Student Government Association  
General Board Meeting  
March 30th, 2015

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

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney

Senators: E. Benoit, V. Cosma, S. Froehlich, C. Gosselin, P. Hoeps, T. Mack, J. Mazyck, E. McDonald, M. McFall Gorman, E. Pelletier, J. Reid, R. Rivera, N. Vigorita, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, M. Wysopal

Guests: Luisa Florez, Jenna Mancini (To Write Love on Her Arms), Jared Chamberland (Meditation Club)

Meeting called to order at 3:06 PM

1. President’s Report  
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 3/23/2015  
      i. Motion #84 (C. Gosselin, J. Mazyck) Motion to accept the minutes from 3/23/15 (20-0-1). Motion Carries.
   b. Elections Committee Update  
      i. It is officially elections season! The Elections Committee has been working hard for recruitment efforts.
      ii. Reminder that everyone does need to get reelected.
      iii. The link is going live immediately following this meeting, and then everything will go on social media as well.
      iv. Quarter sheets and fliers were distributed to the senate. If you have an academic building, you have to put up fliers. If you live in a dorm, you hand the fliers to the Office Assistant and slip quarter sheets under the doors.
      v. If you’re running for an Executive Board position, make sure you’re running for a senator as well in case you don’t get elected to the E-Board.
      vi. V. Cosma is working on sending a brochure to the Copy Center.
      vii. The promotional orders are going to be finalized today.
      viii. There’s a set of rules called the Elections Guidelines that is very straightforward in how you must handle yourself in Elections. You cannot campaign until after you’re nominated. You can’t spend more than $50 on yourself; keep all of the receipts so that things are kept track of. Money for printing does not count.
         1. E. Benoit thinks that we should send the guidelines out before nominations so that they know not to campaign.
         2. J. Ahern and M. Hicks will look into it.
There are 24 senator seats in SGA. There are 14 senator spots and 5 Executive spots in the Spring. We also sponsor senior class elections. Senior Class has President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Senior at Large positions, and three Junior at Large positions.

1. N. Vigorita asked if you could put both Senior Class positions and SGA positions on the same flier.
2. M. Wysopal asked if they have a specific meeting time
   a. No, it is based upon availability of the committee.

2. **Vice President’s Report**
   a. **Committee Updates**
      i. **Public Relations**
         1. **Warrior Wednesday Update**
            a. V. Cosma sent out a reminder of who is working the table when. She distributed quarter sheets.
            b. N. Vigorita added that she thinks promotional election materials should be distributed at this event as well.
            c. A. Bullard stressed to advertise Warrior Wednesday via word of mouth.
            d. V. Cosma asked if senators could win the prizes.
               i. No, that would look terrible.
            e. N. Vigorita asked if it was a raffle per person or per item.
               i. Students are going to write their name and ID number on a piece of paper. They're not choosing people from social media because they don't know who is old or who is new.
               ii. They're announcing who the winner is on social media.
               iii. A. Bullard suggested a hashtag to group photos of the event.
               iv. E. McDonald suggested getting their social media handles during the event.
      ii. **Internal**
         1. Invitations to the banquet will be distributed after this meeting.
         2. At last week’s E-Board meeting, it was decided that it should be allowed for seniors to be allowed to bring a guest as it is their last year and there are only three seniors.
   iii. **Student Issues**
      1. In April there’s a big meeting with the Board of Regents that is coming to Eastern. We’re trying to come up with ideas about social media campaigns or any campaign that we can use to get student input.
      2. The goal is to point out the disparity of funding from the state.
   iv. **BAM**
      1. **Meditation Club**
         a. A representative from Meditation Club came to speak to the senate. They don’t have any huge events but they’re looking to do a lot of outdoor events and do
meditation in a lot of locations. They're doing one event for now, which is a Meditation for Peace that will be a mainly outdoors event. They have around 12 members right now.

b. **Motion #85 (G. Wrobel, M. McFall Gorman)**
Motion to approve Meditation Club as an SGA recognized organization *(21-0-0).* Motion Carries.

2. **Education Club**
   a. Education Club is switching how the E-Board is positioned in their club. They're eliminating the position of the Historian which they found were redundant. They're instead making Co-Vice Presidents. They're following a model of what UConn and their overarching chapter does. They're streamlining their constitution. Changes would be in effect next semester.
      i. M. McFall Gorman asked what the new Vice President would be.
         1. They would be in charge of applying for the awards and aiding with events.

3. **To Write Love on Her Arms**
   a. To Write Love on Her Arms is an organization dedicated to raising awareness of mental health issues and self harm. They're hoping to end stigmas behind mental health and raise awareness about how much of a problem this is on college campuses.
      i. E. Pelletier asked if they would be willing to work with Psychology Club.
         1. Yes, they've looked into Psychology Club and Social Work Club
      ii. M. Wysopal asked how many members they have.
          1. Around 5; one of their first initiatives would be gaining consistent members
      iii. N. Vigorita asked what they’d be looking for for funding.
          1. Perhaps to have speakers and run events.
      iv. E. Pelletier asked who their advisor is.
          1. Emma, the hall director in Nijeadlik.

4. **FRPs**
   a. FRPs are due tomorrow, March 30th.

3. **Treasurer’s Report:**
   a. **SAC**
      i. **Capital Day**
         1. April 29th is the CSCU Capital Day. Students are welcome to go to the State Capital from 11-1PM to speak to legislators. From 1-3PM there is a meet and greet between legislators, Board of Regents, and system officials. He will send an email reminder. He will get a van for that day.
      
ii. **Media Event**
    1. Last week there was a media event that the SAC put on that spoke on the behalf of increased funding to our universities.
It was quick but there were media outlets there. J. Ahern will send out an email.

b. **Accounts Update**
   i. General Board went up! It is now at $7302.79. Executive Board is at $2165.15.

4. **Secretary Report:**
   a. **Priority Points**
      i. E. Drouin will be sending out the priority point roster for those who are missing the priority points that you get from SGA participation.

5. **Advisor Report:**
   a. April 18th from 10-2, there is a voter registration booth at Eastbrook Mall. President Nunez wants there to be student representation to help out.

6. **Old Business**
   a. **Mentor Mentee Project Updates**
      i. J. Reid and M. Patino finished their project. They're still compiling what they've wanted.
      ii. A. Bullard has been contacted by her legislator, who also wants to continue a liaison position.
      iii. V. Cosma and her group have posted a document that allows students to meet their senators on their website.
      iv. M. Ehrnfelt and M. McFall Gorman are working on the blog, which is located at http://www.sgabulletin.wordpress.com
      v. E. Benoit has a table reserved for their staff appreciation day.
      vi. T. Mack and E. Drouin are finalizing their survey for perceptions on SGA.

7. **New Business**
   a. **External Committee Updates**
      i. **Organization Committee**
         1. The Committee is working on their five year review process!

8. **Open Floor**
   a. M. Wysopal has seen a problem with parking in facilities. There is a safety hazard in cars parking there too closely. E. Pelletier will place a call to facilities. It is always during the afternoon.
      i. M. Delaney said there is a shift change at 3PM so that is likely the reason. People are leaving for the day.
   b. M. Hicks needs help with his research survey! He will be emailing out for the senate. It deals with online classes. You must have taken an online class at Eastern to participate.

9. **Dates to Remember:**
   a. Warrior Wednesday is April 1st from 11:30-2:30
   b. LEAP into Leadership Conference; Friday April 10th 1:00-7:00 (Registration closes Wednesday!)
   c. April 29th Capital Day from 11-3PM.
   d. RDT Showcase April 18th at 6PM!

**Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM**