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, Dr. Easley, Dr. Tapia, Dr. Cordon

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM

I. President Report:
   a. Dr. Easley: Dean of Education and Professional Studies
      i. Many students don’t know we have graduate studies
      ii. He would like to know how can he appeal to students?
      iii. We have programs for: Accounting, Education, and Organizational Management
      iv. Accounting and Education can be done in 5 year programs, Organizational Management is meant for working individuals
      v. What other areas do we need to grow?
         1. Psychology, Criminal Justice/Pre-Law, Math, Poly Sci, Paralegal certificate programs,
         2. Organizational Management is diff than an MBA. The program is for those who have experience in management
            a. Doesn’t lend itself to corporate side necessarily
      vi. J. Reid mentions that a lot of the fine arts professors are qualified to teach masters classes
      vii. Students are able to gain merit scholarships in Accounting
         1. Per credit you receive a scholarship (as long as you get a B in the class)
      viii. Assistantship program students must take the GRE or equivalent
         1. Traditional program- engage in work on campus
         2. Research Assistant program- must have faculty sponsor
      ix. Eastern now has graduate housing!
      x. In the future you can take many of the courses over the summer
      xi. Eastern wants to grow its number of international students
      xii. Are there advisors for graduates or those looking into it?
         1. Yes there are a few
      xiii. In the Master Plan there is a new academic building that will be specifically for graduate students
      xiv. Is there a discount for current Eastern students?
         1. No discount is available currently, but there are the assistantships and merit scholarships
         2. Will try to pass to get Eastern students application fee waived
xv. M. McFall Gorman thinks there are other students who are not aware of the 5 year programs, especially in education

xvi. Co. Welch would like the advisors we currently have to know more about this opportunity so that they can then pass it on to their advisees

xvii. Go to Webb 160 with any questions!

b. Dr. Tapia and Dr. Cordón: ECSU – AAUP, American Association of Union Professors
   i. Contract negotiations going on with BOR
   ii. Dr. Tapia is the CSU AAUP VP on Negotiating Team
   iii. Dr. Cordon is the ECSU AAUP chapter President on Negotiating Team
   iv. Each CSU has 2 representatives
   v. This was last done in 2006 and was then extended an additional 3 years. It now expires August 2016

vi. Overview:
   1. In the contract it specified at which time to start negotiating, August 28 2015.
   2. Had proposals ready
   3. Can go all the way up to March 1 with negotiations, and then into arbitration.
   4. In the past, by December they’ve always negotiated the contract
      a. Not quite there yet
   5. The ‘big stuff’ is still on the table
   6. How it worked this time: the Negotiating Team put together what they’d like. Hammered it out and then submitted their proposal on time. They then changed which parts needed tweaking. The other side gave back proposals that really didn’t resemble what they’ve brought back before.
   7. The ‘bad stuff’, some of which has been pulled back,
      a. ‘The big one’: if the president of the BOR decides we don’t need 2 of a program between the CSUs, they can shut one down and the professors can move to the school still carrying it. The faculty does not have to consent to this. If they don’t wish to move they’re fired; tenure may not follow if transferred to a different school
      b. Things that are well defined are removed and in place there are items which are not defined well if at all
      c. Faculty involvement is taken away in places
      d. Tenure taken away from some
   8. AAUP represents a faculty member in the case they are to be terminated. It’s their duty and obligation as a collective bargaining unit.
   9. Getting rid of faculty needs to be difficult. This is proposed to be removed from the contract.
      a. Not good at all if this removed
   10. Changes the faculty proposed:
       a. Part time cap. What proportion can be part time? Proposed new formula. This has no objections to date.
   11. The students are seeing that the BOR wants to up & move majors from the school they are at to another school. This looks bad in the eyes of the students.
       a. May no longer be able to double major if one major is here and the other major is at a different school
   12. CCSU’s SGA has passed a resolution for this.
   13. AAUP is trying to keep the status quo, they don’t think this is the time to be making big changes like this
   14. E. Drouin will forward information about the bus to BOR this week
   15. It came up that some faculty are saying the wrong things about this change to the students
   16. They aren’t fighting for tenure and raises, they’re fighting for a better Eastern and to provide for the students better.
17. J. Ahern will send: Actual contract, resolution from CCSU’s SGA, and the bus Thursday to the rally

c. Acceptance of Minutes from 11/23/2015
   i. Motion # 44 (P. Hoeps, M. McFall Gorman) Motion to accept the minutes from 11/23/2015 (26-0-0) motion carries

d. Last Meeting Reminders
   i. Senate agreed about using the textbook website
   ii. Over break J. Ahern will send information to the appropriate people
   iii. Senate voted to keep old logo.

II. Vice President Report:
   a. Even though this is the last GBoard meeting of the semester, we are not finished and there will be committee meetings next week!
   b. Internal Committee Updates
      i. Student Issues
         1. Tomorrow the committee will go over what to do in regards to the CAPS meeting last week.
      ii. Public Relations
         1. Make Your Own Care Package event Wednesday December 9, 11-4 in the lobby
            a. This is mandatory, please respond to M. McFall Gorman when you will be able to help out
         2. Option for students to make packages for themselves
      iii. Budget and Management
         1. FRPs are out
         2. Appeals meeting this Thursday and next Thursday
         3. Next semester there is an open spot on BAM. If you would like to take this position email BAM and VP.

III. Treasurer Report:
   a. COPS is going to be paid on the p-card and will get taken out soon
      i. Bring your canned goods to the event!
   b. Accounts Update:
      i. GBoard: $6,437.21
      ii. EBoard: $1,941.44

IV. Secretary Report:
   a. Do office hours next week even though we won’t have a meeting. You will have more free time since there is no GBoard so there are no excuses!
      i. Organizations with switching EBoards may come in with questions!

V. Advisor Report:

VI. Old Business:
   a. Secretary Position
      i. Meaghan McFall Gorman will be taking this spot
   b. Meeting with the BOR President
      i. Need to know ahead of time how many will be going. This is mandatory, unless you have class or work scheduled.
      ii. It is embarrassing for us if no senators show.
   c. Secret Senator
   d. Volunteer Activity
      i. Everyone please bring their $4 to J. Ahern ASAP.
      ii. If you cannot afford it, please let someone on EBoard know!
iii. Slide it under his door if he is not there!

iv. We are making the sandwiches this Saturday and next Saturday since the soup kitchen doesn’t need 200 sandwiches at once.
   1. If you have not signed up for one of the days please email N. Vigorita or J. Ahern. Or see the list on J. Ahern’s office door

VII. New Business:
   a. Next Semester: Goals
      i. If you think of anything you want SGA to tackle, send it to EBoard so we are on the ball and get the most things done next semester!
   b. NY Times Student Subscription
      i. This would allow each student full use of NYTimes online, the videos, articles dated back to 1851, everything!
      ii. About $1/student so we would pay about $5,000
         1. The faculty portion will be taken care of
      iii. J. Mazycz mentions that this is worth it if the teachers will use it frequently.
      iv. NYTimes would give us all the information we need to know, including promotional items and would come back to teach faculty how to use it.
      v. If the reserves aren’t used for this, they’re used for any tangible objects for the school. This money collects interests also.
      vi. M. Delaney wants us to be careful because the shuttles drain this account more than we put in
      vii. G. Wrobel and E. Drouin mention how you get 10 free articles per month without this subscription, but they go through it rather quickly
      viii. D. Sheridan mentions that we have our own database through the library, which covers probably most of the information we can find in the times
      ix. The library was approached and they said no because they have all the articles in their system. Also they don’t have the money
      x. H. Brooks thinks this is a great idea. $1/student is a good deal.
      xi. E. Drouin believes this is worth exploring. Next year’s EBoard can decide if it should be continued.
      xii. You have access to the app on phones, tablets, and laptops.
      xiii. The big thing is going to be to see the usage and decide if it is worth it.
      xiv. At Library Advisory Meetings it is mentioned the physical articles don’t get a lot of readers
      xv. This is spending a lot of the student activity fee money for a portion of the students
      xvi. F. Ricigliano mentioned that searching the database is timely and annoying, if it is this interactive it will be worth it
      xvii. A lot of news is taken from social media, but it may not be credible.
      xviii. Only able to register through Eastern’s WiFi with a code.
      xix. A lot of students could actually use this between the double education majors, history, etc
     xx. J. Mazycz is uncomfortable how we spend the money on the shuttle without really saying how many students will use it
     xxi. F. Ricigliano mentions adding this dollar per student onto the tuition money.
        1. We cant do this, but we can advocate for it
     xxii. Motion # 46: Motion to spend no more than $6,000 from Reserves for the New York Times online subscription. (H. Brooks, J. Reid) (15-2-0) Motion carries
        1. Discussion:
           a. J. Mazycz would like us to keep in mind alternate funding if we’d like to keep this next year.
           b. This will be reviewed in a year and a new vote will be cast.
           c. This is for a full year when we start it.

VIII. Open Floor:
   a. M. Wysopal challenges all of SGA to board games at COPS Open Rec
IX. Dates to Remember:
   a. Meeting with BOR President Mark Ojakian: Wednesday, December 2nd – 9:00 AM, STU 217
   b. C.O.P.S Open Recreation Night: Friday, December 4th, 9:00 PM – 2:00 AM, Sports Center
   c. Volunteer Activity: Group A – Saturday, December 5th, 11:00 AM in the SGA Suite
   d. Volunteer Activity: Group B – Saturday, December 12th 11:00 AM in the SGA Suite

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm