I. Call to Order: 3:02pm

II. Roll Call:

**Executives** J. Ahern (President), E. Drouin (Vice President), C. Gosselin (BAM), T. Mack (Treasurer), M. McFall Gorman (Secretary)

**Advisors** M. Delaney and C. Ambrosio


**Guests** M. Della Valle, K. Dirga, J. Dastous, C. Robinson, L. Parlapiano, D. Hartmann, V. Hill, C. MacDonald, T. Hempo, D. Jones, O. Black, N. Vigorita (Delegate) and M. Alexis (Delegate)

III. President Report:
      i. **Motion #88** (K. O’Rourke, J. Brucker) Motion to approve the minutes from the April 4th, 2016 General Board meeting. (21 - 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**
   b. Red Flag Campaign
      i. Taylor Hempo, part of the Social Work Student Organization talked about their Red Flag campaign which encourages people to speak up when they see a ‘Red Flag’ in regards to interpersonal and relationship violence.
      ii. She discussed statistics on interpersonal relationship violence, and how the Social Work Organization is teaming up with the Women Centers’ Take Back the Night event. They are looking for SGA to support the event and help spread the word.
      iii. The event is from 6-9pm this Thursday, April 14th.
   c. Nominations for Elections
      i. J. Ahern went through the nominations for Elections and the various positions. Everyone will be sent an agenda, guidelines, and constitution via email.
      ii. J. Ahern clarified that from April 18th -- 20th are when the elections will occur through Eastern email, and that students can vote up until 11:59pm on the 20th.
      iii. All winners will be announced via eastern email. Specific results, such as who received the most votes overall, can be requested. Just email J. Ahern after the results are in and he will provide them.
      iv. Reminder that the SGA Banquet on the 21st is for current Senators and newly elected Senators.
      v. Nominations for Student Government, Fall 2016
1. **Motion #89** (E. Drouin, Co. Welch) Motion to nominate H. Brooks for the position of Student Government President. (20 – 0 – 1) **Motion carries.**

2. **Motion #90** (J. Dignoti, G. Litcke) Motion to nominate M. McFall Gorman, F. Ricigliano, and Ch. Welch for the position of Student Government Vice President. (19 – 0 – 2) **Motion carries.**

3. **Motion #91** (H. Brooks, J. Dignoti) Motion to nominate J. Mazyczk, K. O’Rourke, and D. Sheridan for the position of Student Government Treasurer (18 – 0 – 3) **Motion carries.**

4. **Motion #92** (E. Drouin, B. Paiva) Motion to nominate J. Dignoti for the position of Student Government Secretary. (20 – 0 – 1) **Motion carries.**

5. **Motion #93** (K. O’Rourke, C. Gosselin) Motion to nominate T. Mack for the position of Student Government Budget and Management Chair (20 – 0 – 1) **Motion carries.**

6. **Motion #94** (J. Dignoti, K. O’Rourke) Motion to nominate L. Parlapiano and O. Black for the position of Student Government SAC Representative. (21 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

7. **Motion #95** (J. Reid, H. Brooks) Motion to nominate M. Della Valle, K. Dirga, R. Eragnie, A. Dilone, F. Ricigliano, K. O’Rourke, L. Parlapiano, V. Hill, G. Litcke, C. Litcke, Ch. Welch, J. Mazyczk, Co. Welch, B. Paiva, J. Brucker, and O. Black for the position of Student Government Senator. (9 – 0 – 15) **Motion carries.**

8. **Motion #96** (J. Ahern, H. Brooks) Motion to amend the previous Motion (#95) to include M. Alexis as a nominee for the position of Student Government Senator. (20 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

9. **Motion #97** (K. Lien, R. Eragnie) Motion to nominate T. Herold, J. Ahern, J. DeVellis, A. Caselli, D. Hartman, and D. Jones for the position of Senior Class President. (20 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

10. **Motion #98** (H. Brooks, J. Dignoti) Motion to nominate J. Dastous, T. Herold and J. Ahern for the position of Senior Class Vice President. (20 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

11. **Motion #99** (K. O’Rourke, J. Mazyczk) Motion to nominate J. Ahern and O. Black for the position of Senior Class Treasurer. (20 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

12. **Motion #100** (F. Ricigliano, K. O’Rourke) Motion to nominate J. Dastous, L. Parlapiano, and O. Black for the position of Senior Class Secretary. (20 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

13. **Motion #101** (J. Dignoti, K. Lien) Motion to nominate M. McFall Gorman, J. Dastous, T. Herold, L. Parlapiano, J. Ahern, D. Jones, and O. Black for the position of Senior Class Senior at Large. (20 – 0 – 1) **Motion carries.**

14. **Motion #102** (Ch. Welch, D. Sheridan) Motion to nominate C. Robinson and C. MacDonald for the position of Senior Class Junior at Large. (20 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

d. **Election Guidelines and Campaigning**
   
i. Only up to $50 can be spent on elections guidelines, nobody will be reimbursed, keep your receipts as they may be requested. Those who are running, you are allowed to use the printer for the flyers, any outside printing you do – keep a receipt. C. Ambrosio can let you use the copy center services just ask him.

   ii. Everyone must follow the guidelines as outlined in the constitution, a copy of which will be sent to all nominees.

   iii. All campaigning must take place between the allotted dates, starting at the end of the General Board meeting.

   iv. Flyers can be posted only on authorized poster boards – they must be approved for posting by the Student Center desk staff and can only be placed in authorized locations, otherwise they will be removed.

   v. Campaigning is not permitted in the presence of drugs or alcohol

   1. **Quote of the Meeting** by J. Ahern “That means no telling people to vote for you at Sports Bar.”

   vi. All campaign literature must be in good taste, no chalking is allowed, and professionalism is expected.
vii. The election committee is led by Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, and E. Drouin. Any complaints or problems must be expressed and officially reported to the committee within 72 hours of the results being announced. Reminder that the Elections Committee is essentially the PR Committee, but shall be run by the member that is not seeking reelection (E. Drouin).

viii. You may be disqualified if you break these rules, and there are other repercussions depending on the issue

ix. Newly elected E-Board members must attend the Transition Summit on April 22nd from 3 – 6pm as it is mandatory.

x. J. Ahern will send all this information out in an email, along with the election guidelines and constitution.

e. SGA Banquet
   i. It is on Thursday April 21st. Please meet in the SGA suite at 6:30pm if you are using the vans. If not, be sure to meet us there by 7pm.

f. Senator(s) of the Month
   i. J. Ahern announced the two Senators of the Month, one being the Heart of BAM for the Past four years, and the other being an extremely dedicated Senator who consistently takes on so much...
   ii. Congratulations to Karolina Chrzanowska and Courtney Welch!

IV. Vice President Report:

a. Internal Committees Update
   i. Student Issues:
      1. Campus Alcohol Policy
         a. H. Brooks is meeting with Vice President Bedini on Thursday (April 14th) in the afternoon to discuss the alcohol policy, its history, and his take on the policy. More information will be forthcoming.
      2. Hurley
         a. J. Ahern asked A. Dilone if she had success with Chartwells’ in regards to them actually labeling their food and its content, because he saw the labels in Hurley Hall.
         b. A. Dilone said that she had brought it up to them some time ago, and even though she never officially heard back from them, Chartwells’ has since posted the ingredients of their food items!
         c. The Senate applauded for another student concern being taken care of!

   ii. Public Relations:
      1. Events for Elections
         a. Monday April 18 - 20th are the days when voting will take place, they are also the days when the PR Committee has planned several events in either the Student Center (18th and 19th) or Hurley Hall (20th) where they will promote elections with informational tables and items.
         b. This week Ch. Welch will be sending out emails with instructions for the specific events.
         c. A sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting, and Co. Welch requested that Senators sign up for any times they are available. The events on Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th will be from 11am until 3pm, with set up taking place an hour before hand. The event on Wednesday the 20th will be from 4-7pm in Hurley Hall to try and get a different crowd of people.
         d. The promotional items will be arriving soon. Some arrived today, and the pens will be arriving in time to be given out on Wednesday in Hurley.

iii. Budget and Management:
   1. FRPs
      a. C. Gosselin explained that BAM is bamming away.
b. Emails will be sent out to the clubs and organizations soon, describing what funding was allocated for next semester.
c. No more allocations will be given for this current semester after today (April 11th)

b. External Committees Update
   i. Ch. Welch reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is finalizing the procedures and plans for the STEP/CAP program.

