

SGA Meeting Minutes
08-28-19

Attending: Co-President Leah Wenger, Co-President Seth Weaver, Vice-President Emma Yoder, Treasurer Hannah Nichols, Secretary Anisa Leonard, VP of Marketing Theo Yoder

1. Call to Order at 8:02
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of previous minutes: this is the first meeting of the year so there are no minutes to approve.
4. Old Business and Announcements
 - a. Headshots and Bulletin Boards
 - i. Theo has access to VACA cameras, pictures will ideally be done by the end of the week. Co-Presidents will coordinate a time via email.
 - ii. There is a new bulletin board to the left of the ATM in University Commons.
 - iii. Discussion
 1. Hannah suggested utilizing the TV in the cafeteria to display photos of SGA members instead of a bulletin board. Leah suggested using both simultaneously. Theo thinks we should have a permanent display of SGA photos.
 2. Theo has access to the TV and instagram account, he is in correspondence about access to the website.
 3. Seth is planning on hanging up petitions on the bulletin board.
 - b. Clubs and Orgs Social
 - i. Ice cream social is Thursday, September 5th at 7:30pm. Seth wants SGA exec members to arrive half an hour early to assist with set up. Anisa and Theo will be there to assist.
 - ii. Petitions will be handed out at the social.
 - c. Financial Committee
 - i. Financial Committee was a new committee created last year of 4 or 5 senators that handled budget requests.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Hannah said she wants to reintroduce the committee this year, she noted the importance of having a verbal space. Leah said she appreciated how it allowed the senate meeting to have a broader range of topics. Seth re-affirmed this.
5. New Business
 - a. T-Shirts and Office Hours
 - i. SGA currently does not have an office, so co-presidents are leaning toward T-shirts again. A few years ago SGA had office hours but was not an effective use of time or was used frequently by students. Mario and Nicole implemented T-shirts for the full senate while co-presidents maintained office hours in common grounds.

- ii. Discussion
 1. Theo reaffirmed the effectiveness of T-shirts. Emma mentioned that having a set period where students know they can talk to SGA is helpful, especially if it is posted on the TV. The idea was floated that all of the executive team could maintain hours.
 2. Hannah explained that T-shirts would be paid for from the personnel SGA budget, which is set aside. Hannah also mentioned that setting aside money for snacks is helpful because all SGA senators are coming from various backgrounds. Our operating account per semester is 750\$.
 3. Theo will create a T-shirt design idea. Common Grounds buys long and short-sleeved T-shirts. Hannah suggest talking with Karissa about what buying shirts in bulk would look like.
- b. Questions After Dark
 - i. Questions After Dark was a res-life event spearheaded by Scott Eyre. The event was in the evenings; guest speakers would come and students could submit questions into a box, which the guest would then answer. SGA co-presidents are considering bringing it back and/or repurposing it.
 - ii. Questions After Dark was discontinued for attendance purposes, however EMU now has an almost entirely new student body so attendance might be higher.
 - iii. Possible spaces for Questions After Dark include Northlawn or Commongrounds, however Leah mentioned that Northlawn was more intimate.
 - iv. The executive committee is in support of Seth and Leah having a conversation with Scott.
- c. Petitions
 - i. Petitions will be handed out at the Clubs and Orgs social. The Co-presidents will be in contact with club-leaders for recommendations of people to shoulder tap.
 - ii. While SGA was successful at handing out petitions at the Quad Party, it is also important to reach out to upperclassman because underclassmen frequently attend ice cream socials.
 - iii. Petitions will be due on Wednesday, September 11th at 5pm. Elections will be Monday, September the 16th from 8am-10pm.
- d. Retreat Sunday, September 22nd in the Discipleship Center at 6:30 pm
 - i. Seth and Leah are considering doing a World Cafe method, possibly facilitated by Scott Barge. Essentially senate members participate in round table discussions in small groups and then come to the big group and ideas are “harvested”
 - ii. The retreat is currently for senate members only. Therefore the Rachel Roth-Sawatsky, Shannon Dycus, and Amy Springer will not be attending. Shannon is sharing Rachel’s role as Student Life Representative until at least December. Vi Dutcher, SGA’s 2018-2019 Faculty Representative, is

not coming back, SGA is currently in communication with Matt Siderhurst.

6. Open Floor

- a. Theo on TV use
 - i. CAC approached SGA asking if they could use the TV to promote events.
 - ii. Common Grounds will use TV to advertise Drink of the Month.
 - iii. Theo mentioned that an SGA TV committee would be useful.
- b. Leah on Committee Formations
 - i. Finance, Forum, and TV committees were used last year. They would be helpful again.
 - 1. The TV committee will also include the bulletin board and be headed by Theo.
 - 2. The forum Committee will be headed by Emma
 - 3. The finance committee will be headed by Hannah.
 - 4. Exec is in consensus that those three committees are good for now, nothing that if needed more could be formed.
 - ii. If Questions After Dark is implemented could have its own committee or be combined with a forum committee.
 - 1. Hannah mentioned that a Questions After Dark committee could be formed after a few Questions After Dark events if there is a need.
 - iii. Hannah suggest having a communication committee that is solely for clubs or other various units across campus.
 - 1. Connecting to clubs better was something that was mentioned as something SGA could do better at.
- c. Seth on Team-Drive
 - i. Co-presidents will give access to Team-Drive to exec committee.

Meeting ended at 8:58pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard