

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, September 30th, 2022, 11 a.m.- 7th Street Underground

- I. **Next Meeting: Oct. 14th in the Arc/ Tuscola Room.**

- II. **Guest Speaker: Dr. Tanya Willard- Director for the Center of Gender and Sexual Diversity!**
- a. Topic: Pronouns and inclusive language
 - i. Inside the Center
 - a. Works with SAKIS
 - b. Products for safe sex
 - c. Movies, magazines, and movies in the lower-level library
 - d. Transformation Station: clothing for transitioning students supporting their selected gender. Also has winter apparel for international students!
 - e. Donations are always welcome (specifically professional clothing)!

 - ii. *Language Matters*
 - a. Why does it matter?
 - i. Trans students are exposed to being misgendered or deadnamed. They also experience language that excludes them as well as inaction from bystanders.
 - ii. They identify us. Pronouns connect us with others on a personal level. When our pronouns are used correctly, we feel respected.
 - b. How to Ask:
 - i. Simply ask “What are your pronouns?”
 - ii. Introducing yourself with your pronouns.
 - iii. **Special note:** some people may choose to not share their pronouns. Do not force them to share!
 - c. When you get pronouns incorrect:
 - i. What to do: say “sorry” and correct yourself.
 - ii. What not to do: make a big deal of it and shift attention on yourself.
 - d. What You Can Do:
 - i. Share pronouns in an email signature
 - ii. Use one’s pronouns when they’re shared with you!
 - iii. Know the locations of all-gender restrooms on campus/ workspace
 - iv. Use and encourage inclusive language

- v. Know about resources.
- e. Want to Learn More?
 - i. Safe Zone @ Eastern Illinois University (training to designate you as a safe space for members of the LGBTQIA+ community know that you are a safe person to talk to)! Requires approx. 2 hours of training.
 - ii. The Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity: Located at Stevenson Hall Lower Level
 - 1. Email: lgbtqa@eiu.edu
 - 2. Phone: (217) 581-7117
 - 3. Website: www.eiu.edu/lgbtqa
 - iii. Facebook: EIU Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity
 - iv. Instagram: Lgbtquia_eiu

III. Executive Reports:

- a. Board members and updates:
 - i. Tea Wheat
 - a. Update:
 - i. Collaboration event- Bystander Intervention w/ Ashley Flowers, Host of "Crime Junkies."
 - ii. Homecoming week: Oct. 10-15 (contact Tewheat@eiu.edu for more info).
 - iii. Sign guest speaker "Thank-you's" for Dean Hendrickson and Dr. Tanya Willard.
 - iv. Next speaker: Oct. 14th, HERC on self-care!
 - ii. Ruby Oboro-Offerie
 - a. Update: GSAC video project in the works!
 - iii. Jessica Meadows
 - a. Update: N/A
 - iv. Gabe King
 - a. Update: Headspace sign-ups on GSAC website.
 - v. Taylor Comer
 - a. Update:
 - i. Service project: 10/21, 4:30- 5:30 in Charleston/Mattoon Room.
 - ii. Resume/Cover Letter Construction workshop (date TBA).
 - iii. Post-Grad job search (date TBA).

- iv. Friendsgiving: Potluck & Watching Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Special- 11/11 6- 8:30 in Buzzard Auditorium and 1st Floor Atrium.
 - v. Holiday Game Night and White Elephant (12/07 7-9 p.m. in Charleston/Mattoon Room).
 - vi. Have suggestions? Contact Taylor or use survey in the Newsletter!
- vi. Elian Mackey
 - a. Update: October Newsletter is in the process of being written! All programs with events coming up, please send them to him (QR code available on GSAC website).
 - vii. Attainea Toulon
 - a. Update:
 - i. RISE conference on diversity and inclusion is next Friday at 8 a.m. Registration is currently open and has a hybrid option available! Anyone interested can contact Attainea!
 - viii. Myra Taylor & Dr. Diana Timm
 - a. Update: Anyone who has not been receiving emails be sure to contact metaylor4@eiu.edu !

IV. Department Updates:

1. Aging Studies: tabling has finished. The program will now be a B.S., not a B.A.!
 - i. Pen Pal information available with GSAC (volunteers needed)!
2. Counseling: 2nd years are in internship and have finished comps!
 - i. Currently studying for the NCE!
3. Sustainability: Oct. 12th Job Fair! Representatives of different companies will be on campus.
4. Communication Disorders and Science: 2 speakers on autism on communication devices in the Ballroom on the 21st!
5. Health Promotion: Webinars on professional development from Oct. 17-21st!
 - i. Mental Health fair in MLK Union on Oct. 4th.
6. Clinical Psychology: N/A
7. MBA: N/A
8. Communication Studies: All 2nd years are submitting papers to conferences.
 - i. Theses are being developed.
9. College Student Affairs:
 - i. Met VP last Wednesday on improvements as CSA professionals.

- ii. RISE conference next Friday will be an opportunity to gain a better understanding of diversity and inclusion (volunteers needed)!
- iii. October: Careers and Student Affairs Month!
- iv. Anyone interested in a career in higher education can contact Dr. Dianne Timm, Attainea Toulon, or Alex Tserenova!

V. Upcoming Meetings:

Next Meeting: October 14th in the Student Union Arc/Tuscola Room.

Theme: Autumn!