Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
9/21/2015

Present:

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

Advisors: M. Delaney


Guests: J. Reid, P. Hoeps, J. Dignoti, M. Alexis, M. Smith, A. Zaidi, B. Paiva, M. Crespo

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 9/14/2015
      i. Motion #17 (H. Brooks, M. McFall Gorman) Motion to accept the minutes from 9/14/2015 (17-0-0). Motion Carries.
   b. J. Ahern went over the requirements of SGA for those in attendance who would like to join
      i. You must attend the main senate meetings Monday at 3pm, Stu 107
      ii. You will be on an internal and external committee
         1. Internal
            a. BAM, PR or Student Issues
         2. External
            a. You will choose from a list which you would like to be on
            b. These are with faculty
      iii. Each senator has 2 office hours per week in the SGA suite
      iv. Our agenda is sent out weekly before the Monday meetings so you know what we will be discussing
      v. The setting and attire are formal/business casual
      vi. There is a 2.7 GPA requirement to be a senator
   c. Student Activities Fair
      i. This is 5-7 TODY!
      ii. If you are available, please be at the table!
      iii. Our new nameless mascot will be there!
      iv. We have candy bars with SGA and application information on them to hand out
      v. Students can get information about applying as well as submitting a name for the new mascot
      vi. We will also have leftover cups and Frisbees to give out
      vii. Get excited!!
viii. M. Ehrnfelt mentioned that there was no map emailed out to the clubs and suggested next year maybe sending one out beforehand!

d. College Campfire
i. This Thursday (9/24) 8-11pm on Webb Lawn
ii. It is mandatory to be there for at least 30 minutes. Please do more if you can.
iii. We will be taking name submissions for the mascot
iv. We have SGA logo flashlights for giveaways
v. There will be hot dogs and s’mores!
vi. We’re paying for a fire performer, the s’mores, and the flashlights
   1. The performer should be there the whole time!

vii. Keith from senior class last year is DJing

viii. M. McFall Gorman wants to inform others about it
   1. This is fine!
   2. All the clubs have been notified!


retreat 10/9-10/10!
i. We are meeting Friday October 9 at 5pm
ii. Look for an email shortly with specifics.
iii. M. Wysopal asks when will we get specifics
   1. Eboard still needs to meet with the camp, but the vans will be leaving 6-6:30 that Friday

iv. J. Reid asks where we’re going this year?
   1. Camp Jewell in Colebrook, CT

v. M. Ehrnfelt asks if there will be different dietary options
   1. The Eboard is not sure yet, we’re provided 3 meals on Saturday but will make sure there are meals for different dietary needs

vi. L. Navarro wonders what time we will be back on Saturday?
   1. Not sure yet, in the evening sometime

2. Vice President’s Report
   a. Family Day Review
      i. There were a lot of mascot name submissions! It was a very good turnout!

   b. Motion for internal Committee budgets
      i. PR needs more money than Student Issues for their Warrior Wednesday events

      ii. Motion #18 (H. Brooks, L. Navarro) Motion to allocate $500 to the PR committee for the Fall 2015 semester (16-0-0). Motion Carries.

      iii. Discussion:
          1. M. Wysopal is shocked there is only $500 for the whole semester for PR since last year we used upwards of $150/Warrior Wednesday.
             a. M. McFall Gorman replies that we only have 2 maybe 3 Warrior Wednesday events (October, November, maybe December) and will look for pro bono items! She will pinch pennies!
          2. M. Patino asked how much we spent last year?
             a. There wasn’t a specific amount last year, when money was needed it was just asked for.
          3. PR can always ask for more if needed!
4. M. Wysopal also asked if PR is only doing Warrior Wednesdays?
   a. So far that is all that is planned

iv. **Motion #19 (M. McFall Gorman, M. Ehrnfelt)** Motion to allocate $250 to the Student Issues committee for the Fall 2015 semester (15-0-1). Motion Carries.

v. Discussion:
   1. Co. Welch wonders what will Student Issues do with the money?
   2. H. Brooks replies that if something comes up and we need the money, we have it. We may not need it!
   3. J. Reid suggests maybe putting an event on to get issues from students

vi. M. Alexis would like to know an example of issues tackled from last year
   1. Examples include smoking too close to the buildings and we increased the printing funds from $15 to $20.

vii. What have we done for the issues?
   1. We put up more signs and got public safety more involved; it was hard to enforce the 40-foot rule.

viii. How long does it take an issue to be solved?
   1. It depends if we need to do work for it or just send an email. Could be an hour, it could be weeks.

ix. K. Constant questions how often students came to us with issues
   1. Not a lot of students come to the meetings with issues; it is more of senators going out and coming up with things to work on. For this year it will depend on how H. Brooks wants to approach it.

x. M. Alexis suggests going to clubs and speaking to them about gathering issues.
   1. T. Mack is working on the senate attending all of the clubs on campus so hopefully we can gather more issues through this.

xi. J. Reid suggests a Town & Gown type forum for Eastern
   1. This is equivalent to the SGA meeting
   2. K. Chrzanowska further suggests a bigger event where students can come. A general forum not specifically SGA sponsored for those that ‘don’t like’ SGA. H. Brooks will look into this idea

xii. Co. Welch wonders if clubs can have a section in their minutes to gather issues.
   1. This would be too hard with 72 clubs to go through

xiii. M. Ehrnfelt mentions there is a thing in the Pride Room where students can submit issues with the room
   1. We have this on our website but PR can work to get this out there more.

c. **External Committee Update**
   i. Parking Appeals Committee- H. Brooks. Public Safety hands out upwards 5,000 parking tickets. Now the appealed ones will be sent to the committee members in pdf form.

   ii. University Senate- N. Vigorita, J. Ahern. Some external committees don’t even have faculty yet so it will take a little longer to get the meeting locations and times to the senators

d. **Internal Committee Updates**
i. Public Relations: Elections update
   1. Student Activities Fair is today, M. McFall Gorman encourages everyone to go!
   2. Elections are still ongoing.
   3. She has emailed the PR committee a doodle poll to get a meeting time. By the end of today she will print out quarter sheets to advertise elections and College Campfire
   4. Keep advertising we are looking for a new mascot name!

ii. Student Issues: Constitution Day event review
   1. The event was pretty successful! There were an adequate amount of senators there each hour, a decent amount of registration cards and constitutions were handed out, and collected a few registrations as well!

iii. BAM: Psychology club
   1. Not a lot of senators actually read the constitution that was emailed to the senate by BAM, this is disappointing.
   2. Those that did read it loved that the changes were bolded; it made it easier to read.
   3. ‘Eastern College’ was fixed
   4. A PR position was officially added
   5. They also changed what means to be a member. A member will be in attendance, even if they are not physically present, if they email in a topic to discuss or a response to last week's discussion.
      a. C. Gosselin elaborates what defines a member. They must receive the minutes and discuss the discussion points with a member of eboard and/or give a topic to discuss at the next meeting.
      b. J. Mazyck asked if there is a certain amount of times they need to reply? 10 times for example?
      c. Just signing up for this policy and saying thanks for the email does not constitute as a discussion and ‘in attendance.’ They must offer a thought or response, contributing to the educational conversation.
      d. N. Vigorita asks if they need consent from the eboard before being in attendance this way.
         i. Anyone can do this, but the eboard needs to know ahead of time that they would like this arrangement.
      e. The psychology club president is the main person in charge of this.
      f. J. Mazyck thinks we should get other clubs into this.
         i. Ch. Welch seconds this idea
         ii. C. Gosselin adds that a lot of clubs lose members because of class times and this would be beneficial to them
         iii. Co. Welch adds that it will help commuters as well!
         iv. L. Navarro mentions that students in clubs with this policy should be at events as well if they choose this attendance route.
         v. M. McFall Gorman remarks that some clubs don’t have events.
vi. M. Delaney questions how will BAM determine funding in terms of members with this
   1. The number of those on the roster only affects the banquet. It is $15/active member. BAM will further consider/discuss the implications of this

vii. K. Chrzanowska thinks we are over analyzing this idea, as we have never said who can and cannot be in a club in the past.

viii. BAM only looks into a roster if there are an obscene amount of students on it.

   g. Motion #20 (L. Navarro, G. Wrobel) Motion to pass the constitution changes for Psychology Club (16-0-0) Motion carries

3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board $10,000
      ii. Executive Board $6,745
   b. Will change soon because of the candy for the Student Activities Fair, College Campfire and committee budget expenses.

4. Secretary Report:
   a. Town Gown review
      i. This meeting was very short, only 30 about minutes!
      ii. T. Mack, C. Gosselin and N. Vigorita were the only students there.
      iii. There are little house-shaped signs around the community in yards with fun facts about the houses, like if a company started there or a famous person lived there.
      iv. There was a big party last year near one community member’s house, but she was relieved when she found out that citations and arrests did occur at that event and we took it seriously.
      v. All those in attendance got a virtual tour of the new fine arts building; it is beautiful! N. Vigorita has a packet with the specs if you would like to see it!
      vi. H. Brooks asked if these meetings are for the whole school?
         1. Is wasn’t promoted for the students
         2. Usually only SGA attends
         3. There was a Town & Gown last year where more students attended, but this was because some were required to go.
   b. Office Hours
      i. Office hours have started. N. Vigorita is a bit disappointed with the amount of hours that have been missed these last two weeks
      ii. Reminder, if you did the Constitution Day event, email the SGA account.
      iii. K. Chrzanowska asked about the computer for logging hours?
         1. There is a bit of confusion because we were told one thing, but a lot of the senate is still unable to access this. Please
write your hours down in the folder next to the computer until further instructed!

- N. Vigorita will email the senate when it is working!

- S. Davis mentions that if you have an on campus job, you should be all set already

1. If you are a student worker, in eLife, use name ‘elife timeclock’ and password ‘timeclock’

5. Advisor Report:
6. Old Business
   a. Last week’s Gboard minutes say the wrong date for the Faculty/Organization dinner. It is really September 29th at 5 in the PDR.
   i. The Student Activities Office is having a faculty member host a dinner and inviting clubs related to the topic on campus to it.

7. New Business

8. Open Floor
   a. M. Ehrnfelt advertises that tomorrow morning there is Breakfast with NOW at 8:30am in Webb lobby!

9. Dates to Remember:
   a. Student Activities Fair: TODAY! Monday, September 21st 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Webb Lawn)
   b. CAB & SGA’s College Campfire: Thursday, September 24th 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM (Webb Lawn)
   d. Faculty Dinner - The Constitution: Tuesday, September 29th 5:00 PM (PDR)
   e. SGA Retreat – Mandatory: Friday, October 9th – Saturday, October 10th (Camp Jewell)

Meeting adjourned at 4:08