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.
Executive Council and Advisors

Upcoming Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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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!
- Meet other graduate students in different programs!
- Have fun!
- Catch up with other GSAC members!
- Meet Graduate School staff!
- 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.

What does that mean for EIU graduate students? Because GSAC as affiliated with this organization, ALL GRADUATE students (in GSAC or not) can utilize all of the benefits NAGPS has to offer! If you have any questions about how to take advantage of these benefits, contact one of the Executive Board members as they would be happy to help!

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.
Come to the Graduate Student Advisory Council Social Hour

From 4-6 pm

Oct. 19th

Join GSAC for a Grad Student Social Hour

Stop by The Panther Paw for a drink, a snack, and a chat!