

SGA Meeting Minutes

11-8-17

Attending: Emmanuel Kampanga, Leah Wenger, Grant Amoateng, Jeremy Brenneman, Joshua Curtis, Mario Hernandez, Paul Kayembe, Austin Tomlin, Donaldo Lleshi, Nathaniel Nissley, Abigail Shelly, Ben Zook, Vice-President Nicole Litwiller, VP of Marketing Rachel Holderman, Treasurer Erik Peachy, Co-President Caleb Schrock-Hurst, Co-President Adam Harnish, Secretary Luke Mullet, Staff Rep. Amy Springer, Faculty Rep. Vi Dutcher, Administration Rep. Jim Smucker

Absent: Ella Spitler (sick)

1. Call to Order at 8:03pm
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of minutes from 11/1/17
 - a. No objections. Minutes approved.
5. Announcements
 - a. Donaldo reported about his experience at the Food Committee meeting.
 - i. Food service finds it tough to collaborate with local farmers because of quantity issues.
 - ii. Bruce is open to suggestions and would like to come talk to SGA about potential student complaints.
 - iii. Bruce affirmed the Late-Night Pancakes event.
 - b. Erik provided a brief update on SGA's current budget. The current balance for our discretionary budget this year is \$14,509.60. We have used approximately 42.41% of our budget for this year.
 - c. Jim reported about an administration conversation about the fitness center and track overhaul.
 - i. There have been several athletes injured while running on the track because the track is used as a hallway.
 - ii. People who use the track will now be required to pay \$25.00 a month to pay for the track services
 - iii. A very large concern expressed is whether students will have access to the fitness center while the track is being used by track athletes.
 - d. Emmanuel updated the senate that EMU now will allow international students to stay on campus over breaks.
6. New Business
 - a. Anali Martin and Elizabeth Witmer request **\$60.00** on behalf of the Coalition for Climate Justice Club for an event on 11/18/17 (next Saturday) in Northlawn Great Lounge. The event will last about two hours. The focus of the event is to invite students and faculty to have more than *just* a conversation about climate injustice. The goal is to transition concern about climate change into action. The money will be going towards snacks and gift cards for the speakers (Dough Graber Neufeld, Valerie Serrells, Tom Benevento/Felix Kioko, and Judy Mullet). CCJ works

extensively with the other “green” clubs on EMU campus but is different because the club advocates more for action outside of EMU.

Motion (Ben): Give CCJ **\$60.00** for their event on 11/18/17.
Nathaniel Seconds.

Approval: 15
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 1
Motion passes.

- b. Nicole Litwiller requests **\$35.00** to purchase a new scanner on behalf of CAC to be used for Royals Cup events. The scanner is a wireless scanner which does not require a computer to be used during the scanning process. As Royals Cup has become more prominent on campus, scanners have been purchased by other departments on campus. SGA would then own two scanners.

Motion (Austin): Give CAC **\$35.00** to purchase an additional scanner.
Jeremy seconds.

Approval: 13
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 3
Motion passes.

- c. UVA’s student government sent EMU’s SGA their statement about the events in Charlottesville. SGA has the option to sign this document (alongside other very large school student government bodies). Keep an eye out for follow up emails about this document.
- d. Financial Committee Idea Update
 - i. Caleb clarified the details about financial committee and apologized if the delivery of this idea seemed forceful.
 - 1. The goal of financial committee is will not strip power away from SGA senators; the idea is to aim for more efficiency within SGA while not stifling any voices or concerns about monetary decisions.
 - ii. A survey was passed out to gauge senators’ concerns and who they would trust to be in the committee.

Meeting ended at 8:59pm
Recorded by Luke Mullet