Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
April 20th, 2015

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

Advisors: M. Delaney

Senators: E. Benoit, H. Brooks, V. Cosma, M. Ehrnfelt, S. Froehlich, C. Gosselin, T. Mack, E. McDonald, M. McFall Gorman, M. Patino, N. Vigorita, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, M. Wysopal

Guests: Dan Solomon, Kendrick Constant, Rachel Lavigne

Meeting called to order at 3:09 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 4/13/2015
      i. Motion #105 (A. Bullard, E. McDonald) Motion to accept the minutes from 4/13/15 (20-0-0). Motion Carries.
   b. Elections
      i. Thus far, we have a 12% turn out for elections! The E-Board’s goal was 20%, which would be a record for SGA.
      ii. If you lose, don’t leave the senate! Try again for the fall!
   c. Internal Banquet
      i. The information presented at last week’s meeting in regards to food was incorrect. An order was never placed, so M. Hicks placed an order. The Internal Committee held an emergency meeting and Chartwells needs the order very quickly.
         1. The option is now chicken. The steak and shrimp option wasn’t feasible as it was being done for the BAM Banquet.
            a. The dessert is cheesecake!!!!!
         ii. We are doing superlatives this year – they will be distributed at the Internal Banquet.
      iii. S. Froehlich and E. McDonald are both doing a lot for the Internal Banquet very quickly! Co. Welch is helping a lot too!
      iv. All members of SGA are always invited to the SGA Banquet.
   d. President’s Breakfast
      i. The President’s Breakfast is this Wednesday at 7AM.
         1. A. Bullard suggested that if you’re running for an e-board position, you should definitely come.
      ii. The agenda is covering the budget, Transform, the Fine Arts Building, programming on Webb Lawn, and the Master Plan.
      iii. J. Reid suggested putting the Pride Center on the agenda.

2. Vice President’s Report
a. Committee Updates
   i. BAM
      1. The Clubs and Orgs Banquet is next Thursday at 5:30. Club Awards are due this Thursday. They are all done with FRPs.
      2. Next week, the new senate and E-Board will be voting on the Undergraduate Research Club.
   b. Thus concludes A. Bullard’s last Vice President’s report. She will be missed greatly.
3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board is currently at $7,169.27 and E-Board is at $2,165.15
      b. There are a few other fees such as banquets, awards, and other things that will leave us in the positive and will go into rollover.
4. Secretary Report:
   a. Nothing to report.
5. Advisor Report:
   a. Nothing to report.
6. Old Business
   a. External Committee Updates
      i. The Academic Affairs Committee is drafting a bill to let you take 21 credits if you have a 3.0.
      ii. The First Year Program Committee is getting a new director, David Pellegrini. There’s a pre/post assessment for student’s feedback. They want some feedback from the students on the FYI Classes. M. Ehrnfelt asked for feedback.
      1. J. Reid felt as though she learned more in actual class from the Peer Mentoring classes. Anything she wanted to learn about, she learned in orientation or could look up online.
      2. K. Chrzanowska took the Honors FYE class and learned a lot from the peer mentor. She made really great PowerPoints and take us outside the classroom. She would keep it real.
         a. E. Drouin added that it was a one credit course and that without having an academic component, it was really helpful and allowed you to focus.
      3. A. Bullard had the cluster model and thought it was cool to discuss how the classes they were all in were related. Everyone was really bored with the FYE Component.
      4. M. Hicks they should go back to the cluster system. A cluster was taking the FYE and two other courses with the same people on similar topics. The FYE was also the teacher of his cluster class.
         a. M. Ehrnfelt added that the cluster system had a $14,000 budget and now the budget is $3,000.
            i. S. Froehlich added that this is due to field trips and other extraneous bonding learning activities.
      5. C. Gosselin is on the bandwagon of the 1-credit class. It would be a lot more focused. He’s never going to use the academic component of his class in his life.
      6. E. Benoit thinks that we as a group are more involved than the average student; a lot of students need the information provided.
         a. Co. Welch thinks that although it is repetitive, it’s still necessary.
      7. M. McFall Gorman thinks the academic aspect shouldn’t compete with the information aspect.
      8. S. Froehlich added that the purpose is to catch any students that might be having trouble. Students might not necessarily even show up.
iii. Student Support Services is working on the lack of handicapped spots on campus.

7. **Open Floor**
   a. The Education Club is painting a map of the United States at North Windham Elementary School because they don't have one. If anyone wants to help her come paint. Let her know.
   b. The Elementary School near our school went into lockdown, but the students on Eastern's campus weren't even notified, which E. McDonald thinks is ridiculous. Students should have been notified.
      i. M. Hicks added that there's rules against alerting students to certain situations because of a cry-wolf situation. Pre-elementary students have a quicker standard for alerting in those situations. He's going to reach out to Chief Garewski.
   c. Earth Day is Wednesday on the Student Center Patio from 11-4. They're also promoting a tray-less campaign as well for part of Earth Week.
   d. E. Benoit and G. Wrobel had their mentor/mentee project, Staff Appreciation Day.

8. **Dates to Remember:**
   a. President's Breakfast, Wednesday April 22nd at 7AM.
   b. SGA Internal Banquet; Thursday April 23rd 7:00PM
   c. SGA Clubs and Organizations Banquet: Thursday April 30th 5:15p.m

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM