

**SGA Meeting Minutes**  
**02-06-19**

**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, Leah Wenger, Emma Hoover, Theo Yoder, Hannah Nichols, Justice Allen, Donald Lleshi, Ariel Barbosa, Asha Beck, Sylvia Mast

**Absent:** Seth Weaver, Austin Tomlin, Xavier McCants,

1. Call to Order at 8:07pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 01/30/19: Minutes approved.
4. Old Business and Announcements
  - a. Theatre of the Beat funds
    - i. They have managed to find enough fund for this event!
    - ii. There is a possibility of an extra performance.
5. New Business
  - a. Funding Request People's Party
    - i. Ariel Barbosa (LSA), J.D. (BSU), Jay Cho (ISO) are requesting **\$300.00** for the People's Party event.
    - ii. The event is taking place next Friday (2/15/19) at 8:00pm in the black box theater.
    - iii. The event is essentially a time for good food, dance, and games from a variety of cultures. The music will be a multicultural playlist. The goal is to have 200-300 people attending the event.
    - iv. ISO has contributed \$100.00 from their budget.
    - v. Expenses for SGA to cover.
      1. 600 glowsticks (2-3 per person): \$40.00
      2. food and drinks: \$260.00
    - vi. Discussion
      1. Paul is skeptical of it being highly attended. Justice shared this concern.
      2. Hannah said that the ambiguity of the \$260.00 expense on food is concerning. She would like to see more details.

Motion (Emma): Give LSA **\$300.00** from the USO budget for the People's Party event with the stipulation that they show us their receipts and return any rollover funds to us.

Leah seconds.

Approve: 8

Against: 0

Abstaining: 5

Motion Passes.

- b. Hannah share more about CODI
    - i. Faculty and Staff of Color Coalition
      - 1. Coming together to talk, collaborate, and share ideas.
    - ii. Ally Group
      - 1. Attempt to pave the way for conversations that might lead to “minority individuals being willing to extend an olive branch.”
      - 2. Kathy Evans
    - iii. RELI (Racial Equity and Leadership Institute)
      - 1. A space for learning, making an impact and implementing change here at EMU.
      - 2. Melody Pannell has been instrumental in organizing this idea/vision.
      - 3. The long-term goal is to implement this as part of the EMU curriculum.
    - iv. CODI does not have funding.
6. Open Floor
- a. Asha on Campus Ministries Council
    - i. New MA small-group class
      - 1. MA’s are no longer in the dorms.
      - 2. 1-hour class
      - 3. Conflicts with University Choir, which has been problematic
    - ii. The number of PA’s has dropped from 8 to 5 this semester.
    - iii. There have been more bible-studies and groups this semester, though.
    - iv. There was discussion about noting whether churches are safe/welcoming on their listings. But there are no standards in determining that status. Therefore, it will be an ongoing discussion.
      - 1. Mario noted that the church list is very outdated.
  - b. Emma shared about the cross-cultural committee
    - i. They have been discussing/approving the upcoming cross-cultural for 2020 and 2021. The list will be going up next week.
7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:55pm  
 Recorded by Luke Mullet