

SGA Meeting Minutes
10/23/19

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, Faculty Rep. Matt Siderhurst, Justice Allen, Isaac Andreas, Ariel Barbosa, Alyssa Breidigan, Chelsea Brubaker, Tahj'ae Coleman, Elizabeth Dagliano, Emma Hoover, Donaldo Lleshi, Rhonda Obaugh, Ruth-Reimer-Berg, Fibi Souleymane, Katie Zuercher
Absent: Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky,

1. Call to Order at 8:04pm
 2. Roll Call and Check-In
 3. Approval of minutes from 10/9/19: Minutes approved.
 4. Announcements
 - a. Sub-committees
 - i. Be aware that the semester is almost over when planning things.
 5. Old Business
 - a. Office Hours
 - i. Leah sent out another reminder to the campus about office hours.
 - ii. Anisa had someone come and share a desire for more female counselors in the counseling center.
 - iii. Ariel had a conversation with a student about food waste, she would like to have compost implemented in the Royal's Den like it is in Common Grounds. Ariel will talk to Aaron Horst.
 - iv. Tahj'ae shared that the office hours should also be advertised via social media platforms like Instagram and Snapchat.
 6. New Business
 - a. Y-Serve Constitutional Amendment
 - i. Y-Serve is updating their constitution to include the EMU non-discrimination policy. Y-Serve is a club which provides students with outlets to serve in the community, one of their big activities is the Spring Break Y-trips
 - ii. This year, in partnership with the Sustainable Food Initiative, Y-Serve has been hosting food drives to raise awareness for student hunger.
- Motion (Justice): To approve Y-Serve constitutional amendment to include the EMU non-discriminatory policy.
- Chelsea seconds.
Approve: 16
Against: 0
Abstaining: 1
Motion passes.
- b. Safe Space Constitutional Amendment
 - i. Safe Space is Safe Space is updating their constitution to include the EMU non-discrimination policy.

- ii. Safe Space is a club on campus created for the LGBTQ+ and ally community. This year is Safe Space's ten year anniversary, and the group was originally created as an advocacy group for the hiring policy. They plan on celebrating this anniversary with a HoliGay party as the focus this year is on having fun.

Motion (Isaac) : To approve Safe Space constitutional amendment to include the EMU non-discriminatory policy.

Justice seconds.

Approve: 17

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

c. Rotaract Funding Request

- i. Rotaract Club is requesting 120 dollars for an event this coming Tuesday , the 29th, where they plan to have pumpkin carving, cinnamon rolls and apple cider. The club hopes to purchase about 20-30 pumpkins.
- ii. Discussion
 - 1. The financial committee recommends granting the Rotaract Club funding request.
 - 2. SGA has about four or five meetings left in which they will be receiving more funding requests.

Motion (Chelsea) : To give Rotaract club the 120 dollars requested for the pumpkin carving event.

Justice seconds.

Approve: 16

Against :0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

d. Welcome Our Deans

- i. Tonight three out of our four school deans are here to engage in conversation, answer questions and share their thoughts.
- ii. Sue Cockly is the Dean of the School of Theology, Humanities and performing arts. She used to work in the Adult Degree Completion.
- iii. Shannon Dycus is the Dean of Students. The student life division has been hard at work thinking about how we are intentionally building community.
- iv. David Brubaker is the Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Professions.
- v. Tara Kishbaugh is the Dean of the School of Science, Engineering, Art and Nursing and is unable to be present.
- vi. Anisa asked if they discuss the schools at all with students because she was unaware of what school she was in. David and Sue shared that this

year is about the schools creating a school identity among the faculty and then later the students who currently identify via their major.

- vii. Isaac asked how the various schools were established. Sue answered saying that the goal was to divide the job of the Undergraduate Dean into three roughly equal parts. The school system integrates the graduate and undergraduate programs.
- viii. Shannon talked about how adding the Dean of Students to the team of Deans is part of an effort to further integrate co-curriculars into the formal learning.
- ix. David shared that students have a right to appeal to the Dean at any time.
- x. Sue talked about how as time goes on the relationship to fringe EMU communities like Music preparatory, and the Intensive English Program may be evaluated.
- xi. Leah asked what the school system means for students in two schools. David replied, saying that if things go well students shouldn't notice a difference.

7. Open Floor

- a. Isaac talked about how due to a new policy in residence life you can only get onto your individual hall with the keycard. He shared that other students have felt it was inconvenient.
 - i. Isaac is looking for ideas on who to talk to about that. Hannah suggested that inviting Jon Swartz, Director of Housing and Residence Life, might be helpful. Other possible people to talk to could be campus security.
 - ii. Ruth shared that the new policy was created for safety. However, now when people aren't swiping there is no way of tracking who is in the dorm.
 - iii. Donaldo shared that it was created because guys would swipe onto the hall, and people wouldn't know they were there. People would also swipe in to walk through the halls specifically on Northlawn 1st.
 - iv. Going forward the senate affirms Isaac's decision to talk to Jon Swartz.
- b. Leah asked about reflections from the Dean talk
 - i. Justice shared that he still doesn't understand what it means for students.
 - ii. Matt shared that the main pro of this model is that it is more sustainable for the school as a whole.
 - iii. Leah will email the Senate with information about the Dean's office hours.
- c. Ruth went to the Intellectual Life committee and they decided the common read for next year, it is a novel about trauma and healing, written by a queer theologian. The author will visit campus next year. They also talked about various events such as the Gala concert.
- d. Katie went to the convocation committee they want feedback from SGA. This will be revisited next week in the interest of time.

Meeting ended at 9:05pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard

