

**SGA Meeting Minutes**  
**3/11/2020**

**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, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Faculty Rep. Matt Siderhurst, Isaac Andreas, Rodrigo Barahona, Ariel Barbosa, Alyssa Breidigan, Chelsea Brubaker, Philip Krabill, Donaldo Lleshi, Rhonda Obaugh, Adam Peachey, Ruth-Reimer-Berg, Avery Trinh, Katie Zuercher

**Absent:** Administration Rep. Amy Springer, Elizabeth Dagliano, Fibi Souleymane

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. Campus Survey
    - i. Leah and Seth are in the process of creating a survey. They will collaborate with Todd Van Patter who is the director of institutional research.
  - b. Board Report
    - i. Seth and Leah sent out a report to the Board of Directors. They shared a copy of the letter.
  - c. Effects of Coronavirus
    - i. The Corona has affected various events on campus. The Shell Eco-Marathon event has been canceled.
    - ii. Shannon shared that in the last 24hrs things have spiraled exponentially. There is a group of administrators meeting every morning about the situation. EMU is trying to discern the best way to ensure the health of our community. There are a lot of monetary concerns (including Shrek).
    - iii. Shannon suggested encouraging people to fill in the travel form and to stay at home if sick. Additionally, intentionally engaging in conversation is important.
    - iv. Isaac asked what would happen to housing if EMU did close. Some schools require students to leave housing some aren't .
    - v. The ODAC will make a decision by Friday regarding sports.
    - vi. Alyssa asked about those with compromised immune systems, and the feeling of panic that all the schools around us are closed. Shannon had the ASC reach out to those who are compromised so they are aware of the services offered to them.
    - vii. Shannon shared that there have been changes made to some summer trips, but the Guatemala trip is currently uneffected. Donaldo asked about those who need cross-cultural education to graduate this summer, this will be dealt with later.
    - viii. Katie asked about VMRC. Rhonda shared that staff has to sign about their health everytime they come, and are trained to constantly wash their hands.

- ix. Phillip asked what would cause EMU to shut down, Shannon shared it would take a confirmed case in Harrisonburg. There are a lot of unknowns.
- x. Anisa shared concern that a lot of students might have about being able to work, if EMU closed in person.
- xi. Hannah asked about affordable testing options and support. Shannon shared that we don't have any on campus, however people can be tested at Sentara. Currently there is no testing available for those under 50.
- xii. Hannah asked how staff and faculty are feeling, and if there has been talk about closing EMU to the community. There is currently conversation about the visitors policy.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Bruce Emerson and Steve Bandy from Food Services
  - i. Steve Bandy is the district manager for pioneer foods. The dining hall is taking the virus very seriously and is taking lots of sanitation precautions.
  - ii. There are currently discussions about renovating the West Dining Room
    - 1. There are currently plans to add almost a whole additional cafeteria next to what they already have. This addition would hold about 300 people and can be used for catering events. The current west dining room will become more of a community welcoming space.
    - 2. The remodel will likely be divided into two summers.
    - 3. The school wants to raise money to fund this project.
    - 4. This remodel will not raise meal plan costs.
    - 5. At this time they are unsure how this project will affect those who use the cafeteria.
  - iii. Food Services will be sending out a survey tomorrow. They appreciate hearing from students. They especially welcome specific comments. Compared to other campuses EMU has one of the highest response rates to the services.
  - iv. Food Services have created a program called "green on the go", with a five dollar deposit people can fill the plate, and take it elsewhere to eat. You can bring it back and continuously use a card to "check it back out". The program is also used at the Den.
  - v. Paul asked about increasing the diversity of food offered on weekends. Bruce said that Pioneer Catering has a contract with EMU which makes it limited what they can offer. Bruce welcomes specific suggestions regarding this.
    - 1. Mariana Lipold suggested training for those who work on Saturdays.
    - 2. Steve mentioned that the decline in enrollment at EMU, and subsequent budget cuts made things difficult for Pioneer staff.
    - 3. Chelsea suggested creating more self assemble options.
  - vi. Virginia recently changed its minimum wage to \$9 dollars an hour. At this time Pioneer Catering is unsure how this will impact the cost of meal plans.

6. New Business

a. BSA Alternative Spring Break Trip

- i. BSA is requesting money for their Y-Serve trip to the civil rights tour due. It has been asked in the past that this cost be incorporated into their monthly budget, however they went slightly over their budget. SGA is asking to table this to get more details, considering the large sum of money. In the past individuals paid some money, and funds were raised from the outside community.

b. Destiny's Daughters

- i. Destiny's Daughters is a chapter of an organization which Melody Pannell created. Next year they will have finished their two year waiting period. They are requesting \$200 for Destiny's Daughter's week, which is a week focused on trauma awareness and some self care activities. They are hoping to raise an additional \$300 through charging booths, and through club dues

Motion (Isaac): To give Destiny's Daughters \$200 for their event next week.

Adam seconds

Approve: 15

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 9:12pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard