

SGA Meeting Minutes

1/22/2020

Attending: Co-President Leah Wenger, Co-President Seth Weaver, Vice-President Emma Yoder, Treasurer Hannah Nichols, Secretary Anisa Leonard, VP of Marketing Theodore Yoder, Student Life Rep. Shannon Dycus, Faculty Rep. Matt Siderhurst, Isaac Andreas, Rodrigo Barahona, Ariel Barbosa, Alyssa Breidigan, Chelsea Brubaker, Elizabeth Dagliano, Philip Krabill, Donaldo Lleshi, Rhonda Obaugh, Adam Peachey, Ruth-Reimer-Berg, Fibi Souleymane, Avery Trinh

Absent: *Co-President Leah Wenger, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Katie Zeurcher*

1. Call to Order at 8:02
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 1/15/2020: Minutes approved.
4. Announcements
 - a. Prepare questions for Fred Kniss
 - i. Fred wants to talk to SGA and hear their questions about campus reconstruction, MLK day remarks and anything else students want to address. Fred Kniss is the boss of the various Deans on campus.
 - b. External Committees
 - i. Shannon is a part of a task force regarding EMU re-accreditation. As such, they create a project to enhance the quality of education on campus. The community (QEP) is working on creating an advising program for students. They are looking at it holistically and not just the academic component. The committee meets Mondays over lunch.
 1. Phillip and Alyssa will be joining this committee.
5. New Business
 - a. Irene Kniss
 - i. Irene realized that health services has never asked students what they want provided. Health services does not get any student fee money, rather they meet their budget through reimbursement from health insurance. Health services is located in the student life suit with counseling services.
 1. Health services serves about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the student body.
 2. Health services provides services for faculty and staff as well.
 3. Health services does some of the lab work necessary for athletes. Keeping all the services in house so to speak will assist with retention.
 4. Health services has over the counter drugs which they can give to students for free.
 - b. Green Dot Bystander Training
 - i. Green Dot is a training helping campus communities to prevent on campus sexual violence and create a healthy community through changing campus culture.
 - ii. There will be three trainings available on campus this spring Feb 5th, 26th and April 5th. Seth will be sending out an email with sign up information. Participating is a great way for SGA to give back to the school.

6. Old Business

a. International Student Organization Funding request.

- i. ISO is requesting \$1300 for the Gala held in Martin Chapel where the EMU community comes together to try and raise money for a fundraiser called “Water4” which builds wells in Africa. The event will be April 11th. The money from SGA will go directly towards products at the event. The event hopes to raise \$600 for the wells.
- ii. SGA currently has \$5220 to distribute for the remainder of the semester
- iii. Discussion
 1. The club will choose a location, based off of the amount of money that they raised, from the options given by the organization “Water 4”.
 2. The organization was chosen by club president, Paul Kayembe.
 3. According to Hannah the club is currently in progress of planning the event.
 4. Adam asked if there will be other large funding requests this semester. Hannah said she is not sure since BSA incorporated their big ask into their budget.

Motion (Theo): To give \$1300 to ISO for their upcoming Gala.

Chelsea seconds

Approve: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 3

Motion passes.

7. Open Floor

a. MLK Reflections

- i. Maya and JD really appreciated all the help that SGA gave during the MLK day celebrations.
 - ii. Anisa shared about the experience at Lucy Simms, and the opportunity to interact with the community.
 - iii. Ariel shared the student panel was very impactful, and appreciated the intentionality in the space that the senior students had created. Ariel shared that she was very grateful for their courage in creating a space where students of color could share their stories.
 - iv. Chelsea wondered if there was a space for SGA to respond to the panel in a way which affirms the experiences shared.
- b. Isaac went to the creation care council. The CCC is wondering if there are any earth day plans in the work and is looking to support those organizations.
- i. Convocation is planning on celebrating earth day on the day that earth day actually is.

- c. Alyssa went to convocation committee. Alyssa mentioned that convocation is marketed as non-religious, however at opening convocation there was a prayer and a scripture reading which prompted some Muslim students to walk out. Alyssa is welcoming any thoughts on that.
 - i. Chelsea shared that since it is advertised as a “non-religious” perhaps it is best to stick to that. Other ideas could be attempting to make convocation more inclusive.
 - ii. Hannah suggested doing a moment of silence.

Meeting ended at 9:06pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard