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, L. Miller, J. Coombs

**Call to Order:** 3:04pm

I. **President Report:**
   a. **Laura Miller:** Energy Institute
      i. Works on campus for The Institute of Sustainable Energy and is also an adjunct professor
      ii. Right from Eastern’s main page, there is a logo that goes directly to the Sustainability at Eastern page
      iii. They want more students involved in this issue
      iv. This page displays we’re being recognized for being sustainable!
         1. Recognized by Princeton Review the past 6 years for sustainability
      v. President Nunez is dedicated to having a sustainable campus
      vi. Sustainable studies is offered as a major and minor and the office offers both paid and for credit internships
      vii. They are trying to get a ‘green tour’ as an option to see the sustainability throughout campus while the new students are on tours
      viii. Hoping to get more involved with the commuters as far as green vehicles go
      ix. There are new recycling efforts throughout the dorms
         1. Mixed recycling!!
      x. Chartwells offers sustainable and local options for catering
      xi. K. Constant suggested using social media to get this out more
         1. It is linked to many social media sites and pages within them!
      xii. Maybe looking into sustainability apps
      xiii. G. Wrobel mentioned tabling like other offices do in the Student Center
      xiv. A. Dilon suggested doing an event outside when the spring comes
      xv. Should you need to contact L. Miller, her email is: millerlau@easternct.edu
      xvi. This is about changing behavior around campus to be ‘more green’
   b. **Jason Coombs:** Dining Services
i. G. Wrobel mentioned how a lot of the clubs brought up wanting extended hours in Hurley.
   1. It has been extended to 8pm in the past few years.
   2. There is a marketing internship and they can help conduct a survey to see what hours the students would like.
   3. The Student Center café experimented with being open later, but it wasn’t really used
   4. Cost of the meal plan would be impacted if extended hours since more staff hours would be needed.
   5. Library café is now open until 11 M-Th since it is only one staff member and the cost isn’t too great

ii. If you ever get questions about hours, quality, etc, let the student know it is all about cost.

iii. E. Drouin brought up the limitations with to-go containers
   1. Eastern is one of very few schools that use to go containers
   2. We originally got these when the number of students exceeded beds and students lived off campus
   3. These hours have increased without increasing meal plan prices
   4. Students and Chartwells see value from this cause
   5. To-go is considered a ‘missed meal’ since no longer get all you can eat
   6. On average Hurley goes through 250 to go containers a day M-Th, 11 to close
   7. Chartwells doesn’t want the students to leave the food out and get food borne illnesses or giving to someone without meal plan
   8. M. McFall Gorman asked if to go coffee cups have been considered for the morning?
      a. J. Coombs will look at this; it’s a cost per day thing.
      b. Could look into a ‘per client’ basis
      c. Maybe have a special option where you can get a coffee in the morning since you may not have time to eat a full breakfast

iv. K. Constant suggested increasing Dining Dollars??
   1. They are up from last year $100

v. L. Navarro wonders if is it possible to get just a cup after 11?
   1. Yes

vi. R. Eragene states how in the dining plan, you are assigned guest meals but wonders if they can they get it to go if you do as well?
   1. As of now no. This will looked into/talked about
   2. She further mentioned that if she pay for this and has a guest and they don’t have time to eat, they can’t get a meal

vii. You can get any beverage you want with a to go cup. Coffee included.

viii. Co. Welch mentions how she knows someone who lost their ID, emailed Chartwells, and was still able to eat; she got a response very fast and was very pleased with this.
   1. If someone loses their card on the weekend, Hurley will take their information and check it on Monday
   2. You are supposed to have your campus id on you at all times.
   3. There have been issues with people using cards that are not theirs.
      a. There is no software on the registers to see pictures or put an id through
      b. Laws at the moment make this challenging

ix. M. McFall Gorman suggested putting the name of the food above it.
   1. Chartwells is working to get names/ingredients to screens in the hall
   2. Trying to reduce carbon footprint
   3. There is a separate section in the back for food prep for student allergies
   4. Allergens are noted above items

x. J. Mazyck mentioned the importance of the kiosk in Shafer
   1. There will be another like this in the renovated building

xi. J. Reid would like a fountain drink and pre-made sandwich in the Stu café to be considered a meal after Hurley closes at night
   1. There is a cost associated with this but it can be looked into
xii. Chicken tenders daily will be looked into
   1. Only whole muscle chicken tenders are used here!

xiii. Hurley and the Stu café are made from the same food items

xiv. M. Ehrnfelt wonders why different parts of the Stu cafe are open different hours
   1. Audits were done and salads were purchased least in the evening, which is why this now closes early. Especially with the drop in students last year

xv. K. Constant would like to know what Chartwells does with the saved money from going trayless?
   1. It isn’t Chartwells that saved, it is Eastern’s electrical bill

c. **Acceptance of Minutes from 11/16/2015**
   i. **Motion #43 (J. Reid, P. Hoeps)** Motion to accept the minutes from 11/16/15 *(26-0-0)* motion carries

