GSAC is the **Graduate Student Advisory Council**. We are dedicated to the promotion of graduate studies at Eastern Illinois University.

**Our Mission:**
- To be the representative body of the graduate student population at Eastern Illinois University
- To discuss, review, and participate in any university decision that has a potential impact on the graduate population
- To facilitate communication and implement continuous dialogue between graduate students, the administration, faculty, and staff of EIU
- To promote greater interaction among the graduate student population and increase awareness of graduate activities
- To place graduate student representatives on all university committees, councils, or other functioning bodies concerned with the development and implementation of policies and procedures relevant to graduate studies

**Who can get involved?**
We welcome the input of any graduate student enrolled at EIU. We strive for a diverse body of dedicated individuals to represent an equally diverse student population. GSAC is particularly interested in increasing the involvement of non-traditional and international students, and students enrolled in multi-year programs.

**What issues does GSAC address?**
During the 1999-2000 academic year, GSAC’s agenda included:
- off-campus Internet access alternatives
- improving the quality of Textbook Rental Services
- raising graduate student fees to increase GSAC’s budget
- thesis-writing and grant-writing workshops
- increasing the community’s awareness of graduate activity

**How can you get involved?**
Notify the Graduate School Office by e-mail or phone that you would like to be a GSAC member.

In past years, low attendance and scheduling conflicts have weakened the council’s ability to successfully represent the graduate student body. Potential members are encouraged to have a flexible schedule.

With your participation, GSAC can become a powerful and successful student organization.