Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
April 6th, 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:** H. Brooks, M. Ehrnfelt, S. Froehlich, C. Gosselin, T. Mack, J. Mazyck, E. McDonald, M. McFall Gorman, M. Patino, E. Pelletier, J. Reid, N. Vigorita, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, M. Wysopal

**Guests:** Bernice Kwarteng, Rachel Lavigne, Dan Solomon

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 3/30/2015
      i. **Motion #86 (A. Bullard, M. Patino)*** Motion to accept the minutes from 3/30/15 *(18-0-1). Motion Carries.*
   b. Elections Committee Update
      i. **Information Regarding joining the 2015-2016 SGA Senate**
         1. M. Hicks gave an overview of what SGA does. SGA has a normally functioning executive board, although the BAM chair is unique. Committee Chairs are chosen by the President and the Vice President. There are 24 senator positions, which equals to roughly every 200 students. 14 positions are ran in the Spring to leave room for the Fall. Meetings are always Mondays at 3, you can leave for class at 4. You have to hold two office hours a week.
         2. M. Hicks gave an overview of the three committee head positions.
         3. The delegate program is available for anyone who doesn’t win the election.
         4. We do a few events throughout the year such as a Warrior Rally, a Majors/Minors Fair, and a Warrior Wednesday event. We also serve on External Committees that reach into other sections of campus.
      ii. **Elections Guidelines**
         1. Applications close this Sunday, April 12th at 11:59PM.
         2. The Application is found on the Student Government Association website. The picture submitted must be tasteful.
            a. E. Pelletier asked why there was a picture component this year; she’s concerned that voters will vote for the most attractive person.
i. A common criticism is that the electorate does not know who the candidates are.

3. Applicants for the executive board have extraneous requirements as well.

4. **Campaign Conduct**
   a. You may only use up to $50 of your own money for a campaigning budget. If you buy anything or use anything in your campaign, you have to have a receipt for it.
      i. You will also not be reimbursed for anything that you buy.
      ii. The SGA Printer is for promotional materials and does not count towards the $50 budget.
   b. All complaints reviewed by the elections committee will be by those not returning to SGA.
   c. All complaints and violations must be submitted to the Elections Committee within 72 hours to the end of elections.

5. **Nominations**
   a. Nominations will take place at the Monday, April 13th meeting. It’s a formal process and simply ceremonial.

   c. **Yearbook Constitution Amendment**
      i. The senate has spoken at length over the past few months in regards to the Yearbook constitution change. The amounts will be changed from $9000 per semester and $18000 per year to $4500 per semester and $9000 per year.

      1. **Discussion**
         a. G. Wrobel inquired about the term “CPI-U” in the amendment.
            i. This stands for the Consumer Price Index.
               1. H. Brooks explained the CPI-U.
               2. All of the articles in the Constitution say that.
               3. M. Delaney and C. Ambrosio will investigate this.

         2. The senate will vote on this next week.

2. **Vice President’s Report**
   a. **Committee Updates**
      i. **Public Relations**
         1. Warrior Wednesday had a wonderful turnout of 199 people. It was a large success. They were looking to do another one on April 29th with a potential beach theme. If approved, prizes will likely be summer themed. The tentative budget is $300 for the event.

      ii. **Internal**
          1. The banquet budget is $711. R. Rivera and P. Hoeps were at a meeting with Chartwells.

      iii. **Student Issues**
          1. Issues is trying to rally students and bring points on how budget cuts will affect Eastern and students. They will distribute fliers in terms of when the representatives are coming. They’re going to have a tabling event outside of the Student Center as well.
a. M. McFall Gorman suggested reaching out to students and collecting them via a hashtag.

b. M. Hicks added that things related to tuition are striking.

c. J. Ahern said that the SAC is using a hashtag, he shall send it to E. Pelletier.

d. K. Chrzanowska and A. Bullard added that the focus should be on the state funding, not the school.

e. S. Froehlich added that the National Education Association is doing a “Degrees Not Debt” campaign.

iv. BAM

1. Education Club
   a. **Motion #87 (E. Pelletier, G. Wrobel)** Motion to approve the Constitution revision of the Education Club (19-0-1). **Motion Carries.**

2. To Write Love on Her Arms
   a. **Motion #88 (A. Bullard, J. Reid)** Motion to approve To Write Love on Her Arms as an SGA recognized organization (20-0-0). **Motion Carries.**
      i. E. Pelletier asked if they would donate to the National Chapter.
      1. Yes, they do plan on that.

3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. **Mentor/Mentee Project**
      i. J. Ahern and N. Vigorita will be going to FYI classes and dorms to teach students about SGA.
   
   b. **SAC**
      i. The SAC will soon be holding elections. More information will be available at the next meeting.
   
   c. **Accounts Update**
      i. General Board is now at $6474.97. $670.59 is being allocated from gas. Executive Board is at $2165.15.

4. Secretary Report:
   a. **SGA Logo**
      i. Sample logos will be made and presented to E-Board on Wednesday; depending, they will likely be presented to General Board the next week.
   
   b. **Multi-Cultural Leadership Council**
      i. E. Drouin attended a meeting of the Multi-Cultural Leadership Council in the Intercultural Center to try and recruit for elections. While there, they asked for next year an SGA representative to come to the Council to provide insight, especially on funding aspects. This should be an external committee for next year.

5. Advisor Report:
   a. M. Delaney is still looking for students to volunteer at the Voter Registration Table at the Eastbrook Mall on April 18th.

6. Old Business
   a. Nothing to report.

7. New Business
   a. **External Committee Updates**
      i. **University Senate**
      1. The University Senate discussed Transform – again.

8. Open Floor
a. If anyone is interested in working at the Student Center next year, speak to A. Bullard!
b. A. Bullard got offered a graduate student position at Central!
c. E. McDonald needs data for her senior thesis!

9. **Dates to Remember:**
   a. LEAP into Leadership Conference: Friday, April 10\textsuperscript{th} 1:00-7:00
   b. Deadline to Apply for the 2015-2016 SGA Senate: Sunday April 12\textsuperscript{th} 11:59
   c. SGA Internal Banquet; Thursday April 23\textsuperscript{rd} 7:00PM
   d. SGA Clubs and Organizations Banquet: Thursday April 30\textsuperscript{th} 5:15p.m

**Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM**