Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
9/14/2015

Present:

Executive Board: J. Ahern (President), E. Drouin (Vice President), (Treasurer), (BAM), (Secretary)

Advisors: M. Delaney, C. Ambrosio


Guests: M, Alexis, E. Benoit, J. Dignoti. P. Hoeps, D. Kourtzidis, J. Reid, J. Wescott,

Meeting called to order at 3:04 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 8/31/2015
      i. Motion #12 (K. Chrzanowska, H. Brooks) Motion to accept the minutes from 8/31/2015 (18-0-0). Motion Carries.

2. Student Activities Fair
   a. The rain put a damper on things, and since we usually get many applications at this event we had to move elections. The new timeline is as follows:
      i. Optional SGA Informational Meeting: Sept 21 @ 3PM in STU 107
      ii. Applications Due: September 27 (bit.ly/JOINSGA )
      iii. Mandatory Nominations: September 28 @ 3PM in STU 107
      iv. Campaigning: All week
      v. Campus-Wide Voting: Oct 5-7 via Eastern E-Mail
      vi. Results Announced: Oct 8 via Eastern E-Mail
   b. We now have more time to recruit potential senators!

3. SGA low-down
   a. The structure of our meetings is very formal, we call roll, approve minutes, and go through the agenda with the president calling on those to talk
   b. The meetings begin at 3pm and last about 90 minutes

4. College Campfire
   a. This event is a collaboration with CAB
   b. Taylor Harold is putting together Fall Fest and this is part of it, September 24th 8pm; if you would like to help at it, please see J. Ahern
   c. J. Ahern will be getting the rain date soon
   d. The basis of this event is: 3-4 fire pits, Eastern organizations can perform, there will be s’mores, and small prizes
      i. M. Ehrnfelt asked why are we having it so late
         1. When classes are held you can’t have music on Webb lawn, we will point the speakers to the residence halls and we wanted the fires to be more visible.
      ii. H. Brooks questioned if this mandatory for senators?
1. J. Ahern is not sure yet, CAB will have some students working and we want to see who is willing to help before we make it mandatory.

e. Instead of the pep rally we are doing this for the students since the pep rally hasn’t been successful in the past. It is a way to give back to the students directly. Also to promote ourselves.

i. L. Navarro wondered why is the name changed?

1. There aren’t really any athletics involved; it is more social so it isn’t necessarily a pep rally. To fit this into Fall Fest we needed a name also!

ii. E. Benoit is hoping there will be s’mores.

1. Yes! Legally we need food cooked to make it not just an open fire! So we will have s’mores...for legal reasons!

5. Activity time! What do you want to see changed at our school?

a. J. Ahern did this activity in SGA a few years ago and found it very useful and productive.

b. We met in 3 groups and discussed things we would like to fix at Eastern.

i. D. Kourtzidis, suggests we should be able to type in our id number or swipe the card in Hurley, in case someone loses their physical ID!

1. If the picture comes up when the number is typed, this shouldn’t be an issue

ii. H. Brooks would like to see more outside study space

iii. K. Chrzanowska brings up that SGA should donate trees each year

iv. J. Reid would like to see a wall garden

v. M. Ehrnfelt reminds those in attendance that we still need a pride center

1. This came up last year, we should try to finish this project this year

vi. J. Reid would also like to see gender neutral bathrooms

vii. C. Welch brings up that parking has been an issue. How can we do this more efficiently?

1. Can we park in faculty parking over night?

2. C. Welch mentions getting 30 minute student spots for bringing in groceries and similar activities

3. Commuters can park in faculty spots after 6:45, but this only accommodates 7pm and later classes

viii. M. McFall Gorman comments on how you get a refund for being in a 3 person room because you paid for a 2 person room. She thinks those who live on move out floors should get a refund also for the inconvenience

ix. M. Wysopal would like something done about the tampon machines not working in the ladies rooms.

1. N. Vigorita started this last year but it still needs to be finished

x. J. Ahern would like the shuttle to be more efficient, reliable, etc. we are SGA, we pay for this, we should fix it

1. We are allowed to call campus security when we are stuck at a stop for a long time and the shuttle hasn’t/ isn’t coming

