

**SGA Meeting Minutes**  
**9-12-18**

**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, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky

**Absent:**

1. Call to Order at 8:06pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 8/29/18: edit Mario's name
4. Old Business and Announcements
  - a. Approval of last year's Constitutional Amendments
    - i. The President's Cabinet did pass the amendments from Spring 2018. These will be going on SGA's webpage soon. The most time sensitive amendment is that we can hold the elections for the spring semester at the end of the fall semester.
  - b. Approval of new Clubs: Composer Collective & Destiny's Daughters
    - i. We will have Destiny's Daughter's representatives come speak about their club (The Composer Collective already presented in Spring 2018).
  - c. Petitions & Elections
    - i. We have handed out 130-140 petitions; however, only 11 have been returned. We need at least 14 petitions handed in (the current deadline is tomorrow, 9/13/18, at 1pm).
  - d. S.I.E.F. (a need-based scholarship endowment)
    - i. Mario has done some research about S.I.E.F. It was most mentioned in 1999 and 2002 and then seemingly disappeared current student engagement. This fund was initially created by SGA students in 1997-98 (now around 531 donors with \$87,774) to assist EMU students to promote continued studies and increased retention. Several students have already received aid from this fund (there is a committee which oversees the dispersal of these rewards) Here is the criteria for how money can be delegated:
      1. 100% of the awards will be determined by need
      2. 50% of the awards will be given to students to meet diversity goals of EMU, particularly to those who claim an ethnic status other than Caucasian, and without regard to U.S. citizenship
    - ii. We hope to contribute to this fund:
      1. LovEMU--collaboration with Jeff Shank
      2. Allow for online donations to this endowment
      3. 20<sup>th</sup> reunion of the 1999 class—could generate some support
5. New Business
  - a. The Coalition for Climate Justice Constitutional amendments
    - i. The Coalition for Climate Justice applied for amending their constitution in Spring 2018; this was a large overhaul which even changed their name.

The club is now titled, The Coalition for Political Involvement. This was not approved by SGA in Spring 2018.

1. Their new purpose: The Coalition for Political Involvement purpose is to provide leadership and organization for EMU students, faculty, and staff in regard to hosting events, forming petitions, and generating awareness in our community on political issues happening in our community, nation, and world.
  2. Their current leadership is Austin Sachs. Jenni Holsinger and Doug Graber-Neufeld are the faculty advisors.
  - ii. After discussing these amendments, there was a consensus that The Coalition for Political Involvement should be formed as a new club.
    1. Mario and Nicole will follow up with Austin.
  - b. Art Club Approval Update
    - i. In the transition of leadership of both SGA and Art Club, this item was dropped. Nicole has been in conversation with Cindy and the leadership of the club. They have decided to draft a brand-new constitution to present to SGA in the next month
  - c. Young Democrats Club—this club may be forming soon.
  - d. Wireless Holds Information
    - i. There is a business office policy at EMU that shuts down students' internet if they do not pay rent on deadlines. Nicole said that this is something that disproportionately targets People of Color. She also noted that no other Mennonite schools have similar policies. Nicole has been corresponding with Diana Tovar Rojas about this policy. Diana said that if SGA or other clubs draft a petition, there would be faculty and staff that would get behind it.
      1. The current CFO, Tim Stutzman, would be helpful for gathering information. Rachel, Amy, and Vi both recommended that we should gage the student population and learn more about the history and reasoning behind this policy.
      2. We will certainly have more conversation about this topic.
6. Open Flour
- a. Ben is building a new concession for the turf field. He is interested in asking SGA for funds to help with this construction. We suggested that he partner with a club and then recuse himself from the discussion and voting.
  - b. Paul shared that Alcinda Brubaker, who oversees EMU's snapchat (student life, marking/admissions—telling students' stories) would be interested in coming to SGA meetings; the idea would be that she could would share a bit of how SGA operates.
  - c. Tomorrow, CODY (Coalition on Diversity and Inclusion) is meeting in the morning, 9/12/18 from 9:00-10:30am in RLN 206.
  - d. Paul, Ben, and Abigail have found a 32" TV (\$284.99) which could serve as a replacement for the SGA board in front of the cafeteria in Northlawn.
    - i. Rachel noted that not all devices are supported by IS. She recommended that we go to IS to ask for recommendations so that they would be willing to support it (talk to Jenni Piper).

- ii. Paul and Abigail are going to follow-up.
7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:08pm  
Recorded by Luke Mullet