

SGA Meeting Minutes

2/26/2020

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, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Faculty Rep. Matt Siderhurst, Isaac Andreas, Ariel Barbosa, Alyssa Breidigan, Elizabeth Dagliano, Philip Krabill, Rhonda Obaugh, Adam Peachey, Ruth-Reimer-Berg, Katie Zuercher

Absent: Rodrigo Barahona, Chelsea Brubaker, Donald Lleshi, Fibi Souleymane, Avery Trinh

1. Call to Order at 8:03
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 2/19/2020: Minutes approved.
4. Announcements
 - a. Dinner at Susan's House: April 15th at 8pm.
 - b. Run for Exec!
5. Old Business
 - a. EMU College Republicans reflect on attending March for Life in D.C in January.
 - i. Daniel Moyer secretary of College Republicans, and Rachel Raquier College Republican member came to senate to discuss their experience attending March for Life with two other club members. They shared that it was valuable to be surrounded by those of similar beliefs and to stand up for what they believed in. It was a good experience to put into action the beliefs which they had been talking about.
 - ii. Looking forward the club wants to collaborate with Young Democrats to facilitate more on campus discussion surrounding somewhat controversial topics.
 - b. BSA Constitution Updates
 - i. Co-Presidents Maya Dula and JD Richardson summarized their changes. BSA is officially changing the name from Black Student Union to Black Student Alliance to reflect their desire to be an ally to the whole school. The constitution also includes the addition of the EMU non-discrimination policy, and the addition of a Media Coordinator position.
 - ii. JD and Maya also encouraged white students on campus to continue speaking out and to initiate things on their own, rather than waiting on BSA to do so.

Motion (Phillip): To approve BSA's constitutional updates.

Ruth seconds

Approve: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

- c. Follow up on Census
 - i. Amy responded to many of the questions regarding the census via email which Leah will forward to the senate.
 - ii. There is an invitation for EMU students to assist with the census taking tables that community members can utilize. It would be a great opportunity to get community service hours.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Fall funding for Young Democrats and College Republicans
 - i. Both clubs have reached the end of their two year waiting period and will be applying for a budget next year. Currently in SGA guidelines we are prohibited from giving them a budget, although they can be considered for funding for specific events. The executive team is leaning towards giving the clubs funding, and in addition revising the financial guidelines.
 - ii. Alyssa thinks it's a good idea to support every student on campus, especially as they stand up for what they believe in. She named that SGA must work with remaining unbiased.
 - iii. Seth named that we had both of the clubs on campus before. The clubs are expecting a budget, and we have a duty to uphold previous promises.
 - iv. Adam asked why the guideline was created. It was created to focus funds on things that benefit the wider community. Hannah shared that could also have been an effort to state that EMU doesn't officially support any political organization.
 - v. Hannah shared that the EMU College Republican's is a cohort of a larger nationwide organization. At JMU, their SGA does financially support their chapter.
 - vi. Rachel proposes that the clubs get their own budget, and that SGA uses their discretion to fund specific events.
 - b. Call for a VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Ariel, Gabby and Anisa are part of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (CODI) and are coordinating the creation of a full time position VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. They are creating several WV articles and planning a meeting among student leaders.
 - ii. Alyssa suggested also sending a petition, that students could sign to share their support.
- 7. Open Floor
 - a. Seth and Emma went to the Green Dot training on Tuesday. They said it was very interactive, and they learned a lot about the barriers that keep us from intervening when we see harm. The last training will be April 5th, from 1-5.
 - b. Adam met with Laura Lehman who is working on redoing the course catalog. She is looking for more student feedback on this.

Meeting ended at 9:09pm
Recorded by Anisa Leonard

