Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
10/12/15

Present:
Executive Board: J. Ahern (President), E. Drouin (Vice President), T. Mack (Treasurer), C. Gosselin (BAM), N. Vigorita (Secretary)

Advisors: M. Delaney, C. Ambrosio


Guests: A. Dilon

Meeting called to order at 3:04 PM

1. Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Breakout
      i. MEETINGS BEGIN THIS WEEK!
      ii. Public Relations will meet Mondays at 1
      iii. Student Issues will meet Tuesdays at 7pm
      iv. BAM meets Thursdays at 4
   b. External Committee Update
      i. Curriculum Committee: Thursday, 8am–S. Brown
      ii. Organization Committee: Every other Thursday, 8:45am–S. Davis
         1. This is essentially the internal committee of University Senate
      iii. Liberal Arts Program Committee: Every other Wednesday 2:30-4:30- D. Sheridan
      iv. Student Academic Advising Committee: Every 3rd Wednesday 1pm–J. Dignoti
      v. First Year Program Committee: Every other Monday 2pm – B. Paiva
      vi. Academic Affairs Committee: no time yet- Ch. Welch
      vii. Student Advisory Committee to BOR- 1 Friday a month 10am-12pm (in Hartford)- J. Brucker
         1. Alternate- will go with J. Brucker and/or if he cannot attend a week– C. Gosselin
      viii. Multicultural Leadership Council: Every other Monday 5pm, requested to have a BAM member- G. Wrobel
   c. Please email your chairs asap to get in the loop and figure out when the next meeting is!
   d. Honorary Degree Committee will probably want a senator as well
2. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 10/5/15
      i. Motion #28 (Ch. Welch, F. Ricigliano) Motion to accept the minutes from 10/5/15 (27-0-1). Motion Carries.
   b. SGA Retreat
      i. We had a ton of fun and got to know each other pretty well, which was a major goal!
      ii. The goals posters that were created will be ‘prettied up’ and put out in the suite
      iii. J. Ahern will be emailing the senate asking for feedback to give to Eboard next year
   c. Majors/Minors Fair Fliers
      i. 10 flyers, have to go up in every academic building and residence hall.
      ii. Mead- S. Davis
      iii. Occum- K. Constant
      iv. Neadjlick- H. Brooks
      v. Crandall- Co. Welch
      vi. Burnap- F. Ricigliano
      vii. Laurel- K. Lein
      viii. Nutmeg- E. Drouin
      ix. Winthrop- J. Mazyck
      x. Consti- M. Crespo
      xi. Noble- M. Patino
      xii. High Rise- P. Hoeps
      xiii. Low Rise- G. Wrobel
      xiv. Burr- A. Dilon
      xv. Science- K. Chrzanowska
      xvi. Webb- D. Sheridan
      xvii. Communication- C. Gosselin
      xviii. Goddard- M. Wrobel
      xix. Stu- Ch. Welch
      xx. Hurley- B. Paiva
      xxi. Eastern Hall- M. McFall Gorman
      xxii. Library- J. Brucker
   d. If you are already going to attend for a department, if you are able to wear your SGA polo please do
   e. You must work a shift! Talk to N. Vigorita or J. Ahern asap if you are unable to work this.

3. BAM
   a. There are more returning mentors than new mentees, some will be double paired!
   b. No projects this year!
   c. A social ‘thing’ may happen with your mentor/mentee. Please look forward to this!
4. Secretary Report:
   a. Senator Contact information
      i. There was a paper passed around for the new senators to get N. Vigorita their student ID and phone number incase we need to contact you.
   b. Food
      i. Please do not eat during the meetings. It can be disruptive to others and sometimes loud.
      ii. Drinks are acceptable until slurping and/or ice shaking occurs.
      iii. Gum is also acceptable as long as there are no bubbles and snapping of it

5. Treasurer's Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board $4,000
      ii. Executive Board $6339.33

6. Advisor Report:

7. Old Business

8. New Business
   a. SGA Conference
      i. Last year we did hold a conference for SGA, 2 years ago we didn’t. J. Ahern wants the senate’s opinions on the overall mission of this trip, where, how much it costs, whether we should follow BAM guidelines or not, etc.
      ii. J. Mazyck believes we should attend one, and whatever senators want to go should be able to. He knows conferences are to gain new knowledge and are kind of looked at as a reward since it’s essentially a mini vacation. If it is important, we should spend more money to send the most senators we can.
      iii. C. Gosselin is all for having the conference happen. Last year it was a lot of fun but wasn’t informative, so we should explore a better conference but within the BAM guidelines, you probably would have to spend some of your own money on this
      iv. L. Navarro wonders what the conference is about?
         1. Lead 365 is in Miami in December and is the top of J. Ahern’s list now. There are speakers, leadership ideas, breakout sessions and more.
         2. The selection process is an application and Eboard will go through them.
         3. No Eboard members will go, only senators that haven’t been on a conference yet
      v. Ch. Welch likes this idea. It gives a new atmosphere; the one J. Ahern spoke about seems like a good one. If you look at it in a negative way it’ll be negative, if you look at it in a positive light, you can get a lot out of it!
      vi. Co. Welch- We shouldn’t miss this opportunity just for money; we should get as much experience as possible. She wonders what we have done in the past.
         1. In the past we have not followed the BAM guidelines
      vii. E Drouin chimes in that as someone who went on the conference last year and who spoke with those who went in the past from different schools; she found that no one going to an SGA conference has gotten something useful from it. The conferences
aren't made for a specific sized SGA and that makes it difficult to bring something back from it. She is all for adhering to the BAM guidelines and is morally opposed to spending student money on conferences.

viii. F. Ricigliano mentions doing a regional conference to spend less money and be done more as a group than individual. He thinks this is like a reward, but knows SGA will be a lot of work and feels that a conference would be an extra perk for all this work.

ix. G. Wrobel thinks we should follow BAM because a lot of our Eastern organizations feel we are being elitist and are not following our own rules; she wants them to not think this anymore. She also mentions that no one should have to pay to go to this; we'll find a cheaper, regional, etc. conference.

x. Lead 356 will most likely make the senator attending pay about $200 per person.

xi. The overall feeling of the senate is yes to following BAM guidelines and finding a closer conference so more students can go and not pay their own money.

xii. A conference would be serving other students and organizations as well since a lot of the senators are leaders around campus.

9. **Open Floor**
   a. The bill from University Senate to drop the GPA requirement from 3.5 to 3.0 for credit overload passed.

10. **Dates to Remember:**
    a. Majors/Minors Fair- MANDATORY 30 min SHIFT: Wednesday October 21st 2-4

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM