



Student Government Association Eastern Connecticut State University

Fall 2019 Senate Session • General Board

General Board Minutes Monday, October 28th, 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. Gareneaul, 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: 3:01 PM*

II. *Roll Call:*

III. *President Report:*

- a. Acceptance of Minutes from 10/21/19

Motion #33 (J. Vinueza & E. Fritz) to accept minutes from 10/21/2019. Passes Unanimously.

- b. **Jim Howarth:** S. Chea and Y. Lopez met with Jim Howarth- VP of Financial Affairs at Eastern. There has been a maximum mileage put on travel with vans. Clubs can only travel 125 miles with the vans. SGA is working on figuring this out and coming up with an alternative or expanding the radius. One of SGA's goals is to get new vans since the current ones are out of date, Jim Howarth will be updating us on some pricing for new vans. The radius limits clubs because it costs a lot to travel without the vans. Going through Enterprise for vans requires that you have to be 25 years old to drive it – most students are not 25. Radius will be in full effect next semester, some clubs have been effected. Don't want SGA to be responsible for the funds for renting vans because BAM does not have enough money to fund travel costs for all clubs.
- c. **Senator of the Month:** Eboard appreciates all of the work senators are putting in to SGA. Eboard looked for someone who sets an example for others, is always committed, always volunteers for SGA events, and always being there to lend a helping hand for SGA. Congratulations Alex Rooney!!

IV. *Vice President Report*

- a. Internal Committees
- i. Public Relations: E. Ruiz thanks M. Mendolia & PR for hosting the Haunted Arcade. Warrior Wednesday will be on Wednesday!

Motion #34 (M. Mendolia & R. Sultana) to reimburse Campus Ministry \$80 for Pancake Night from the Haunted Arcade.



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- ii. Student Issues: President of UROC came to student issues to ask if we can implement non-binary bathrooms on campus, M. Espino wanted to bring it up to GB to get opinion before moving forward. R. Sultana thinks it's a great idea to have a non-binary bathroom. E. Foss says it is a huge cost to do plumbing for a new bathroom. Two senators are working on the parking situation and will be contacting the proper people for that.
- iii. Student Transit Advisory Committee: Jh. Hernandez says that they are having their first meeting tonight at 7PM.
- iv. Budget and Management: Want to clarify more things for the BAM guidelines. Film and Media club will be attending next week.
- v. External Committees: A. Rooney, S. Chea, and R. Sultana met with Budget Committee. It's important for Eastern to increase student retention. SGA should host more events on weekends because that is where we are seeing the most issues. T-shirt and sweatshirts event, if you have other schools apparel you can bring it in and we can trade it for Eastern apparel for free. R. Migliorino is on the first year committee, presenting the midterm grade issue.

V. *Treasurer Report:*

- a. Retreat: Sunday November 17th, leaving at 8:30 AM and coming back around 4:30 PM. Passed out sign up sheet.
- b. Current Balance:
 - i. General Board \$6,408.28
 - ii. E-Board \$12,000.00

VI. *Secretary Report:*

- a. Sharepoint: All minutes will be added to sharepoint moving forward, please let N. Kalbounch know if you cannot access them.
- b. Cords Update: Eboard motioned for us to get accredited with the ASGA.
- c. President's Breakfast: November 6th, please sign up, we highly encourage senators to attend!

VII. *Advisor Report:*

- a. **J. Sumrell:** Mens rugby tied this weekend and they are advancing to the playoffs!
- b. **C. DeAngelis:** Leadership event happening tomorrow, former NFL Jets player coming to campus to talk about his life and his adversity and how he has become successful. October 29th from 3-4PM. Please read through the constitutions that BAM will be sending out. Please also read through the minutes of each week so that you can make an informed vote.

VIII. *Old Business:*

IX. *New Business:*

X. *Open Floor:*

- a. R. Sultana: how does SGA feel about planning bigger events? M. Mendolia likes the big event idea and thinks its helpful to bring the student body together. F. Beccaglia agrees but also thinks we should reach out to CAB and other clubs (for example: Warrior Saturday). R. Sultana brings up the dry campus issue. A. Martinez thinks that having a dry campus deters students from applying to



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Eastern. E. Foss discussed that we should educate students on the good Samaritan rule. M. Kvedar states that the university is looking into changing this policy and that this factor really effects retention rates. M. Mendolia states that for parents Eastern is the better option because of this policy. Jh. Hernandez states that there is no reason for having a ban on students that are of age. J. Vinueza had an issue because faculty live around campus. A. Fegan used to work at student conduct and they state that certain students do come here because it is a dry campus so we have to think about those students as well. Y. Lopez states that we can look into this as it is our job as SGA to cater to what the students want.

- b. E. Ruiz stated that she will be resigning her role as SGA VP due to personal circumstances. She states that this comes to show that as students and human beings we have to make tough decisions. E. Ruiz will stay as a senator and as the SAC representative for SGA. Y. Lopez states that we will have a vacancy on the eboard for the VP position. Eboard will send out a questionnaire and anyone who is interested should apply by Thursday at 11:59PM.

Motion #35 (R. Migliorino & M. Mendolia) to adjourn the meeting at 3:50PM.

XI. *Dates to Remember:*

Warrior Wednesday Wednesday, October 30th at 1:00pm in the Student Center Lobby

President's Breakfast Wednesday, November 6th from 7:00am to President's Dining Hall in Hurley

SGA Retreat Sunday, November 17th at 8:30am Meet in the SGA Suite