

Graduate Student Advisory Council
General Assembly Meeting
Friday, November 10th, 2017
Rathskeller Loft

1. Welcome, Introductions, Program Updates

2. Executive Reports

- i. Executive Board met at 11:00 a.m.
- ii. Executive Board members discussed the following:
 - Discussion of adding a new position for Vice President of Diversity
 - Will consult with Minority Affairs
 - Creating Welcome Packets for general members
 - “Most Active” Member of Year award
 - Creating a Student Quality of Life survey
 - Would send to whole graduate student population
 - “Winter Warm Project” clothing drive
 - Discussion of GOP Tax Reform
 - How we can advocate against the plan

3. General Body Reports

- i. Representatives had no reports

4. Presenters:

- i. PhD Panel
 - The panelists provided information and advice on pursuing a Ph.D.
 - Below are the panelists who attended along with their contact information:
 - Dr. John Bickford, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle Level Education - jbickford@eiu.edu
 - Dr. Melody Wollan, School of Business - mlwollan@eiu.edu
 - Professor Vincent Coppola, Psychology - vjcoppola@eiu.edu

5. Old Business

- i. Shirts - Don't forget to stop in and get your GSAC shirt if you ordered one! If you haven't paid yet, they are \$12. Just head over to Charity's office at 2210 Buzzard Hall
- ii. NAGPS
 - Don't forget to check out the membership benefits!
 - Insurances, resources, and special discounts
 - No password to log in

6. New Business

7. Announcements

- i. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
 - Due to the length of time of the Ph.D. Panel, we will review reports that were not covered at the next meeting
 - After the General Body meeting, some members joined together to make Thanksgiving cards for the elderly in Coles County
- ii. Next Meeting:
 - December 1, 2017 - 12pm at Rathskeller Loft (MLK Union)