

SGA meeting
1.17.18

Attending: Adam Harnish (Co-President), Caleb Schrock-Hurst (Co-President), Donaldo Lleshi, Ella Spitler, Emmanuel Kampanga (Vice-President), Erik Peachey (Treasurer), Grant Amoateng, Jeremy Brennenman (Secretary), Joshua Curtis, Mario Hernandez, Paul Kayambe, Rachel Holderman, Emma Yoder, Susanna Sewall, Hannah Nichols, Fred Flores-Cano, Ruth Reimer-Berg, Chelsea Brubaker, Jim Smucker, Violet Dutcher, Amy Springer

Absent: Austin Tomlin

1. Call to Order 8:03
2. Prayer
3. Roll call
4. Announcements
 - A. Review of SGA Responsibilities
Caleb went over office hours and the responsibilities of senators. Adam talked about being available for all students to talk to.
 - B. Lecture Series-Bruxy Cavey
This is a lecture series proposed by Brian Martin Burkholder. Brian would like to do this in the fall of 2018 opposed to the spring semester.
 - C. Snapchat/Publicity
EMU would like to have a few members of SGA use the EMU snapchat account one day each. The purpose for this is to allow prospective students to see what EMU is like through snapchat.
 - D. Open Mic Night
On January 20, Common Grounds will be open specifically for open mic night.
 - E. Upcoming Forum
Brittany viands has organized a forum to discuss budget cuts. This will occur on January 24, at 7:00 pm. An all campus email will be sent, allowing students to submit questions concerning the budget cuts. The administration will then answer as many questions as possible during the forum.
 - F. Sign Up for Office Hours
All members of SGA signed up for office hours.
 - G. Financial Committee
Adam went over the responsibility of Financial Committee to discuss funding request to save some time in the large SGA meeting. This is to spend less time on funding requests and more time on big ideas.
 - H. Clarification/Discussion on Senator Participation
If a club comes to talk with SGA about anything, any members of SGA who are part of the represented club will be asked to leave while SGA discusses the club. This is to ensure unbiased deliberation and an impartial decision. Members of SGA may reenter after a vote has been taken.
 - I. Friday announcements-
We need a new person to do Friday Announcements. Adam will do them until a new person comes forward.
5. New Business

A. Astral Society

This is a small group of people who are interested in astronomy. This has been an informal club for the past three semesters. They organize events including night hikes and actively track/observe various satellites. They would like to have an official name associated with the group as well as a little funding to enhance the experience. The club is currently comprised of mostly freshmen and sophomores who will allow it to exist after senior leadership has left. They expressed interest in using the observatory.

Motion (Donaldo)- Make astral society an official club.

Second- Mario

Approve: 14

Disapprove: 0

Abstaining: 2

Motion passes

B. Campus Alcohol Initiative

The administration wants to address safety issues concerning alcohol with students who are on and off campus. They would like to create more of a dialogue to inform/ help the student body.

There have been more alcohol related issues than normal. Students are going to drink regardless of the rules in place, so the administration might as well promote alcohol safety. The

Administration would like this to be more of an interaction between students rather than faculty.

6. Open Floor

7. Adjournment 9:01

Recorded by Jeremy Brenneman