

**SGA Meeting Minutes**  
**2/19/2020**

**Attending:** Co-President Leah Wenger, Co-President Seth Weaver, Vice-President Emma Yoder, Treasurer Hannah Nichols, Secretary Anisa Leonard, VP of Marketing Theodore Yoder, Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Student Life Rep. Shannon Dycus, 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, Katie Zuercher

**Absent:** Faculty Rep. Matt Siderhurst, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky,

1. Call to Order at 8:03
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 1/15/2020: Minutes approved.
4. Announcements
  - a. BSA Town Hall
    - i. The BSA Town Hall On Race will be tomorrow (2/20), at 7pm in Common Grounds. BSA is looking for a few volunteers to help with conversation. Isaac, Ariel, Anisa will help with that.
  - b. Green Dot training will be happening Tuesday, February 25th and Sunday, April 6th.
  - c. Dean Hours
    - i. The Deans on campus are thinking about having open “office hours” in Common Grounds. They are curious as to what SGA thinks about that. SGA thinks the idea sounds good. Adam also suggests the Royal’s Den as a possible location.
  - d. Run for Exec
    - i. SGA is looking for people to run for SGA exec. Seth and Leah will be sending out petitions.
5. Old Business
  - a. Pre-Professional Health Society funding request
    - i. PPHS is requesting 250 dollars which will go to a photographer to purchase professional headshots for student’s applications to med school. PPHS is wanting to emphasize equity and play a fair amount compared to what headshots from outside the EMU community would cost. PPHS would appreciate any amount of money.
    - ii. More than 20 individuals would be going, all of them would pay 5 dollars.
    - iii. The photographer is Ignacio.
    - iv. Last week the question came up as to if SGA should fund it since only those in the club can use it. Seth pointed out that most of what we fund only benefits specific clubs

Motion (Issac ): To give PPHS 250 dollars

Ruth seconds

Approve: 9

Against: 0

Abstaining: 5  
Motion passes.

6. New Business

a. Amy Snider and Marcy Frederick

- i. Amy is the assistant to the city manager. She is coming to SGA tonight to talk about the census. The 2020 census is upcoming. The population count is used to determine representation in congress and redrawing various districts. The data is also used to determine various grants and funding to the community. The data also determines which business will come to the community.
- ii. The census applies to those who live off campus. Those who live off campus will have a letter come to their household leading them to an online survey. Letters will be received beginning in march Families will not fill out the census with their children. Students are to count themselves at their place of residence.
- iii. The census is \$17.50 from May to August. It is flexible hours, and paid training. To be hired one must be 18 and have permanent residency in the United States.
- iv. The library might have set computers for people to fill out the census. Students could volunteer to help people fill out the form, or help advertise that the library has computers. Individuals have the opportunity to skip questions. Those who don't have houses and are on the street or in shelters will be counted through community service providers. There is no citizenship question.

b. Campus Survey

- i. SGA is currently half way through the semester. In a small group senate discussed key points from previous meetings. Seth and Leah will use these summaries to draft a campus wide email/survey.
  1. 1/14 with Rachel Roth Sawatsky and Amy Springer: Discussion of EMU core.
  2. 1/22 with Irene Kniss: Health center gives out free condoms and over the counter drugs. Ask students how they feel about moving to the counseling center. Some of our speakers are long winded which makes our discussion under a time crush.
  3. 1/29 with Fred Kniss: Fred talked about his role. The Senate wanted to talk more about sustainability and current magers.
  4. 2/5 with Dave King: Dave's talk was very nuanced, however there are two centering questions. 1)How often do you use the tennis courts? 2)Should they be community spaces?
  5. 2/12 with Susan Shultz Huxman: Senate members enjoyed hearing about her day to day, however they would like to see some push back against Alicia Garcia's circumstance.
  6. 2/19 with Amy Snider: The Senate is curious where funds to advertise for the census on campus will come from.

## 7. Open Floor

- a. Amy met with the Development office. She received two letters from students who got the student initiated endowment fund scholarship. SGA funds the Student Initiated Endowment Fund, it was started by students over 20 years ago. The fund, worth over \$120,00 last year, goes to individuals identified by the Financial Aid Office that display financial need to cover their tuition. Amy read these letters to the senate.
- b. Theo talked with Tyler Goss. He is wondering if it is necessary to put up SGA slides that are not time sensitive. Chelsea suggests transferring SGA info to the bulletin board.
- c. Katie went to the convocation committee on 2/10. They are curious who attended the convocation on the second amendment and as to if the conversation should continue. They are looking for Earth Day speakers, and possible convocation topics. The Convocation committee also wants to know how to boost attendance.
  - i. Phillip went to the second amendment convocation. He shared that the convocation was in lecture form and wasn't as effective as the conversation afterwards. He suggested that if conversation on the topic were to continue that it should happen in breakouts.
  - ii. Alyssa suggested a member from SFI who attended one of the financial meetings as a speaker for Earth Day. Leah seconded having all the earth oriented clubs speaking. Isaac suggested having the Earth Day convocation outside.
  - iii. Leah shared that attendance for most things decreases in the spring for a lot of things.
  - iv. Katie shared that the convocation committee is attempting to figure out what happens if students don't achieve the points required for graduation. They are trying to determine how students will recover points if they don't make 80 points in time.
- d. Seth attended Engage[men]t last week. 54 EMU students showed up and the event went really well.
- e. Ruth went to an Intellectual Life Committee meeting and they are looking for student recommendations for outside people to talk about mindfulness.

Meeting ended at 9:15pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard