



Student Government Association Eastern Connecticut State University

Fall 2019 Senate Session • General Board

General Board Minutes Monday, October 21st, 2019 3:00pm, Student Center Room 107

Eboard

Y. Lopez (President)
E. Ruiz (Vice President)
D. Castillo (BAM Chair)
N. Kalbounch (Secretary)
S. Chea (Treasurer)

Senators

G. Acosta, F. Beccaglia, E. Blake, N. Brink, E. D'Alessandro, M. Driscoll, M. Espino, E. Foss, A. Fegan, E. Fritz, K. Gareneau, H. Heredia, Ja. Hernandez, Jh. Hernandez, M. Kvedar, M. Landeros, N. Mavhaura, A. Martinez Medina, M. Mendolia, R. Migliorino, A. Perez, T. Roberts, S. St. John, L. Serrano Villa, J. Sepulveda, R. Sultana, A. Rooney, K. Torres, J. Vega, J. Vinueza

Advisors

C. DeAngelis
J. Sumrell

- I. *Call to Order: 3:04PM*
- II. *Roll Call:*

III. *President Report:*

- a. **Guest Speaker Dean Michelle Delaney:** Going over Eastern's mission statement as it is changing. Mission statement is being revised, Eastern is going through college accreditation. Mission statements must be reviewed every ten years, showed SGA the draft of the new mission statement and asked for feedback on the new mission statement.
- b. Acceptance of Minutes from 10/13/19

Motion #29 (M. Mendolia & K. Torres) to accept the minutes from 10/13/19. Passes unanimously.

- c. **Honorary Chords:** SGA is working on getting chords for graduation so that everyone on SGA can be recognized for our work and become nationally accredited with the national SGA board.
- d. **Book of Answers & Suite Update:** D. Castillo and Y. Lopez worked on the Book of Answers located in the suite. This can be found in the SGA suite and has a lot of useful information! The suite is being deep cleaned and moving things around. We are trying to organize it as much as possible.
- e. **Library Update:** The administration is looking at student input for the library. They will come up with a plan to update the library and present to students.
- f. **BIO Chem & Midterm Grades:** There has been some concern about this ochem class that is only taught by one professor. Meant to be super challenging and students are being told to take it at another campus because passing this class is extremely difficult. President Nunez will support SGA in the following steps that we decide to take regarding this matter. SGA's goal is to make sure that we can offer students an alternative without having to leave campus like having another professor teach the course. Y. Lopez will be meeting with Dr. Salka to discuss this concern and to address the midterm grade issues as well.



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IV. *Vice President Report*

- a. **Student Transit Advocacy Committee:** Created a group of six senators to overlook transportation and to send out a survey to Eastern students.

Motion#30 (A. Rooney & E. Ruiz) to appoint Jh. Hernandez as the chair of the Student Transit Advocacy Committee Favor: 24 Oppose: 0 Abstention: 1.

- b. Internal Committees

- i. Public Relations: Haunted Arcade is this Thursday from 8-11pm. M. Mendolia has a sign up sheet for the event. Warrior Wednesday will be next Wednesday

Motion # 31 (M. Driscoll & M. Mendolia) to amend motion #21 from \$95 to \$145 to spend at Walmart for prizes for the Haunted Arcade on October 24th Passes Unanimously.

Motion #32 (Jh Hernandez & M. Mendolia) to spend no more than \$150 for Warrior Wednesday on October 30th at Walmart. Passes unanimously.

- ii. Student Issues: Will be collaborating with PR for the Haunted Arcade and will have a ballot available to discuss issues with students. They are also beginning to draft an email to card services to ask about the new fee students are having to pay when adding money to their express card. The email from IT was sent out today, M. Espino encourages senators to sign up for this.

- iii. Budget and Management

1. Club Council: Today from 5-7PM, goes over FRP process!

- c. External Committees

- i. H. Sanchez met with Academic Affairs committee and wanted to ask whether the evaluations of professors should be changed to have less biased wording.

V. *Treasurer Report:*

- a. Retreat: We had a retreat planned at Camp Hazen and we want to take SGA there for a day. Plan on November 16th or November 17th and will do the Alpine tower. Please let T. Chea know if you cannot make this retreat!
- b. Current Balance:
General Board: \$6,413.20
E-Board: \$12,000.00

VI. *Secretary Report:*

- a. Finalized Office Hours: Office Hours are posted in the suite, please remember to clock in for all hours as this is the only way for us to keep track.
- b. In the Thick Podcast: Reminded Senators to attend this event last time as it is important to campus!

VII. *Advisor Report:*

- a. **J. Sumrell:** No report

VIII. *Old Business:*

IX. *New Business:*

X. *Open Floor:*

Motion #33 (R. Migliorino & Jh .Hernandez) to adjourn the meeting at 3:56PM. Passes Unanimously.

XI. *Dates to Remember:*

In the Thick Podcast Wednesday, October 22nd from 5:30pm in Fine Arts Concert Hall/Theatre



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Haunted Arcade Thursday, October 24th at 8:00pm in the BTR

President's Breakfast Wednesday, November 6th at 7:15am in the President's Dining Room in Hurley Hall