Eastern Connecticut State University

Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
November 3rd, 2014

Present:

Executive Board: M. Hicks (President), A. Bullard (Vice President) K. Chrzanowska (BAM), J. Ahern (Treasurer),

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney


Guests: P. Hoeps

Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 10/27/2014
      i. Motion #46 (H. Brooks, J. Reid) Motion to accept the minutes from 10/27/14 (24-0-0). Motion Carries.
   b. Spring 2014 Budget Projection
      i. J. Ahern provided the senate with a budget projection for the Spring of 2015. Next semesters projection includes the deficit of $2,829 from this semester. We will start out with $17,942, and allocate $1,000 for the Internal Banquet, up to $4,000 for elections, and a possible $5,000 for Cops Open Rec Night. Our final projection will be $7,942.00. The Club and Organization Banquet will be about $3,500 and may come out of the BAM Account.
      ii. H. Brooks asked if the roll over from BAM comes in next semester. J. Ahern explained that the BAM rollover will cover the BAM deficit from this semester, and whatever is left will go into our account.
      iii. M Hicks informed the general board that $175,000 is in the BAM Account for each semester.
      iv. E. Pelletier asked if we were looking at the budget for next semester to project for Cops Open Rec. J. Ahern answered that this is the case.
      v. E. Pelletier asked that if we take out Clubs and Orgs we will be at around $4,400. The answer is yes.
      vi. M McFall Gorman asked about the shuttle. That is taken out of reserves.
      vii. R Rivera asked if we would be able to take out $7,000 for Cops, and use money from reserves. However, J Ahern feels that $7,000 will be too much.
E. Pelletier stated the last year's donation of $7,000 bought many prizes for the event, and that if we did not match, the highest potential of Cops Open Rec Night will not be achieved.

J. Ahern reminded the senate that SGA is not the only source of funding for Cops Open Rec, and the Police Department appreciates any and all money given for the event.

M. Hicks informed the senate that we have been funding the prizes for the event 5 or 6 years ago. When we first funded it, only $3,000 was given. It has since increased in amount. However, the success of the event has always been great.

c. Cops Open Rec Night

i. **Motion #47 (J. Ahern, G. Canzio)** Motion to donate no more than $5,000 to Public Safety for Cops Open Rec Night (*21-2-1*). **Motion Carries.**

1. M. Hicks informed the senate that we have been funding the prizes for the event 5 or 6 years ago. When we first funded it, only $3,000 was given. It has since increased in amount. However, the success of the event has always been great.

2. J. Mazyck asked if the full amount SGA gives is only used for prizes. M. Hicks answered yes. M. Delaney added that Housing typically funds the food for the event.

3. R. Rivera asked what the wiggle room of approximately $4,400 would be used for next semester, and if we could use that as extra funding. However, M. Hicks informed him that this money would be used for committee budgets, and to fund unexpected finances.

4. K. Chrzanowska reminded the senate that enrollment is down, and that resulted in less money in the student activity fund. In turn, it makes sense to donate less money.

5. Ch. Welch agrees with K. Chrzanowska.

6. A. Nadaeu stated that those buying the prizes will be able to take full advantage of Black Friday sales.

7. E. Pelletier asked why we could not use money from reserves to fund Cops Open Rec. K. Chrzanowska clarified that in order to use funds from reserves, it must be spent on something that would be our physical possession. Because the money would be used on prizes, it would not fall under that category.

8. H. Brooks said that it would not be wise to get in the habit of taking money out of reserves, and by doing so for this, would set a precedent for it.

9. Co. Welch stated that $5,000 was a good number, and it would also allow wiggle room for SGA to fund activities to students in the spring.

10. N. Vigorita stated that if we donated $7,000, the extra $2,000 would only go to a few students. If we were to donate $5,000 however, the $2,000 would go to many more students through other events SGA funds.

