

SGA Meeting Minutes

11/11/2020

Attending: Co-President Anisa Leonard, Co-President Allison Shelly, Co-President Justice Allen, Vice President Theo Yoder, Treasurer Hannah Nichols, VP of Marketing Asha Beck, Secretary Liz Hoffman, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatsky, Administrative Rep. Amy Springer Hartsell, Faculty Rep. Matthew Siderhurst, Isaac Andreas, Akiel Baker, Ani Beitzel, Alyssa Breidigan, Cindi Boyer, Shannon Cooper, Phillip Krabill, Coleman Maxwell, Molly Piwonka, Ruth Reimer-Berg, Sophia Sherrill

Absent: Shannon Dycus, Adam Peachey

1. Call to Order at 8:01
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 11/4/2020
 - a. Molly motioned to approve the minutes, and Asha seconded.

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and minutes approved.

4. Announcements
 - a. The Weathervane has openings for the co-editors-in-chief for this fall, so if anyone is interested they can email Kirsten Beachy at beachyk@emu.edu
5. Old Business
 - a. Internal Sub-Committee Time
 - i. The Campus Club Inclusive Committee talked about how there are not many clubs to support, since clubs are struggling to find activities to do, but plans on working with a few clubs to support a movie viewing
 - ii. The Finance Committee talked about the financial manual, and has been discussing the language in it. They want to talk about, as well as define, who can use SGA funds
 - iii. The Equity and Inclusion Committee talked about how they plan on working with Safe Space
 - iv. The Marketing Committee talked about how they have been doing senator posts on Instagram, as well as weekly updates are written and put in the Weathervane
6. New Business
 - a. Guest Speaker: Bri Miller, Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC)
 - i. Bri shared that she is currently the SAAC president, and she also plays field hockey
 - ii. The purpose of SACC is to promote growth and education through participation at EMU
 - iii. The Vice President is Emily McCombs

- iv. Duties of the student representatives are to serve as a liaison between the sport and the committee
- v. They meet on the second Sunday of each month
- vi. Anisa asked to share the difference between SAAC and ODAC
- vii. Bri said SAAC is strictly EMU while ODAC is the group of different schools
- viii. Justice asked if non-student athletes allowed to join SACC
- ix. Bri responded no, it is just for student athletes
- x. Hannah asked if students involved in intramurals are allowed to join
- xi. Bri responded no, but if you play a varsity sport you can
- xii. Coleman asked what activities they have been doing
- xiii. Bri said that their inclusivity week was this week, and they have been promoting it through social media campaigns
- xiv. The SACC Instagram is emu.saac
- xv. Hannah asked who the advisors are
- xvi. Bri said they are Matthew Siderhurst and Katie Russo
- xvii. Anisa shared that since SAAC only allows student athletes, it would not get a budget from SGA

Motion (Isaac):

Philip seconds

Approve: 14

Against: 1

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

- b. Hug station funding request from Hannah Beck
 - i. Hannah shared that Hannah Beck came with a proposal for her Ruling Idea's project, her group is looking to create a hug station
 - ii. The group plans to build it out of pvc pipe, a shower curtain, and other materials, as well as getting cleaning supplies to sanitize it
 - iii. The project has been approved by Shannon Dycus
 - iv. The purpose is to bring people together during this time of COVID
 - v. The group is requesting around \$150 for this project
 - vi. Cindi asked what the shower curtain would look like
 - vii. Hannah said the group did not specify
 - viii. Ruth asked where the hug station would be set up
 - ix. Hannah said someone near the campus center
 - x. Cindi said it sounds like a good idea, but isn't sure people will necessarily use it
 - xi. Isaac says it is a valid point, but the group will be doing it either way since it is their project
 - xii. Sophia said the whole point is mostly a fun social experiment, but does not

- xiii. Coleman said he would be there everyday waiting for hugs, and wants to possibly encourage the group to have it inside, so it would not be affected by western
- xiv. Asha said it would be really cool for SGA to support the project, and believes people will use

Motion (Cindi): To approve the funding request

Sophia seconds

Approve: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 3

Motion passes.

7. Open Floor

- a. Creation Care Council (Liz Hoffman)
 - i. Liz shared that the group talked about the cross cultural proposal, and the logistics behind it from a sustainable point of view
 - ii. She also shared that the cafeteria was possibly thinking of taking away the green containers because they are worried about students not returning them
- b. Convocation Planning Committee (Akiel Baker)
 - i. Akiel shared the group talked about the student recognition ceremony and what that would look like
 - ii. The group also talked about Black History month, and what they could do with that
 - iii. Philip shared that group also talked about grace points due to COVID, and how many students should get
 - iv. Anisa asked what are grace points, and how many do each student get
 - v. Philip said they are points that students get without going to convocation events, and each student gets 7
 - vi. Asha asked if the points were going to every student, and Philip said yes
 - vii. Allison said she is all for grace points, and knows many students that are behind on their convocation points
 - viii. Shannon agreed with what Allison said, and also mentioned the convocation activities recently have been interfering with other activities
- c. Harrisonburg City Council (Allison Shelly)
 - i. Allison said the mayor in Harrisonburg was wondering if SGA representatives could come to their meetings to create a bridge
 - ii. Allison went to the meeting saying some cool things are happening in Harrisonburg. They plan on giving government workers bonuses, as well as keeping the gathering limit to 50
 - iii. Cindi asked if they plan on letting people in person next semester
 - iv. Allison said they will most likely continue online
- d. Hannah said the senior class officers are planning a town hall for next Monday at 7:00 pm, and an email will be sent out soon

Meeting ended at 9:16 pm
Recorded by Liz Hoffman