

**SGA Meeting Minutes**  
**10-24-18**

**Attending:** Treasurer Ben Zook, Co-President Nicole Litwiller, Co-President Mario Hernandez, Secretary Luke Mullet, VP of Marketing Abigail Shelly, Vice-President Paul Kayembe, Faculty Rep. Vi Dutcher, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Jim Lehman, Justice Allen, Emma Hoover, Anisa Leonard, Xavier McCants, Ruth Reimer-Berg, Allison Shelly, Austin Tomlin, Ariel Barbosa, Leah Wenger, Emmanuel Kampanga, Donaldo Lleshi

**Absent:** Hannah Nichols (field hockey), Seth Weaver, Administration Rep. Amy Springer

1. Call to Order at 8:01pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 10/10/18:
4. Old Business and Announcements
  - a. EMU Restructuring and SGA Forum
    - i. Forum sub-committee
      1. Planning new forum events throughout this year
  - b. TV Money
    - i. A TV has been purchased to be placed outside of the cafeteria (replacing the current SGA board). The IT department at EMU helped fund and manage this project. The TV should be installed either tomorrow or Friday.
    - ii. TV/Marketing sub-committee
      1. Determining the content to be displayed on the TV
5. New Business
  - a. Financial Committee
    - i. Rotaract Club Funding Request
      1. Donaldo Lleshi is requesting **\$200** on behalf of Rotaract Club.
      2. **The Event:** Pumpkin Carving Event
      3. **Their reasons for why we should fund this event:** It will be our big social event of the semester where we are hoping to get people in Thomas Plaza so we can encourage Halloween spirit by carving some pumpkins. We did the same event last year and it was very successful. 30 plus people attended.
      4. **Additional Important Details:** Pumpkin Price at Walmart is 3.88 per pumpkin. Last year, we funded this event for \$150 with the stipulation that after the first 20 free pumpkins, additional students will pay for the pumpkins themselves.
        - a. **Cost Breakdown:** \$120 for pumpkins, \$40 for pizza, \$40 for the creation of a banner

Financial Committee Recommendation: The committee is in consensus and recommends that The Senate give Rotaract Club the full **\$200.00** with the stipulation that the Rotaract Club create a general Rotaract banner (which

could be used for other Rotaract Club events) and that they return any additional funds to SGA.

Motion (Justice): Give Rotaract club **\$200.00** for the pumpkin carving event with the stipulation that the Rotaract Club create a general Rotaract banner (which could be used for other Rotaract Club events) and that they return any additional funds to SGA.

Ariel Seconds.

Approve: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

ii. Art Club Funding Request

1. Hannah is requesting **\$350** on behalf of the Art Club.
2. **The Project:** Painting mural on side of new Turf field concession stand, proposed and completed by Ben Zook. I will be out on certain days and will allow students, faculty, visitors, and prospective members to help paint the mural. When base coats are done, details will be completed by the president of the art club.
3. **Their reasons for why we should fund this project:** This project will beautify the turf field and will be appreciated by visitors and the athletic department. Materials needed will include outdoor artist's paint, brushes, rollers, etc. Most of the money will be covering the expenses of paint. Ordinary paint from Home Depot is not adequate for mural painting, as it does not mix well.
4. **Additional Important Details:** Haleigh is talking with the athletic department (Dave King) about choosing the design. The building project is on hold because there is a controversy about not having a building permit. Ben is still optimistic that the construction should eventually be approved and finish.
  - a. **Cost breakdown: \$130 for paint, \$220 for other supplies.**

Financial Committee Recommendation: The committee is divided and recommends having the Senate discuss this request to get more feedback from various perspectives.

Discussion

- a. Due to the concern about whether the construction will precede, the senators decided to table this request.

This funding request was tabled.

- b. Additional Funding Request: Nathaniel Nissley and Gabi are requesting **\$668.00** on behalf of Take Back the Night.
  - i. **The Event:** Take Back the Night Week
    - 1. **Their reasons for why we should fund this event:** Take Back the Night has been a long-lasting event that always needs furthering, and that is why we are focusing on prevent and consent this year. Especially in today's world with media coverage on Kavanaugh, and other events, holding spaces for education, conversation, engagement, and listening is essential. Students, faculty, and staff will be hosting convocation, three lunches, a common grounds coffee house event, and a closing. All of these events will benefit EMU by holding conversations, bringing information on consent and prevention of sexual assault and violence. These events will be open to all.
    - 2. **Additional Details:** 200 t-shirts were already purchased. The t-shirts this year say, "Got Consent?" on the front and "I Will Take Back the Night" on the back. TBTN will be doing events both semesters this academic year. They are confident that they will be able to make \$1,000 in sales.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Justice does not think that they will be able to make \$1,000 in revenue. Donaldo agreed; they both think that there will be a follow-up request later.
    - 2. Many senators expressed concern about the t-shirt sales and the fact that this request was made *after* the purchase. There were additional

Motion (Leah): Give the Take Back the Night **\$500.00** for their expenses but explicitly not for funding the debriefing meals.

Justice seconds.

Approve: 11

Against: 0

Abstaining: 3

Motion passes.

## 6. Open Floor

- a. Vi shared about a question asked at the EMU restructuring forum: will students be able to see the final design before it is taken to the board? The design team discussed this question and it is on their radar.
- b. Paul shared that he feels that the EMU snapchat has been favoring democratic ideologies. Specifically, he referenced several stories (posted by Alcinda) that said, "Go vote for change," which he believes were endorsing democrats.
- c. Anisa and Leah went to the undergraduate council committee meeting. The committee was talking about the EMU restructuring; they were specifically talking about the higher chance for students to have concentrations as opposed to majors.

## 7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:11pm  
Recorded by Luke Mullet