2. We can put a little memo/note inside the shuttle stops with what to do in certain situations, i.e. the shuttle hasn’t come for a long time
6. Vice President’s Report
   a. External Committee Update
      i. University senate hasn’t met and they give the schedules for the
         other external committees
         1. This is kind of like SGA but for the faculty. What they discuss
            affects us!
         2. Who interested?
            a. J. Ahern, N. Vigorita and M. Patino will be on this
               committee
      ii. Parking Appeals needs a senator. It meets Wednesday 2-3pm, but
          that will probably change.
          1. H. Brooks will be on this committee
   b. Internal Committee Updates
      i. Public Relations: Elections & Mascot name contest
         1. The Student Activities Fair was going to be our big opening
            for the name our warrior competition, but this was changed
            because of the rain
         2. M. McFall Gorman shows a flyer of what she’ll be putting up;
            it includes the code where to go to submit a name, and the
            voting will be on the SGA ballot.
         3. Let friends know, can submit names up until September 25
         4. Gender neutral if possible
         5. M. McFall Gorman and the PR committee will go through the
            names and pick the top 5 which will be checked with the
            university, and then students will vote on a winner!
      ii. Student Issues: Constitution Day event
         1. Constitution Day is September 17, but we will have the event
            September 18 at the vendor table 10am-4pm.
         2. This is not mandatory but please go if you can, it WILL count
            for office hours! 2 people (minimum) per hour please!
         3. This event will hand out pocket constitutions, voter
            registration cards, and will have quizzes about the
            constitution
      iii. BAM
         1. Sent out the email about Psychology club’s amended
            constitution to the senate; please look over it for next
            Monday’s meeting. The club will be here to answer questions
            and then we will vote.
            a. If you are concerned about something, bring it up.
               What is bolded is what they want to change.
         2. When a club wants to change their constitution, they go
            through BAM first, then General Board second. SGA must
            have a week to look it over before we can vote.
         3. BAM has a budget of $175k/year for the organizations on
            campus. We usually see about $400k of requests and must
            make tough choices on which to give it to.
         4. One open spot for a new senator on BAM
         5. L. Navarro wonders if the clubs get more money if they put
            on more events?
            a. Depends, some put on many events for little money
               and others will put on a couple big, more expensive
               events.
b. We try not to give one organization a lot more than another, try to be equal
c. Warriors With Initiative
   i. This is an incentive program which encourages organizations to do what they are supposed to (attend Club Council, submit minutes, etc) if you do, you get more points, are a higher tier, and they get more perks the higher they are!
6. D. Kourtzidis, Why do we have office hours?
   a. We are the representatives of SGA, if someone comes to the suite and needs help, we need to be there for them! Whether it is printing, paperwork, questions, etc.

7. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board $10,000
      ii. Executive Board $6,745
   b. Motion for Shuttle
      i. Acceptance of Motion for Walmart and Eastbrook Mall Shuttle
         1. Motion #13 (T. Mack, H. Brooks) Motion to spend $23,389 on the Walmart/Eastbrook Mall shuttle (18-0-0). Motion Carries.
         2. Discussion:
            a. T. Mack- What is this compared to last year?
            b. M. Delaney replies it is relatively close to last year’s cost.

8. Secretary Report:
   a. Contact information
      i. If you have not done so already, please give N. Vigorita your student ID and cell phone number for the records
   b. Office Hours
      i. We had a card swipe in the suite, but it disappeared. We will have this resolved for Monday.
      1. M. Delaney replies that she has it
      ii. Starting tomorrow (9/15) put in your id number and hit clock in/out. You don’t have to log in and out each time! If there are any issues, you may just write them in the folder next to the main computer in the suite
   c. Office hours have started- please do them!
   d. If you do the Constitution event on Friday (9/18) email the SGA account and let N. Vigorita know and the hours will count for office hours!

9. Advisor Report:
   a. C. Ambrosio mentions how we want to improve interactions between clubs and faculty. We are starting a new initiative- Dinner with Faculty in the PDR- food will be provided if you don’t have a meal plan.
      i. Constitution day is the first one! Sept 28, 5pm with Dr. Salka. The topic is “The constitution is the greatest governing document in the history of mankind” - come
with an argument to agree or disagree with that statement. Flyers will be sent out soon to sign up, but it is limited to about 30 students. We will reach out to student organizations who would have an interest in this first

ii. M. Wysopal asks what Dr. Salka teaches? He teaches political science

iii. D. Kourtzidis wonders how to sign up?
   1. It'll be on the flyer, but C. Ambrosio can email it as well!

iv. Being student government we should be interested so J. Ahern expects many of us to attend

v. M. McFall Gorman wonders who this email is going to?
   1. It will be sent to all clubs
   2. M. Wysopal points out this leaves out those students not in clubs, maybe put this flyer out to the whole student body
      a. Students in clubs will get preference since it is a student organizations and faculty event, but if we need more students this will be put out there to the student population.
   3. M. McFall Gorman also mentions sending this to appropriate department heads to pass to their students.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Open Floor
   a. G. Wrobel asks for the Student Activities Fair, do all students get the info through their email?
      i. She was talking to someone and wasn’t sure when everyone found out it was cancelled, if at all.
      ii. C. Ambrosio says he sent the message to university relations to send out, but they may not have sent it.
   b. J. Ahern verifies that everyone is getting the agendas and minutes.
   c. M. Ehrnfelt wonders about the retreat?
      i. E-Board isn’t giving a date yet because we haven’t set it firmly since so many factors keep changing.
      ii. J. Reid asked if delegates are allowed to go?
         1. Depends on open spaces and how many delegates there are at the time. Possibly

13. Dates to Remember:
   a. Town Gown #1: Thursday, September 17th 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – SCI 301
      Please attend if you can. This brings up concerns from the community and it is important for SGA to be there.
   b. Constitution Day Event: Friday, September 18th – Student Center Lobby
   c. Family Day/Mascot Name Contest Begins: September 19th (bit.ly/nameourwarrior)
   d. Student Activities Fair: Monday, September 21st 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
      We still need senators to man the table, please let J. Ahern know if you can!
   e. College Campfire: Thursday, September 24, 2015- Webb Lawn 8pm
      If you can work this, please contact J. Ahern
   f. SGA Elections- Applications Close: Sunday, September 27th 11:59 PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM