

SGA Meeting Minutes
03-13-19

Attending: Treasurer Ben Zook, Co-President Nicole Litwiller, Co-President Mario Hernandez, Secretary Luke Mullet, Vice-President Paul Kayembe, VP of Marketing Abigail Shelly, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Theo Yoder, Hannah Nichols, Justin Odom, Xavier McCants, Sylvia Mast, Asha Beck, Ariel Barbosa, Avery Trinh, Emma Hoover, Seth Weaver, Austin Tomlin

Absent: Justice Allen, Faculty Rep. Vi Dutcher, Donaldo Lleshi

1. Call to Order at 8:01pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 02/27/19: Minutes approved.
4. Old Business and Announcements
 - a. Ben Zook gave an update on the new concession stand.
 - i. The new concession stand will now be constructed via aid from Pepsi. The stand will be free because EMU sells Pepsi products.
 - ii. Ben's project will now be a solar array beside the field.
 - iii. Leah raised a concern about the fragility of the panels and potential soccer ball flying in that direction. Ben said that they are built to withstand large hail and can be driven over by a truck; they are very sturdy.
 - iv. Ben would like for it to be done this semester. But, he will be around the summer and could continue working on it post-grad if need be.
5. New Business
 - a. Ben gave an overview of our current budget.
 - b. Nicole noted that there will be some upcoming amendments to SGA's constitution.
 - i. There will be a google doc shared to make this a collaborative effort.
 - ii. There are outdated and poorly formatted sections.
 - iii. The student body needs a two-week viewing period of the new constitution.
 - c. Campus Ministries request for the Theater of the Beat event.
 - i. Brian Burkholder (Campus Ministries) is requesting **\$500.00 - \$1000.00** to further assist the Theater of the Beat event.
 - ii. Important details:
 1. This is a collaborative event including Campus Ministries, CODI (Scott Eyre), and potentially some SGA members. Safe space has also endorsed this event.
 2. SGA has already committed \$500.00.
 3. They will know by March 22 whether TOTB is approved to come (there are a lot of fees and applications since they are coming internationally), but it is not guaranteed. TOTB will refund us fully, but they will lose \$2,000 if the request is denied.
 4. Cost breakdown:
 - a. Expenses
 - i. \$4,656 TOTB cost

- ii. \$705.00 premium processing (\$1405)
- iii. \$460 I-129 application fee
- iv. \$233 meals, lodging, incidentals
- v. **total: \$6,000**

b. Income:

- i. \$1,000 Student Life
- ii. \$1,000 President's Office
- iii. \$500 Provost
- iv. \$300 Bible, Religion, and Theology
- v. \$500 Safe Space (via SGA funds)
- vi. \$705.00 TOTB
- vii. **total: \$4,005**

iii. Discussion:

1. Ben said that \$500.00 is probably the maximum that we could manage.

Motion (Ariel): Give Safe Space **\$250.00** for the Theater of the Beat event. Austin seconds.

Approve: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 2

Motion Passes.

d. Committee check-in

i. Financial committee

1. What is the event/project?
2. When will the event/project take place?
3. Where will the event/project take place?
4. How will the event/project benefit the EMU community?
5. Who is involved?
6. Who is requesting funds?
 - a. Position in club?
 - b. Who will be presenting in person to SGA?
7. Extra info that SGA would need?
8. Specific breakdown of expenses
 - a. open boxes instead of programming, supplies, etc. with grayed out suggested words
9. remove current membership box
10. How have your club's events this semester represented the goals of the group/organization? instead of "How does your club or organization benefit the EMU community?"

ii. TV Committee

1. Brainstormed ways to make the TV sustainable for future years

iii. Forum Committee

1. Meeting with new Deans

2. Firefighter Chief
3. Jim Smucker

6. Open Floor

- a. Ariel attended the writing committee meeting. Lately, they have been focusing on how restorative justice is (and is not) used in academic integrity enforcement. They are considering having non-professor individuals be the ones who address these concerns (student life, etc.).
- b. Seth shared about the bookstore committee meeting. One concern is that students are returning books after the first half of the semester and these books are worth less since there is less demand in the middle of the semester.
- c. LovEMU day will now allow for SIEF to be listed in the “other” box.

7. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:03pm
Recorded by Luke Mullet