

## **Graduate School Advisory Council**

*Friday, October 27th, 2023, 11 a.m.- 7<sup>th</sup> Street Martinsville (in-person and ZOOM).*

### **I. Next meeting: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in the Raft loft 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground.**

### **II. Executive Reports**

Board members:

- i. Elian Mackey
- ii. Okewa Owoeye
- iii. Gabe King
- iv. Efosa Ojomo
- v. Myra Taylor
- vi. Lois Tetteh

### **III. Words from Elian**

He talked about the point system. Alex and Attainea couldn't make it due to official engagements.

#### **Words from Okewa**

She encouraged departments to share their updates ahead of the time, to encourage participation and attendance. She also noticed that attendance at the biweekly meetings have dropped and asked for ways to increase meeting attendance.

#### **Word from Myra**

She thanked Elian for helping at the graduate fair.

#### **Words from Lois**

She's planning the upcoming events with Myra and encouraged everyone to participate.

#### **Words from Efosa**

He encouraged graduate students to reach out with content as regarding the newsletter.

#### **Words from Gabe**

He mentioned that Head space signup is still available. He has uploaded all the GSAC minutes on the website.

### **IV. Department Updates**

- a. Human services are working on getting junior college students to encourage to enroll into EIU graduate programs.
- b. Sustainability has biweekly meetings on Mondays and helped with blankets at their last meeting.

- c. Health doesn't have update.
- d. Communication Disorders and Science: Bilingual journal club on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm. Undergraduate visit day for graduate program holds Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, trick or treat for speech therapy client holds on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
- e. Communications would be having a focus group on international student experience in EIU and would love to have representatives. It is happening November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm at the library. The conversation is to understand the pain point of international students.
- f. History doesn't have update.
- g. Cyber security is done with midterms.
- h. Chemistry is having fall research celebration on 11/06 at the physical sciences building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor by 5-7pm
- i. Political science doesn't have an update.
- j. Counselling had a conference yesterday and their second year presented. Second year of the school of counselling and clinical counselling have started taking certifications and they all passed. First year students have started interviewing for internships.
- k. Technology has a student speaker competition, for graduate students and the qualified ones would be selected for an alumnus meeting.
- l. Clinical psychology: thesis second year students gave presentation on their theses.
- m. College of student affairs doesn't have an update.

## **VI. Upcoming Meetings**

**Meeting Nov 10th, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Rath Loft 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground.**

**Theme: Festive food**