Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
March 5, 2012

Present:
Executive Board: J. Frankel (President), A. Cross (Vice President), N. Zeni (BAM)

Advisors: M. Delaney


Guests: K. Lord

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #44 (M. Kandemir, E. Alberghini): Motion to accept the minutes from February 27, 2012. (21-0-2) Motion carries.

2. President’s Report:
   a. Attendance Policy
      i. J. Frankel has explained the attendance policy for all SGA events. The same policy that is stated for meetings applies to SGA events stated as mandatory. The policy can be found in the SGA constitution. If a senator has any questions they can talk to J. Frankel.
   b. President’s Breakfast
      i. The turnout at the President’s Breakfast was phenomenal. There was so many student representatives that the administration ran out of seats. This could not have been possible if SGA had not spread the word about the President’s Breakfast.
   c. Meeting with Dr. Nunez
      i. At J. Frankel’s meeting with Dr. Nunez, Career Services was brought up. Currently seniors have had some problems getting help finding graduate schools and internships because they could not get an appointment. Dr. Nunez explained that the past year, Career Services has been short staffed and the position will be filled for next year.
d. Compensations
   i. As of right now there is no update. M. Hicks explained that during his
time at COSGA it was unheard of for SGAs to not have some sort of
compensation.

e. External Committees
   i. Student representation is still needed on the following committees:
      1. Curriculum
      2. First Year

f. One-on-Ones
   i. The following senators should contact J. Frankel to set up a time to
meet for their one-on-ones: E. Alberghini, P. Bjornstad, H. Hirschfeld,

g. Concert Security
   i. CAB has contacted J. Frankel and has extended an invitation for SGA to
be a part of the concert security. There will be an informational
session on April 18 and the concert will be on April 29.

h. Dean of Students
   i. W. Diaz has been named the official Dean of Students.

3. Vice President's Report:
   a. Elections
      i. **Motion #45 (M. Coffey, S. Nolan):** Motion to induct K. DePaolis as
senator for the 2011-2012 academic school year. (20-0-2) Motion
carries.

   b. Committees
      i. Elections
         1. An Elections committee has been created. It is composed of S.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 8 at 5:00 pm.
Anyone can join so long as they do not plan on running for an
executive board position for next year.

      ii. Budget and Management
         a. BAM presented the new guidelines for next year. BAM
has already changed the date on the cover of the
guidelines.

         b. **Motion #46 (S. McCabe, K. Desrosier):** Motion to
accept the new BAM Guidelines. (14-3-4) Motion
carries.

            i. New Clubs will get $1,000 dollars abd be placed
on a probationary period for one semester. The
senate suggested that BAM outline what a club
must do to come off of probationary status. C.
Howell brought up her concern that new clubs
already face the difficulty of starting up and that
this probationary status might be an additional stressor for students starting a club.

iii. Internal
   1. The in-service was canceled. A survey was distributed to help the internal committee plan for future in-services. The senate also discussed the current commitment of senators and that given the amount of time that they were notified about this in-service all senators should have been in attendance. From now on all in-services will be mandatory and if you cannot attend you must email the executive board ([sga@my.easternct.edu](mailto:sga@my.easternct.edu)) with your reason within 48 hours as stated within the constitution.

iv. Residential Life
   1. At this current time, the Res Life Committee has ordered their t-shirts for the Live It Up with SGA events happening in all of the Residential Halls on Campus. The Committee will be in contact with the HDs to pick a day for senators to come into the halls and talk about SGA. Senators must attend at least one of these events.

v. Promotions
   1. SGA Day is March 28 from 12:00-3:00 pm. This is a mandatory event for all senators.
   2. The proactive approach for elections will begin the week of March 12. H. Hirschfeld will be emailing the senate with a list of clubs and their meeting times and senators must chose two clubs to attend and talk about SGA. Senators should email H. Hirschfeld with their choices and clubs will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

vi. Involvement
   1. Weiner Wednesday will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Student Center Lobby. Senators are encouraged to attend and should wear their SGA polo shirts. At this current time the food for the event has been ordered. The primary focus of this event will be to educate people about the shuttle service, inform the student body about the changes to the shuttle service, and answer any questions they might have. To aid in this effort, the committee will be redoing the SGA Shuttle time sheets to make it easier. The committee will be using the Facebook account to inform the student body about the event and will not be distributing fliers.
c. University Senate
   i. As part of A. Cross’ external committee assignments, he is involved in the Eastern Connecticut State University Senate. One of the major issues being discussed currently is switching from a 3 credit system to a four credit system. A member of the University Senate will be coming to the SGA Meeting on March 12 to discuss this topic and hear what the student body has to say. A. Cross suggests that the student body research this topic and be prepared to talk about it next week.

4. Treasurer's Report
   i. K. Bulmer will be out long term now. A new representative from the office has not been determined but will be decided shortly. Until this time, R. Silberquit will be working with S. Kennedy and M. Delaney to track the accounts.
   ii. R. Silberquit also discussed the current use of the printer within the SGA Suite. A usage report was done and it was determined that a majority of students not in SGA have been using the SGA printing code for their personal use. As such a new printer code will be activated and the old one will be deactivated. The new printer code will be emailed to the committee heads. As a reminder, the SGA printer should be used for club use only. If a club does not know their printing code they should email BAM. All personal and academic printing should be done within the library or the computer lab located on the fourth floor of Webb Hall.

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. S. McCabe will be contacting the last few people who still need to determine their office hours. Senators should continue to sign-in for their office hours.
   b. A calendar has been posted within the SGA Suite on the whiteboard which contains the different events SGA will be having for the rest of the semester. An electronic one will be distributed to the senate within the week.

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

7. Old Business:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

8. New Business:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.
9. **Open Floor:**
   a. M. Kandemir addressed the senate with his concerns about SGA. He spoke about the organization of the events within SGA and how they need to be improved to better represent the student body. Senators should make an effort to know other people within SGA. SGA should be more than just a thirty minute to an hour commitment a week. He also stated that the executive board is too soft in regards to the discipline and the attendance policy. When an event is mandatory, what does that mean if it is not enforced. In short, M. Kandemir is concerned about the overall commitment of the senate and is calling for the senate to make the necessary changes both personally and organizationally to better represent the student body at Eastern Connecticut State University.

**Meeting was closed at 4:01 pm.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Shawn McCabe