

SGA Zoom Meeting Minutes

3/25/2020

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, Rodrigo Barahona, Ariel Barbosa, Alyssa Breidigan, Chelsea Brubaker, Elizabeth Dagliano, Philip Krabill, Donaldo Lleshi, Rhonda Obaugh, Adam Peachey, Ruth-Reimer-Berg, Avery Trinh, Katie Zuercher

Absent: Fibi Souleymane

1. Call to Order at 8:03
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 3/11/2020 and 3/18/2020: Minutes approved.
4. Old Business
 - a. Executive Elections coming up!
 - i. Tomorrow there will be an all campus email sent out. Students should fill in form by April 2nd with intent to run. This form can be used to get signatures which are due April 6th.
 - ii. Elections will be done normally on April 9th.
 - b. Census
 - i. If students were slated to be on campus they are counted under EMU's census info. Students just need to make sure that their parent's don't also count them.
 - c. Student Survey
 - i. Seth and Leah have created a form to send out to all students as a survey. There are questions about everything ranging from student life, to dining services and Covid-19 responses. There is also space to add suggestions for at-a-far activities such as everyone making their pancakes at home.
5. New Business
 - a. BSA Funding Request
 - i. BSA is requesting \$1250 for funding their alternative spring break trip. They are currently at negative \$441. The question is what should SGA do when clubs are at zero? Should SGA simply just get them back to zero? No club will start next year in negatives.
 - ii. Donaldo was wondering if the club was negative before they went on the trip. The club was in positives, but then ended up spending more than they anticipated. Any advisor can use an EMU credit.
 - iii. Matt explained that there isn't anything that physically stops someone from spending money. It was when the money that was spent was credited to the specific BSA account that the account went negative.
 - iv. Adam mentioned that there were discrepancies as to if the BSA budget increased or decreased from last year. Hannah also said she was unsure.
 - v. Hannah is unsure when the general ledger will next be updated.
 - vi. Anisa shared that BSA does have the donning of the Kente coming up.

Motion (Donaldo): To give BSA the funds necessary to bring them to zero.

Phillip seconds

Amended motion (Donaldo): To give BSA \$441.48 to bring them to zero.

Phillip seconds

Approve: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 2

Motion passes.

6. Open Floor

- a. Hannah received an email regarding work study. They had received an email saying they would no longer be getting paid. They are curious what the procedure is across the university.
 - i. Shannon shared that there are two types of work study. One is funded federally and one is funded by EMU. The one funded by the government has to be paid out. The one from EMU doesn't have to be, since students aren't able to fill those hours, they don't have to be paid out. The exceptions to this are tutoring and weathervane.
- b. Alyssa attended the QEP meeting. They presented the new position of first year advisor, which is an individual who would be an informational source for them. Similar to what a transition teacher does. It received a very positive response.
- c. Anisa and Ariel talked about the VP for Diversity Equity and Inclusion. They also talked a lot about ways which access is inequitable. CODI has been brainstorming ways of approaching that such as through xfinity wifi. There was also talking about promoting jobs students can get, or loan forbearance and walking students through that.
- d. Anisa mentioned donating to the CARE fund, and checking in with students. BSA and LSA are working on reaching out to all the AHANA students. SGA could work on reaching out to each student on campus so they don't fall through the cracks.
- e. Isaac asked if there has been any talk about going to a pass/fail system. Shannon shared there has been talk about allowing students to make that decision after the semester is over. There are a lot of things to be worked out.
 - i. Amy shared that they are working on a process for those returning fall semester to work with Advisor's in an online electronic format.
- f. Leah shared that her and Seth were invited to a conversation about commencement alternatives. What do seniors want to see?
 1. Ariel affirmed the idea of graduating at homecoming. Ariel also suggested having graduations by department. Donaldo affirmed that he just wants some sort of physical commencement.
 2. Ruth shared that not all student's might be able to make it to homecoming.
 3. Emma suggested August. Perhaps before programs for the following year. Emma shared that she doesn't think a zoom call will be very gratifying.
- g. Theo shared that SGA will be communicating through social media and facebook now. He is welcome to ideas on how to communicate to the student body creatively.

Meeting ended at 9:00pm

Recorded by Anisa Leonard

