

SGA Meeting Minutes
12/4/19

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, 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, Fibi Souleymane, Katie Zuercher,

Absent: Ruth Reimer-Berg

1. Call to Order at 8:01
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 11/20 : Minutes approved.
4. Announcements
5. New Business
 - a. Scott Barge on strategic planning
 - i. Scott is a part of the strategic planning committee. They created two documents, one is QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) regarding community building through storytelling, the other is detailing EMU's goals and vision for the second century.
 - ii. SGA broke into small groups and discussed the various plans.
 - b. Discussion on budget sharing between clubs
 - i. The cycling club offered to reimburse SGA with left over funds from their accounts.
 - ii. SGA affirmed that it sounded like a good thing.

Motion (Justice): To approve the sum of money which cycling club wishes to gift to SGA.

Emma seconds.

Amended Motion (Justice): To approve the sum of money which any club wishes to gift to SGA.

Emma seconds.

Approve: 15

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

- c. Discussion on procedures regarding future funding requests.
 - i. One item discusses not entertaining funding requests over \$500.
 1. Justice raised the concern that it would negatively affect Take Back The Night and the BSA Y-serve trip.
 2. Donaldo re-affirmed this saying SGA would “ not encourage funding requests over \$500.”
 3. Justice clarified that under these guidelines clubs could request \$500 two times.

- ii. Emma mentioned that the guidelines should include rational, and encourage fundraising.
 - 1. There will be another document pertaining to guidelines for the political clubs.
 - 2. Chelsea said that we should clarify that funding priority will be given to events.
- iii. Emma brought up that there should not be a direct line between EMU funds and the broader community.

6. Old Business

a. Young Conservative Voices Funding Request

- i. The Young Conservative Voices is requesting \$160 for transportation to the March for Life event in January 2020. The march, in D.C, is one of the largest pro-life events. They would use the money for gas and would take their own car.
 - 1. Theo said we should fund this request for Young Conservatives, expect Young Democrats to do the same, and then do some thinking over break about guidelines for political clubs.
 - 2. Justice asked if we would require Young Conservatives to hold an event on the march after.

Motion (Emma): To give Young Conservative voice \$160 for transportation to the March for Life.

Alyssa seconds.

Further discussion

- 1. Emma shared concern that the amount was too much.
- 2. Anisa said she was uneasy funding something which not everyone believed in.
- 3. Justice shared that we should fund the request because it helps further what people believe in.
- 4. Fibi said that a lot of individuals fund for marching for what they believe in.
- 5. Donaldo shared that all the funding is general and doesn't necessarily benefit each student individually.
- 6. Justice said we should table it to next semester.
- 7. Shannon asked SGA to consider that everything is political. The two bi-partisan groups aren't necessarily different from other groups. She also encouraged SGA to hold the tension.
- 8. Rhonda asked if the event is open to the whole campus. As of this time they haven't broadcasted to the whole campus.

Amended Motion (Justice): To give Young Conservative Voices \$160 for transportation to the March for Life with the stipulation to have Young Conservatives Voices engage in public conversation with the EMU community on campus upon returning.

Alyssa seconds

Approve: 7
Against: 5
Abstaining: 3
Motion passes.

- b. Super Mileage Car Funding request
 - i. Engineers for a Sustainable world is requesting money for the super-mileage car. They have already received \$250 from SGA to purchase an engine. They would appreciate any extra amount which SGA gives. Crowdfunding is currently going on.

Motion (Justice): To give Engineers for Sustainable for sustainable world \$500.

Issac seconds.

Approve: 13
Against: 0
Abstaining: 1
Motion passes.

- 7. Open Floor
 - a. Late Night Pancakes will be happening on Tuesday, the 10th.
 - b. This Monday, the 9th, there will be a Lighting of the Green on Thomas Plaza. Susan will light a Christmas tree and hopefully it will become a yearly tradition.
 - c. Justice bade his farewell, he will be stepping down from SGA next semester.

Meeting ended at 9:17pm
Recorded by Anisa Leonard