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GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



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Welcome From GSAC

The Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) at Eastern Illinois University is the representative body of the graduate student population and presents graduate views on issues in a unified manner to the student government, administration, faculty, and staff. GSAC is also involved in discussing, reviewing, and participating in any university decision that has a potential impact on the graduate population. It facilitates fluid communication and continuous dialogue among graduate students, administration, faculty, and staff of EIU.

GSAC aims to promote greater interaction among the graduate student population and increase involvement and participation among all graduate departments on relevant issues.

GSAC has graduate student representatives on all university committees, councils, and other functioning bodies concerned with the development and implementation of policies and procedures relevant to the graduate population.

Message from the President

“My name is Allie Moran and I am the current President of the Graduate Student Advisory Council. GSAC is an organization for all graduate students at EIU. Our bi-weekly meetings provide an environment for graduate students to discuss updates about each program, discuss issues for graduate students, and share experiences across the whole graduate population. The goals of the organization change each semester based on what graduate students would like to accomplish. Each graduate program has a representative who attends all general assembly meetings. However, I would like to remind you that ALL graduate students are invited to attend GSAC meetings, professional events, and social events! If you have any concerns or discussion topics you would like to bring to the attention of GSAC, please attend a general assembly meeting or communicate the information through your program’s representative. I hope to meet many of you in the months to come, and I am looking forward to another successful semester!”

2016 Graduate Student Exposition

The Graduate School, the Council on Graduate Studies, and the Graduate Student Advisory Council will host the 2016 Graduate Student Exposition in April. The Distinguished Graduate Student Awards Ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. on April 7th in the Dvorak Concert Hall, located in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The ceremony will honor Williams Travel Grant winners, Distinguished Master's Thesis Award winner, King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award winner, the Distinguished Graduate Student Award, and the prestigious Hamand Scholars.

Prior to the award ceremony, graduate students will display research posters and digital presentations in the main concourse of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

All students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend this event.

Graduate Research Poster and Digital Presentation Exhibit

The exhibit is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Thursday, April 7th in the main concourse of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Easels will be provided for posters, and tables will be available for digital presentations.

The submission deadline for the exhibit is March 25, 2016.

You can register for the exhibit at:
http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/gradexpo_exhibitform.php

Please contact The Graduate School at 217-581-2220 or graduate@eiu.edu with any questions.

Rodney S. Raney Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

“The Raney Mentor Award recognizes faculty who exemplify the highest ideals of the engaged faculty member. The award honors faculty whose mentoring serves as an example to the graduate community by combining a commitment to scholarship, professional, clinical or creative work with innovative and effective graduate teaching. Recipients of the Raney Award contribute to their discipline through the development of their own scholarship or creative activity alongside that of their students. By maintaining active engagement within their field to bring graduate students into the discipline, exemplary graduate mentors leverage their own professional, disciplinary and academic networks to the advantage of new scholars, professionals and creative artists.”

Nomination Process: Each nomination requires submission of a nomination letter from a graduate candidate. A complete packet will include:

- The letter of nomination that addresses all five criteria and is limited to two pages.
- A one-page support letter from another graduate candidate.
- A one-page support letter from a faculty member.
- A one-page statement of mentoring philosophy from the nominee.
- A one-page summary of student projects and achievements over the past three to five years.
- A graduate course syllabus.
- A curriculum vita.

For more information including eligibility criteria, please visit:
http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_competitivefaculty.php

Nominations are due February 26, 2016

Follow GSAC on Social Media!

Stay up-to-date with announcements, meeting reminders, and social events through GSAC social media.



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General Meeting Schedule

1. January 29th- Rathskeller Loft

❖ *Topic/Guest of the Week:*

Research and Sponsored Programs, Director of Grants and Research- Bob Chesnut

2. February 12th- Paper Meeting

3. February 26th- Martinsville Room

❖ *Topic/Guest of the Week*

EIU Life Center- Director Linda Simpson and GA Mario McCart

4. March 11th- Schahrer Room

❖ *Topic/Guest of the Week:*

Director of Counseling Center- Lindsey Wilson

5. March 25th- Paper Meeting

6. April 8th- Rathskeller Loft

❖ *Topic/Guest of the Week:*

Assistant Director of Student Standards- Jessica Ward

7. April 22nd- Rathskeller Loft

❖ *Topic/Guest of the Week:*

Associate Director of Housing- Kelly Miller

Executive Members



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