

SGA Meeting Minutes
9-26-18

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, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Jim Lehman, Justice Allen, Ariel Barbosa, Emma Hoover, Anisa Leonard, Donaldo Lleshi, Xavier McCants, Ruth Reimer-Berg, Allison Shelly, Austin Tomlin, Seth Weaver, Leah Wenger, Emmanuel Kampanga

Absent: Hannah Nichols

1. Call to Order at 8:04pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 9/19/18: Changed “open flour” to “open floor.”
4. Old Business and Announcements
 - a. Snack sign-up
 - b. Committee sign-ups
 - i. The campus committee sign up is still being created, so we will not be signing up for these committees this week (hopefully we will get to it next week).
 - c. SIEF
 - i. Mario shared the information we have gathered about SIEF over the past three weeks. See minutes from 09/12/18 for more information about this endowment fund.
5. New Business
 - a. Financial Committee & Nominations
 - i. We nominated fellow senators to be full-time financial committee members (a core gro. These individuals will be required to attend these meetings (in addition to Luke and Ben).
 - ii. We will be voting on these nominees next week, most likely.
 - b. Budget Snapshot
 - i. Ben gave a general idea of SGA’s budget for this semester. We have approximately \$4,000 in our current budget (for this semester) and approximately \$14,000 in our rollover fund (extra funds from previous years).
 - ii. Ben will continue to keep the senate updated on our current financial situation throughout the semester.
 - c. The Coalition for Political Engagement
 - i. Austin Sachs has decided to no longer pursue approval for this club.
 - d. Young Democrats Club proposal
 - i. Adam Moyer (3rd-year) presented about why he is spearheading the formation of this club. Laura Goldstein (president of the college democrats at JMU) emailed Ji Eun Kim (political studies professor at EMU) and asked her if there are any students at EMU interested in creating a club affiliated with Young Democrats.

- ii. **Goals:**
 1. Make campus more politically active and encourage awareness about current events.
 2. Voter registration drives (especially 1st years in this Fall semester).
 3. Other assorted goals: affiliate with local democratic organization, do canvassing for the local democratic committee, fundraise for campaigns, work with Duke's vote at JMU, host entertaining events (political debates, watching election day results, processing and analyzing election results), in collaboration with EMU College Republicans host debates, take groups to protest in D.C. or locally, attend democratic campaign events
- iii. There is not a clear count, but Adam thinks that there are about 10-15 students who are interested/active in the club.
- iv. **Leadership:** Adam is the president, Nathaniel Nissley is the chair, Jenna Heise is the treasurer.
- v. Leah asked questions about more collaboration with College Republicans other than debates. Adam is happy that the College Republicans exists so that there are voices of both parties on campus. He also intends to do his best to be respectful with how this club operates at EMU.
- vi. **Advisor:** Ji Eun is the advisor for both this club and the EMU College Republicans; she will be working at maintaining balance.

Motion (Abigail): Approve the Young Democrats club.
 Emmanuel Seconds.
 Approve: 15
 Against: 0
 Abstaining: 1
 Motion passes.

- e. Voter Registration Training – Thurs. at 2 pm in the CJP building (1141 Mount Clinton Pike)
- f. Update on the board outside of the cafeteria
 - i. Paul updated the senate about the idea of having a TV screen on this board. He and Abigail had a meeting with Scott (from the help desk), which went well. The current budget for this project is \$500.00. Scott will be following up with details about the components required to set this up.
 - ii. Content for the screen
 1. There will be a **sub-committee** which is assigned to help find/generate content to display on the TV.
 2. Any ideas for potential content are welcome!
- g. Ideas for sub-committees
 - i. Food
 1. This committee works with Bruce to promote student involvement in making changes in the cafeteria.

2. Last year, Donaldo met with Bruce several times to discuss how EMU sources its food and students' impressions of the cafeteria.
 - ii. Board (outside of the cafeteria)
 - iii. School spirit
 - iv. Financial
 - v. Forums
1. This committee would have the intention to spread information via forums (like Questions After Dark). People involved in this committee will figure out how/when to hold these forums and determine the information to be shared.

6. Open Floor
7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:33pm
Recorded by Luke Mullet