Present:

Executive Board:  J. Frankel (President), A. Cross (Vice President), R. Silberquit (Treasurer), S. McCabe (Secretary)

Advisors:  C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney


Guests:  English Club Representatives, S. Potter

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #68 (E. Alberghini, A. Z. Yeager): Motion to accept the minutes from April 16, 2012. (20-0-2) Motion carries.

2. President’s Report:
   a. Senator of the Semester
      i. A Senator of the Semester will be announced at the Internal Banquet this Thursday April 26, 2012 in the Johnson Room in the library.
   b. End of the Year Report
      i. An end of the year report will be sent out to the students through K. Bedini detailing the accomplishments of the Senate from the 2011-2012 academic school year.
   c. Letter to the Legislature
      i. A. Bullard drafted and distributed a letter to the Senate that will be sent to State Legislature concerning the Senate’s discontent with Senate Bill 40 concerning remediation in higher education.

3. Vice President’s Report:
   a. Shuttle
      i. Z. Yeager and A. Cross met with the WRTD and presented information pertaining to using the WRTD as opposed to a contracted shuttle service to run to Wal-Mart and the Eastbrook Mall. A mock draft was
presented that consisted of pickup and drop-off times to Wal-Mart, Eastbrook Mall, Stop and Shop, and other locations in the Willimantic area. The shuttle would run 6 days a week. The cost per Eastern student rider charged to SGA would be $0.63 plus $57 per day for an extra hour added to the WRTD schedule. If any community member rode the shuttle during this extra hour, the proceeds would go directly back to SGA. This proposition would be more cost effective, allow more shuttle times, and not bind SGA to shuttle contract as it is now.

b. Elections Report
   i. A. Cross thanked Senate for their help with the elections. 842 students voted in the election, a large increase compared to last year.

c. Committees
   i. BAM
      1. The English Club was present to discuss changing the club’s name to the Eastern Writer’s Guild. This change is in hope to increase membership by removing association that the club is exclusively for English majors and that the new name would more effectively represent the club.
         a. **Motion #69 (S. Nolan, Z. Yeager):** Motion to change English Club name to Eastern Writer’s Guild. (24-0-0) Motion Carries.
         b. M. Hicks asked if the name change would change/inflict upon the club’s stated mission statement which they denied.

   2. C. Howell spoke to the Senate on behalf of Modern Movement to ask for reallocation of $600 from an out-house retreat to a professional dance class in New York City that was not able to take place due to an advisor not being able to attend. The reallocation would go to a “Spa and Dinner” night to aid in maintaining a healthy body due to the stress dancing puts on a dancer. C. Howell stated seven members would attend the retreat, the massages would be $60 per person and dinner would be $30 per person as well.
         a. **Motion #70 (A. Cross, S. Nolan):** Motion to reallocate Modern Movement’s $600 from their Master Class in NY to now go towards a “Spa and Dinner.” (15-4-3) Motion carries.
         i. **Motion #71 (S. McCabe, A. Bullard):** Motion to amend Motion #70 to read “motion to reallocate no more than $300 to Modern Movement”. (1-9-7) Motion fails.
         b. R. Silberquit states that only 60% of the total cost will be reallocated to Modern Movement.
ii. Internal
1. The Internal Banquet is on April 26 at 6:30 in the Johnson Room and The Club/Org Banquet is being held on May 4 at 5:00 in the Betty Tipton Room.
2. A sign up sheet was passed out for volunteers to help set up for the Internal and Club/Org Banquet

iii. Promotions
1. Nothing to add at this time.

iv. Residential Life
1. Nothing to add at this time.

v. Involvement
1. Wiener Wednesdays have been very successful in gathering student concerns this semester. A Tender Tuesday will be held May 1st in which students will get chicken tenders for filling out a survey similar to Wiener Wednesday.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. General Board: $6,470.45 (with majority going towards banquets)
   b. Executive Board: $4,512.46

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. A CLIP kickoff event will be held on May 3rd at the Student Center Patio. S. McCabe encourages all Senators to attend.

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

7. Old Business:
   a. PF Bentley, a former White House photographer, has availability of October 16th to come to Eastern.

8. New Business:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

9. Open Floor:
   a. A reminder to the Senate that the Internal Banquet will be held April 26th at 6:30 in the Johnson Room and The Club/Org Banquet is being held on May 4th at 5:00 in the Betty Tipton Room.
   b. A. Cross reminded senior Senate members of the upcoming graduation rehearsal.
   c. M. Hicks congratulated all those who won E-Board positions, but stated that the election process/guidelines need to be reexamined before next year’s election.
   d. A. Cross also congratulated all candidates.
   e. W. McLaughlin led a round of applause for the E-board and their past accomplishments.

Meeting was closed at 3:47 pm.
Respectfully submitted by W. McLaughlin