



Graduate Leaders 2014 Fall Summit Agenda

September 2, 2014
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
1895 Room

Summit Opening 4:30 PM

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Session I 4:45 PM

Graduate Recruitment, Enrollment, Matriculation and Placements

The mission of EIU states that the University *offers superior accessible graduate education* and the Council on Graduate Studies has affirmed that part of the mission of graduate education is to *strengthen the quality, diversity, and internationalization of the University's student body by attracting candidates who have the potential for academic and professional achievement and who complete degrees and succeed as alumni*. During this session, Fall 2014 enrollments will be shared. During the discussion chairs/coordinators will share successful recruitment efforts, selection criteria, matriculation processes, and placement tracking processes. Participants will be invited to identify recruitment, matriculation and placement tracking needs to advance enrollment achievements and programs that sustained and recovered from enrollment declines will offer their insights. The Graduate School directs two Institutes to advance enrollments-the Integrative Graduate Studies Institute and the LIFE Center. The Graduate School will host two workshops to advance recruitment. These include a **Workshop on the Revised GRE Test** scheduled for noon September 9, in the Martinsville Room and the Annual **Enrollment Practices Workshop** 10:00 AM to Noon Thursday, October 16 followed by the Coordinator Appreciation Luncheon, all in the 1895 Room. In addition, the Graduate School and Career Services hosts the annual Graduate School Information Day scheduled from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Wednesday, October 15, in the Grand Ballroom, and the fall GN4U networking event (date TBA). The Graduate School also participates in numerous recruitment fairs throughout the state and in surrounding states.

Session II 5:30 PM

Online Graduate Program Development

Access to Eastern's graduate programs now requires that each program consider its potential for online courses, certificates, and programs. In the Summer of 2014, three programs successfully launched new hybrid degrees, the MA in Art for Art Educators & Community Arts Options, the MA in Music for Music Educators, and the MS in Family & Consumer Sciences. Other programs are working to create online graduate study opportunities including the Master's in Business Administration. In addition, an Online Board is working to assist programs with the process of creating online or hybrid programs. During the discussion coordinators/chairs/deans will discuss successful strategies for meeting the mission of access by advancing online programs and how these programs contribute to the quality of the university mission. Recent issues being addressed by the Online Board including policy changes, financing online degrees, ADA

compliance issues, use of tuition waivers, and faculty development issues will be shared. The Online Board meets at 3:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Future meetings are scheduled for September 23, October 28, January 27, February 24, March 24 and April 28.

Session III
6:00 PM

Graduate Research

Sustained research/creative activity with graduate students is another key area of the graduate mission. Data on thesis production will be shared along with recent policy changes including a new Council on Graduate Studies policy related to depositing and withholding a graduate student thesis and the potential for using current technologies to streamline the thesis completion process. The new policy and processes will be reviewed and discussed along with other best practices for promoting and showcasing graduate student research. As a reminder, the Annual Graduate Video Showcases are scheduled for 4:00 PM April 7 (Arts & Humanities and Education & Professional Studies) and 4:00 PM April 8 (Business & Applied Sciences and Sciences) in the Doudna Lecture Hall. The Distinguished Students Awards Program is scheduled for Thursday, April 8 and the Outstanding Alumni Program Friday, April the 9. Nominations for Outstanding Graduate Alumni are due October 3, 2014).

6:20 **Break**

Session V
6:30 PM

Graduate Assistantships and Financial Aid Full-Time Criteria

Graduate assistantships are the most powerful forms of access and allow programs to attract the best candidates to their programs. Each in-state waiver is an investment of more the \$20,000. Ensuring that assistants meet the time expectations in their contracts will require adoption of better tracking processes. The tracking processes will be reviewed. The session will include a discussion of ways increase the number of graduate assistantships with a focus on philanthropy and externally funded awards. An update on the change to full-time status for graduate students will also be discussed.

Conclusion
7:00

Updates and Networking Dinner

The summit will conclude with updates on the Commencement Speaker Competition for 2014, new degree programs emerging in 2015, an update on the upcoming NCA Site Visit, and the Global Ambassadors Program. A networking dinner will conclude the evening.