11. **Motion #48 (R. Rivera, M. McFall Gorman)** to amend Motion #47 to donate no more $6,000 to Public Safety for Cops Open Rec Night (*3-20-1*). **Motion fails.**
a. H. Brooks stated that the compromise between $5,000 and $7,000 can only go so far and would not do too much good.

b. Co. Welch added that we must think about other events we need to fund in the spring.

c. G. Wrobel stated that we could pull from the projected elections fund as a buffer. M. Hicks responded saying that elections is projected at $4,000 because of the $2,500 that is reserved to Campus Votes, and the leftover of $1,500 to promotions. J. Ahern reminded the senate that elections is the number one branding opportunity SGA has, and we must plan accordingly.

d. M. Wysopal reminded the senate that the Executive Board fund is already down, and we must plan accordingly.

e. A. Nadeau asked what would happen if elections were to go over $4,000. M. Hicks restated that the budget is only a projection, and nothing is set in stone. V. Cosma stated that elections is not an event so much for the students as other things we could fund.

f. E. Benoit said that last year when contemplating the donation to Cops Open Rec, the senate talked about lowering the donation in the coming years. Seeing as we are more than likely going to go in the red this semester, it would be wise to donate less this year.

d. One on Ones
   i. M. Hicks stated that one on ones have gone well, and he has only yet to meet with a couple people.

e. Mentor/Mentee Projects
   i. Proposals will be due Monday, November 24th.
   ii. New senators will receive their mentor matching soon.

f. Asian Cultural Society
   i. V. Vigorita asked about the Public Relations position. K. Chrzanowska clarified that it does not need to be on the E-Board
   ii. **Motion #49 (H. Brooks, E. Pelletier) Motion to accept the Constitution of the Asian Cultural Society (24-0-0).** Motion Carries.

2. Vice President's Report
   a. Committee Updates
      i. Issues
         1. Everyone in the committee has done very well in resolving their previous issues and will be assigned new ones this week.
         2. The committee has spoken with M. Wysopal about issues concerning Commuter Students and Veterans. SGA will be coordinating with CAB on a Commuter Lunch
         3. S. Taylor spoke with E. Pelletier about the LGBT community, and plans on coming to a senate meeting.
      ii. Public Relations
         1. The Why Did You Fall for Eastern event went well. About 250 leaves were filled out and will be hung up in Hurley this week.
2. Senator headshots are due to H. Brooks this Wednesday to promote Office Hours.

iii. Internal

1. The committee is almost done with Constitution revisions. If senators would like to submit changes, please email them to R. Rivera this week.

2. An updated list of supplies to buy for the Club supply closet will be provided to the Vice President by the end of the week.

iv. Budget and Management

1. FRPs are due this Wednesday and K. Chrzanowska will be emailing a reminder out to the clubs. The next BAM meetings will be FRP reviews.

3. Treasurer's Report:
   a. Executive Board - -$2,829.00
   b. General Board - $37.00
      i. Co. Welch asked if supply costs will come out of the General Board account. M. Hicks replied stating that it does upon approval of the executive board.

4. Secretary's Report:
   a. Nothing to report.

5. Advisor's Report:
   a. M. Delaney told everyone to vote tomorrow!

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:
   a. External Committee Updates
      i. Support Services Committee
         1. The issue of adding printing funds to students with writing extensive courses is being looked at.
      ii. Honorary Degree Committee
         1. Recommendations for the recipient of the 2015 Honorary Degree have been submitted and will be evaluated by Dr. Nunez.

8. Open Floor
   a. E. Pelletier is conducting a study and is asking for the senate's help. She is giving a 3 minute survey, and it can count towards Psychology credit.
   b. A. Bullard is conducting research as well, and will email the senate the link to a survey.
   c. Senator of the Month
      i. M. McFall Gorman has been chosen as Senator of the Month!

9. Dates to Remember:
   a. Friday, December 5th, Cops Open Rec Night

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM