).

I. Executive Reports

Board members:

- i. Okewa Owoeye
- ii. Gabe King
- iii. Attainea Toulon
- iv. Lois Tetteh

II. Words from Okewa

She wished the women of GSAC a happy International Women's Day, encouraged them to invest in themselves and encouraged the men to keep supporting women.

Words from Lois

She asked for events people would like to have on campus.

Words from Attainea

She invited people to attend Empower her and Taste of EIU happening today from 11am-3pm. She is finalizing the graduate student satisfaction survey. She advised people to keep practicing self-care.

Words from Efosa

He asked those that are interested in playing football to reach out to him.

Words from Gabe

The satisfactory survey is ready and would be sent soon.

Words from John Blue (Makayla Castle)

With two decades of experience in higher education, he has observed Eastern Illinois University's (EIU) commitment to transparency regarding its responsibilities and obligations. Serving within the Office of Inclusion and Academic Engagement, he oversees the Diversity Council, a body that recruits members from key departments across EIU's four colleges. This council is entrusted with developing a comprehensive diversity strategic plan aimed at guiding the institution forward. Directly reporting to the university president underscores the significance of his role in shaping EIU's inclusivity agenda. Recently, he participated in a town hall meeting led by the president, focusing on the institution's roadmap for 2028, with a primary objective of fostering a more inclusive and excellent academic environment. Collaboratively, his department is poised to collaborate with the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) to explore enhanced services for international students, aligning with the broader mission of inclusivity and excellence.

III. Department Updates

College of student's affairs

First year students are excited about internships at the beginning of next semester.

Second year students are working on their thesis.

Alex and Attainea enjoyed the ACPA conference in March 18-21st in Chicago.

Human services

They have hired graduate assistants for next year.

Sustainability

They had their very first general meeting.

History

No update, comprehensive exams start next week.

Communications Disorders

Currently taking midterms, they have admitted new graduate students.

Counselling

Today is interview day and they started applying for graduation.

Students are signed up for summer internships, upcoming first year has been selected.

MBA

Preparations ongoing for exams

Political science

No update

Clinical psychology

Applying for internships and doing interview for next academic year.

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting Friday April 12, 2024, at 11 a.m. Green up Room

Okewa Owoeye

Executive Vice president