II. **Vice President Report:**
   a. **Internal Committees Update**
      i. **Student Issues – Current Issues – C.A.P.S Update**
         1. Backlog we refer to is the intake session, once the person is through this, only takes a few days to get sessions
            a. First session you have with CAPS is the intake session
         2. There are options out there to have an emergency meeting, available 4-8 at night, usually is an intake session
         3. Interns go through an intense application processes; we have a very strong intern program
         4. Will continue to follow up about the new director
         5. C.A.P.S feels they’ll be able to function more efficiently with the new director
         6. There is a temporary psychologist there at the moment
         7. If we think there is still an issue after the new director is hired, we can look at other areas on campus that are less of a priority and look at funding there.
         8. Dr. Nunez has brought up SGA paying for a new staff at C.A.P.S., J. Ahern thinks she means that the school is tapped out and doesn’t know where to go from here
            a. It is brought up that it is not SGA’s job to pay for something with the student’s activity fee money that the administration should be paying for.
         9. We have student and administration perspective on this; can find a solution soon hopefully.
      ii. **Public Relations – End of the Semester**
         1. At the meeting they figured out what was wrong with the Facebook page
         2. Members of PR will be getting used to the SGA page over break
         3. Make sure you are on the appropriate account when posting for yourself vs. SGA!
         4. Getting some Eastern fun facts together
         5. Excited about the end of semester event they’re planning.
            a. Make your own care packages
            b. December 9, day before classes end
            c. Sticky notes, pens, apples, etc
            d. Will be done on different timeline than Senior Class’ care packages from parents
      iii. **Budget and Management – A.C.S and F.R.Ps**
         1. Almost done with FRPs, will be going out shortly.
         2. **Motion # 44 (E. Drouin, D. Sheridan)** Motion to accept the changes to the Asian Cultural Society Constitution. *(26-0-0)* Motion carries

III. **Treasurer Report:**
   a. **Accounts Update**
      i. **Eboard:** $1,941.44
      ii. **Gboard:** $6,437.21
b. Cops Open Rec money hasn’t come out yet but the retreat has

IV. Secretary Report:
   a. Office Hours
      i. If you have missed any office hours you can do them today or tomorrow to make up for missed ones
      ii. Not required this week because it is shortened!

V. Advisor Report:
   a. Tracks to Success
      i. Thursday December 3 at 2pm.
      ii. Warrior with Initiative point!
      iii. The topic is conflict
      iv. RSVP to select survey

VI. Old Business:
   a. SGA Logo
      i. D. Sheridan brings up that the old and new logos are similar
      ii. M. Ehrnfelt comments that it seems like the senate is very neutral, so she doesn’t know how worth it it is to pursue
      iii. To change the logo on the podium and on the vans will cost money, unknown how much
      iv. R. Eragene feels the old one, with the gavel, is more professional.
      v. Consensus of those still present is that we should stick to the old one.
      vi. E. Drouin and F. Ricigliano would like some more color added to the old one
      vii. J. Ahern will have University Relations make some demos with added coloring
      viii. M. McFall Gorman adds that the students already think SGA is a political organization because we are red, white, and blue (ish) and instead of red use maroon and navy so we aren’t political.
      ix. Grey is liked in the logo by the majority
      x. S. Davis brings up that this is just a logo
         1. We have kept this in Eboard because we didn’t want to use all of your time if you didn’t like the idea.
      xi. Unofficial vote is to stick with the old logo with the gavel
   b. One-on-One
   c. Organization Outreach

VII. New Business:
   a. Textbook Exchange
      i. Similar to Eastern Buy and Sell on Facebook
      ii. Free textbook comparison website for students and student governments
      iii. If you left at 4 please check the link sent in the email for the video
      iv. The site also brings in books from sites like Amazon or Chegg if no one is selling the book you need
      v. Students & student governments don’t pay this site
      vi. They only make money if a student buys a book they found online through them (like Amazon)
      vii. Shouldn’t step on the bookstore’s toes because the site doesn’t make money from us
      viii. You have to have a school email to start a conversation with another student of the same school
      ix. J. Reid asks how do you meet up?
         1. An instant message like setting through the site where you can determine a meeting location
      x. Books posted will only be those used on campus
xi. Can put which class its for in the description
xii. M. Ehrnfelt asks about payment?
    1. J. Ahern believes you can use credit/debit for the sites it brings you to
    2. Cash for meeting up in person
xiii. G. Wrobel questions if anyone has talked to the bookstore yet?
    1. No, if its something we want to go with well talk to the university lawyers and see if the
       bookstore contract allows us to use this
xiv. Can’t buy from another school through the site since you need the schools email to
    communicate with others
xv. Unanimous vote says we will continue with this
b. Volunteering
   i. J. Ahern wants SGA to do a volunteer activity each semester.
   ii. Outside is too cold now
   iii. If we all bring in $4, we can buy enough materials to make 200 sandwiches.
   iv. Sunday at the soup kitchen they give out bagged lunches, so if we make them on Saturday and
       give them Saturday afternoon, they can go out the next day
   v. Waiting to hear from soup kitchen
   vi. Look for J. Ahern’s email
   vii. Probably will be on December 5
c. Secret Senator
   i. $5 limit- if you cannot do this please let J. Ahern know!
   ii. Will be giving these to each other next Monday, November 30, 2015!

VIII. Open Floor:
   a. External Committee Updates
      i. Library- the library budget went down as all the departments did.
         1. Are confused about the master plan, thought they’d have a space reduction.
         2. Students don’t take out many books
         3. Full master plan shows there are plans to rearrange some of the library
   b. K. Chrzanowska would like us to promote that the Academic Services Center is open until 9 every
      night
IX. Dates to Remember:
   a. Internet Outage: (WI-FI, Blackboard…) Today – November 23rd from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
   b. Thanksgiving Break: No classes - Wed, Nov. 25 / University Closed - Thurs & Fri, Nov. 26 & 27
   c. C.O.P.S Open Recreation Night: Friday, December 4th, 9:00 PM – 2:00 AM, Sports Center

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm