

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, April 12th, 2024, 11 a.m.- 7th Street Greenup room (in-person and ZOOM).

I. Executive Reports

Board members:

- i. Elian Mackey
- ii. Okewa Owoeye
- iii. Gabe King
- iv. Alex T
- v. Lois Tetteh

II.

Words from Elian

He started with the elections, Harriet was nominated by Okewa for the position of vice president, Lois nominated herself for president, and Gemin was nominated for president by Efosa. He went ahead to talk about the responsibility of both positions. He told them to keep filling signup form, so they can earn points.

President

The President shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, shall preside at all meetings of the organization, and shall prepare the agenda for meetings. The President shall be the official spokesperson of the organization, representing the policies, views, and opinions of the organization in its relations with the campus and community at large. The President shall appoint all committees and committee chairs. The President shall have such further powers and duties as may be prescribed by the organization.

Vice President

The Vice President of Administrative Activities shall preside at organization meetings in the absence of the President. In this time, the Vice President shall perform all legal duties assigned by the President. The Vice President of Administrative Activities shall also act as liaison between GSAC and Student Government, maintain and enforce the constitution, and record all meeting minutes from GSAC meetings. We started with the position of vice president.

Vice President Nominee Speech by Harriet:

Harriet, a graduate assistant in clinical psychology, highlighted her extensive leadership experience from undergraduate roles and her passion for mental health advocacy.

Okewa inquired about her plans to leverage her experience as Executive Vice President, to which Harriet emphasized her commitment to prioritizing graduate students' well-being.

Elian raised concerns about time management given Harriet's other responsibilities, prompting Harriet to assure the group of her dedication to GSAC.

Lois questioned Harriet about her time management strategy, to which Harriet reaffirmed her commitment to making GSAC a priority.

Members, including Alex, Okewa, Efosa, Sylvia, and Nancy, expressed unanimous support for Harriet's candidacy, citing her qualifications and dedication.

President Nominee Speech by Gemin:

Gemin, with a background in various leadership positions on campus, emphasized his willingness to bring his experiences to GSAC.

Lois commended Gemin's passion for leadership and volunteering, highlighting his involvement in different communities.

Efosa acknowledged Gemin's efforts in connecting graduate and undergraduate students, underscoring his potential to bridge gaps within the student body.

Okewa sought clarification on Lois's leadership experiences, which Gemin addressed by focusing on his own qualifications.

Following the speeches, Gemin was elected President, with unanimous support from the group.

Words from Okewa

She encouraged members to join the graduate and undergraduate sport event.

Words from Lois

She also invited members to the sport event.

Words from Efosa

He asked those that are interested in playing football to reach out to him. He also mentioned that some graduate student asked if they could nominate and vote for candidates online because the meeting time clash with other activities.

Words from Alex

She encouraged people to apply for awards and grants, so they can be recognized and appreciated.

Words from Gabe

He encouraged students to fill the survey for graduate assistants and graduate students.

Words from Myra

She appreciated everyone that participated in the expo and congratulated award winners.

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.

Human services/Aging Studies

They are having faculty interviews right now.

History

No update, comprehensive exams start next week.

Cybersecurity

Getting ready for finals

Computer technology

Students are encouraged to register for summer classes as it is getting filled up

Communications Disorders and Sciences

Students completed clinical swallow evaluation simulation and are preparation for finals. Next week the CDS IS celebrating autism Awareness month.

Counselling

Today is interview day and they started applying for graduation.

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

Political science

They are interviewing for the position of chair in their department.

Clinical psychology

Finals are ongoing, they are having a buffet on April 1

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting Friday April 26, 2024, at 11 a.m. Green up Room

Theme is celebration.

Okewa Owoeye

Executive Vice president