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# Graduate Student *Advisory Council*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF EIU GRADUATE STUDENTS AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) 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 .

## *Graduate Students representing Graduate Students*

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.



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## Upcoming Meetings

Planning Meeting      Friday,  
Arcola/Tuscola Room      October  
MLK Jr. University Union      12

General Assembly      Friday,  
Effingham Room      October  
MLK Jr. University Union      19

General Assembly      Friday,  
Effingham Room      November  
MLK Jr. University Union      2

General Assembly      Friday,  
Arcola/Tuscola Room      November  
MLK Jr. University Union      9

General Assembly      Friday,  
Effingham Room      November  
MLK Jr. University Union      30

# Executive Council and Advisors



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**GET INVOLVED!**  
Is your program represented?

Each graduate program is required to have 2 voting representatives at each meeting. Check with your department chair to see if your program has appointed anyone, or if those appointments are not able to honor their obligations. Does your program already have 2 representatives? Come be a part of the general membership and join a committee!  
[CLICK HERE](#) to fill out **YOUR** application!

# Awards and Distinctions



Deadlines are approaching fast! Apply or nominate a student today!

### October 12

1. Application Deadline for EIU Distinguished Master's Thesis Award Competition and MAGS Thesis Nomination
2. Application Deadline for EIU College Thesis Award of Excellence

### November 2

1. Application Deadline for The Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grants
2. Application Deadline for the Williams Travel Grant

### November 9

1. Application deadline for College of Education and Professional Studies Development Grant



# Graduate School Homecoming Tent

Tent City opens at 11 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. when they close the tailgate field

## Come join GSAC and The Graduate School at the tailgating fields in Tent City!

Free refreshments!

Catch up with other GSAC members!

Meet other graduate students in different programs!

Meet Graduate School staff!

Have fun!

Get 'PUMPED' for the football game!



Motion to renew GSAC's affiliation with NAGPS was unanimously approved at September 28th's General Assembly meeting. NAGPS is a student-run national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of graduate & professional student life. Organized by student leaders in 1987, NAGPS is the *only* national organization that represents the interests of graduate & professional students in public and private universities at local, state, and national levels.

### Benefits for ALL EIU GRADUATE STUDENTS include:

Access to [Member-Only Content](#) on Website

(Select content from conferences, student survey questionnaire templates, strategic plan examples, assessment survey data from graduate/professional student associations,, and the NAGPS Annunciator newsletter)

[Health Insurance](#) through UnitedHealthcare

-Low monthly cost, Access to a large nationwide panel of physicians, Low co-pays and co-insurance for doctor's visits, hospitalization, lab, x-ray and prescriptions

-Coverage is available for your eligible dependents, including domestic partners

-Maternity is covered

-Coverage is guaranteed regardless of any medical condition

-All J1 visa requirements for medical coverage, repatriation and medical evacuation are satisfied by enrollment in this plan

[Dental Insurance](#) through Humana

Plans are available for \$12-23/mo for individuals and \$51-87/mo for families

[Vision Insurance](#) through Humana

Coverage includes vision exams, eyeglass lenses, and frames  
Plans are available for \$15-18/mo for individuals and \$49-52/mo for families

[Auto Insurance](#) discounts up to 8% through GEICO

## HAVE TO MISS A MEETING?

Make sure to email VP Administrative Activities for your absence to be excused. After two unexcused absences your department chair will be notified and be asked to appoint another program representative.

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Come to the  
Graduate Student Advisory Council  
Social Hour

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**From 4-6pm**

**OCT. 19TH**

**JOIN GSAC FOR  
A GRAD  
STUDENT SOCIAL  
HOUR**



**STOP BY  
THE PANTHER PAW  
FOR A DRINK, A  
SNACK, AND A CHAT!**