

SGA Meeting Minutes
02-27-19

Attending: Treasurer Ben Zook, Co-President Nicole Litwiller, Co-President Mario Hernandez, Secretary Luke Mullet, Vice-President Paul Kayembe, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Faculty Rep. Vi Dutcher, Theo Yoder, Hannah Nichols, Justin Odom, Xavier McCants, Sylvia Mast, Asha Beck, Ariel Barbosa, Avery Trinh, Donaldo Lleshi

Absent: Austin Tomlin, VP of Marketing Abigail Shelly, Seth Weaver, Justice Allen, Emma Hoover,

1. Call to Order at 8:02pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 02/21/19: Minutes approved.
4. Old Business and Announcements
5. New Business
 - a. Bruce Emmerson and Steve Bandy came to give us an update and take suggestions/feedback about food service at EMU.
 - i. EMU is considering remodeling the serving area, adding new modules to the program, and remodeling the kitchen.
 1. They plan to add on the wall facing the commons. The south and east dining rooms will be gone. The serving area will essentially be twice as big. There will be more attended stations.
 - ii. Bruce shared that there were plans about outdoor seating in the past, but they may revisit them now since the science center renovations are nearly completed.
 - iii. Hannah suggested the idea of take-out containers at the cafeteria.
 1. Amy raised the concern about how some students do not have a lunch break on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 - iv. Nicole suggested the idea of more vegetarian foods.
 - v. Paul asked if the chairs and tables will be replaced.
 1. Steve and Bruce said that they will pass that idea on.
 - vi. Asha asked about whether mold is being taken into consideration.
 1. Bruce said that he assumes that the West dining room will be torn down.
 - b. Celebration's request for a new drum shield
 - i. Abigail Shelly (Celebration) is requesting **\$300.00** to compensate for funds used to construct a new drum shield for Celebration's drumkit.
 - ii. Important details
 1. The drum shield was constructed because the previous one was stolen.
 - a. The drumkit is now kept in a safer location.
 2. The drum shield is already created, largely using Ethan Beiler's personal funds.

3. ESW helped create various components for the new shield and allowed Celebration to receive it at a cost much lower than the typical market rate.
- iii. **Cost breakdown:**
 1. Total cost: \$550.00
 - a. Celebration is contributing \$150.00 and Campus Ministries is contributing \$100.00
 2. Total Amount Collected from Participants (note that some individuals are given scholarships so that they can afford the trip): \$3,000
- iv. **Financial Committee's Recommendation:** The committee is in consensus and recommends that the senate gives Celebration **\$300.00** for the drum shield from USO funds.
- v. Discussion:

Motion (Donaldo): Give Celebration **\$300.00** from USO funds to compensate for the drum shield expenses.
Leah seconds.

Approve: 10
Against: 0
Abstaining: 2
Motion Passes.

- c. The Weather Vane Bailout request
 - i. Clarah, on behalf of The Weather Vane, is requesting **\$5500.00** in bail-out funds from the Shen yearbook's retention account to neutralize this year's budget, provide funds for the Year in Review, and return their retention fund to 2016 levels (\$1500.00).
 1. Clara noted that they may try to make up for the Year in Review that was missed last year.
 - ii. **The Issue:** There was miscommunication between advisors and leadership at the Weather Vane. The result is that they are currently in the red \$800 this year and have a \$1700 deficit in their retention fund.
 1. They requested \$1500 less than usual for their budget this year.
 2. In addition, they do not have the records of ad sales for the past couple years.
 3. They also used around \$5,000 for temp-pay last year.
 4. Please reference the Weather Vane Bailout Request for additional details.
 - iii. **Financial Committee's Recommendation:** The committee is in consensus and recommends that the senate gives the Weather Vane **\$5500.00** (\$800 to finish this year's budget, \$1700 to neutralize their retention fund, \$1500 for the Year and Review, and \$1500 to return their retention fund to 2016 levels) from the Shen yearbook's retention fund.

- iv. Motion (Donaldo): Give The Weather Vane **\$5500.00** (\$800 to finish this year's budget, \$1700 to neutralize their retention fund, \$1500 for the Year and Review, and \$1500 to return their retention fund to 2016 levels) from the Shen yearbook's retention fund.
Leah Seconds.

Approve: 13
Against: 0
Abstaining: 1
Motion Passes.

6. Open Floor
7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:04pm
Recorded by Luke Mullet