

**SGA Meeting Minutes**  
**10/9/19**

**Attending:** Co-President Leah Wenger, Co-President Seth Weaver, Vice-President Emma Yoder, Treasurer Hannah Nichols, Secretary Anisa Leonard, VP of Marketing Theodore Yoder, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Student Life Rep. Shannon Dycus, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Justice Allen, Isaac Andreas, Ariel Barbosa, Alyssa Breidigan, Chelsea Brubaker, Tahj'ae Coleman, Elizabeth Dagliano, Emma Hoover, Donald Lleshi, Rhonda Obaugh, Ruth-Reimer-Berg, Fibi Souleymane, Katie Zuercher,

**Absent:** Faculty Rep. Matt Siderhurst

1. Call to Order at 8:06
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 10/2/10: Minutes approved.
4. Announcements
  - a. Update from Shannon Dycus
    - i. Next week during fall break, the counseling center will be moving into the Weaver Wellness Suite. This move is an effort to promote overall wellness, and create synergy in the services offered for the health of EMU students. The house will eventually be used for something else.
      1. Discussion. Hannah mentioned discomfort about the counseling services being apart of the student life suite, saying it might lead students to sometimes feel unsafe. Shannon shared that they are working hard to make the new counseling space as safe as possible, and they are currently discussing how members of the student life suite will interact with people as they are walking through.
    - ii. Email from Dave Esmiler
      1. This afternoon EMU was notified of a reported sexual assault that occurred on campus a few weeks ago. Because of the nature of the event the whole campus community was notified so students can remain safe. The student life department recognizes this might lead to heightened anxiety and they tried to name some of the resources available to students.
  - b. Strengths Leadership Conference
    - i. This is a biannual conference at JMU and will be November 2nd from 10:30am-3:30 pm. The conference is aimed at helping students tap into their strengths and grow.
5. Old Business
  - a. Sub Committee Check in
  - b. SGA Constitutional revision
    - i. SGA has added the nondiscrimination policy to its constitution.

Motion (Justice ): To approve the non discrimination clause addition to the SGA constitution.

Chelsea seconds.

Approve: 17

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

c. Office Hours

- i. There are currently two signs in Common Grounds. There will be a sign given to Anisa because she has office hours in the Royal's Den when Common Grounds is closed.
- ii. Fibi had a student come to her who said that he thought it was unfair that the cafeteria pays 7.25\$ per hour.
  1. Donaldo shared that students who work at the caf are paid through Pioneer Catering, while other students on campus are paid 9 dollars an hour through work study or work program.
  2. Shannon shared that it is important to note that students who work in the caf get meal cost reductions, however this only benefits juniors, seniors or commuters not persons who may have an unlimited meal plan.

6. New Business

a. Ultimate Club constitution revision

- i. Theo share that Ultimate club has added the non-discriminiton club.

Motion (Emma): To approve the non-discrimination clause to the Ultimate Club constitution.

Justice seconds.

Approve: 16

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

b. Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) funding request

- i. The financial committee met with Ben Bontrager-Singer spearheading the super-mileage car project in conjunction with ESW. Ben requested 500\$ for the supermileage car which they will be taking to California in the spring for the Shell Eco-Marathon competition. The group will be crowdfunding until winter break, but they think a donation from SGA would be helpful in kickstarting the donations. The group has currently proposed budgeted for 3,000 dollars in parts and 6,000 in travel fees. They are hoping to receive \$10,000 to get extra equipment and get all the members to the conference. ESW has a budget of \$250 for the year and is not contributing to the funding of this project. The group has built in some leeway into their budget.
- ii. There is an application for the competition, which seems more like a formality. However, the group would like to start purchasing parts relatively soon, purchasing an engine before Thanksgiving break. They will continue to update the car in coming years.
- iii. Financial Committee recommends 100 or 150 dollars and offering space for them to return at the end of the semester. If the club was able to get another club to join they might be able to access USO.
- iv. Discussion

1. Donoldo noted that \$150 dollars is not significant
2. Ariel was curious to know who the crowdfunding was aimed at. The group determined it was aimed at alumni.
3. Emma voiced concern twelve people involved in this project is not a significant portion of EMU.
4. Chelsea pointed out that attending the competition would be beneficial to EMU's name and marketing.
5. Issac shared that EMU participating in the competition aligns the school with Shell Oil Company and urged SGA to consider the ethical implications of this.
6. Hannah noted that SGA does have a rollover fund.

Motion (Justice): To grant ESW \$150 with the stipulation they can come back at the end of the semester and ask for more money

Emma seconds.

v. Further discussion

1. Chelsea suggested giving half of what would be offered thus granting ESW \$250.
2. Justice responded that we must keep in mind that SGA will be receiving more funding requests in the future.
3. Fibi suggested granting \$200

Amended Motion (Chelsea): To grant ESW \$200 with the stipulation that they can come back at the end of the semester.

Emma seconds.

Approve: 16

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

7. Open Floor

- a. Chelsea went to the institutional review board where they are reviewing a proposal from JMU about sending a survey to music majors and experience with sexual assault.
- b. Issac went to the Creation Care Council, there was talk of imposing an \$100 climate tax on students where the money would be specifically set aside for students.
- c. Leah went to the convocation talk back with Kevin Powell, in that discussion there was a lot of concerns from students named about continued racism and microaggressions happening at campus. Leah notes that it is important for SGA to name that it isn't representative of the student body in a lot of ways.

Meeting ended at 9:11pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard