

SGA Meeting Minutes 9-19-18

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

Absent: Administration Rep. Amy Springer

1. Call to Order at 8:00pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 9/12/18: several spelling corrections—they have been implemented and uploaded.
4. Old Business and Announcements
 - a. Coalition updates: CCJ → CPI
 - i. Austin Sachs said that much of CCJ's leadership has left and went to other environmental clubs. He said that the club is now overtly political and covertly environmental (rather than vice versa). Two things that will separate this club from others is **doing car pulls to local town hall meetings to talk to local representatives and host lobbying events** (in DC and locally). He wants to engage the political process rather than a particular political ideology; this is what he hopes will set this club apart from Young Democrats and Young Republicans. This will be a nonpartisan club/space.
 - ii. The club will continue to be inclusive to community members (just as CCJ had been).
 - iii. Austin plans to recruit from younger students at EMU and hopefully add additional leadership beyond himself.
 - iv. The advisors for CPI will still be Jenni Holsinger and Doug Graber-Neufeld.
 - v. Rachel noted several concerns about the club. First, the creation of this club at the same time as Young Democrats and Young Republicans clubs might limit the cohesion of EMU students interested in political issues. Second, she expressed concern about the longevity of this club (especially since Austin is the only leadership).
 - vi. SGA Conversation
 1. Abigail noted that there are already clubs on campus that are trying to create nonpartisan spaces (Peace Fellowship, in particular). She suggested that maybe political involvement could be a new facet of Peace Fellowship. Nicole said that the idea of this club as a resource to connect clubs at EMU to local politics could be an effective role for the club.

Motion (Abigail): Not approve the club until Austin can find at least 5 people who are actively pursuing involvement in the club and at least one other officer who diversifies the leadership's political stance. We would

also like Austin to draft a constitution that addresses all of the articles as per the link Mario provides him.

Ben Seconds.

Approve: 4

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

b. Other clubs will be visiting soon.

i. We will have some conversations with the leadership from Young Democrats and Young Republicans sometimes over the next couple of weeks.

c. Website Update

i. Abigail is trying to figure the information for the website and Facebook page.

5. New Business

a. SGA Retreat

i. Mario and Nicole went over the agenda for the retreat on Sunday (9/23/18). We will not have our SGA shirts by then.

6. Open Floor

a. Ben gave an update about his concession stand. Art club is planning on doing a mural on one of the walls. He said that he will be presenting with Earthkeepers to request money from SGA soon.

7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:52pm

Recorded by Luke Mullet