V. Treasurer Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board: $11,684.40
      ii. Executive Board: $3,517.32

VI. Secretary Report:
   a. Office Hours
      i. M. McFall Gorman thanked everyone for their consistency, and said that she received an unusual amount of Office Hours as reported on paper. If this means that eLife is a little more difficult to use for some than other, then next year there should be some time given to clean up the procedure.

VII. Advisor Report:

VIII. Old Business:
   a. Shuttle Improvements
      i. J. Ahern said that K. Paquin HAS sent him the quotes, which include 10 signs and 3 backdrops. K. Paquin purportedly said that the quotes are a ‘little bit higher than quotes he will get from other companies’ so the actual expenditure will probably be less.
      ii. J. Ahern reminded the Senate of the schedule now including a break from 4-5pm for the driver.
      iii. Noble Hall has a small design due to its irregular size and shape, so that stop will cost only $150
      iv. Nine of the larger signs for all the other stops will be $580 each
      v. Total of all ten signs will be about $5,370
      vi. The signs are vinyl graphics, and will be applied directly to the stops. Facilities will pick up the cost of adding the plexiglass backs to the stops. The sign is the Warrior logo
      vii. The Shuttle specific signs for the designated shuttle stops on campus (three of them) will cost $430
      viii. Therefore the total is slightly under $7000.
      ix. J. Ahern explained that to stop encouraging people to tape stuff to the shuttles, sign-holders for the schedules will be put in the stops. They will be similar to the ones in the Student Center.
      x. Facilities will make sure that the stops are clean, wiped, and painted. Most of the work will be done over the summer so that it will all be finished for next semester.
      xi. The bid for the Saturday service will be available tomorrow, and if it is at/below our budget, J. Ahern and M. McFall Gorman will be writing an article for the Campus Lantern about the new shuttle system
      xii. The next steps are to update the SGA website as well as purchase large magnets to identify the shuttles with
      xiii. J. Ahern has a meeting with Chief Garewski re the shuttle and the stop at Price Chopper in Storrs Center.
      xiv. M. Wysopal asked if we could make sure that this gets mentioned at Student Orientation, during tours, etc. J. Ahern said that would be up to the new Executive Board, but essentially yes those measures could be taken.
      xv. R. Eragene asked about the change of shuttle names. J. Ahern clarified that we are only taking our name off of the Eastbrook/Walmart shuttle because that is an external service provider and has to be taken up with dispatch. We are only responsible for the Saturday service that we sponsor.
xvi. N. Vigorita asked about who students should call. J. Ahern said Dispatch, and even if the students don’t know to call them first, they will call the Student Center information desk, who are instructed to transfer such calls to the police station. We can make it clear by advertising, or make sure that this information is given in the Chief’s email to students (when the shuttle changes are officially announced).

xvii. F. Ricigliano said that for the schedule we should just put the specific information to save students the trouble, such as “If you are having problems with this shuttle, contact Dispatch” or alternately, “For problems with this shuttle, contact SGA.”

xviii. A. Dilone asked if the shuttle changes will be implemented now, and if the Buckland Hills mall will stop running immediately. J. Ahern replied No, the Buckland Hills Mall will last the rest of this year, and the Storrs Center Shuttle will take over at the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester.

xix. Motion #103 (H. Brooks, F. Ricigliano) Motion to spend no more than $7,000 from Capital Expenditures for the shuttle systems improvements (21 – 0 – 0) Motion carries.

b. CSCU Day at the Capitol
   i. President Nunez feels very strongly about this. J. Ahern is going to send a reminder email to all those who were interested. Members will meet in the SGA at 12pm but J. Ahern will send emails to make sure they are aware of the time line and dress code (Eastern apparel).

c. #FreshWaterFlint - Donated
   i. Thanks to A. Dilone for bringing it to our attention, thanks to J. Brucker for carrying all the water to the Intercultural Center, and thanks to everyone who donated.

d. SGA Trip to Boston, MA
   i. J. Ahern reaffirmed who was attending the trip. Reminder that the trip is this weekend, Saturday April 16th: Senators must arrive in the SGA suite promptly by 8am.

e. Provost Interviews
   i. F. Ricigliano explained that the Provost Candidate Carmen Cid (former Dean of Arts and Sciences) has a long record here at Eastern; her studies have all been in Biology and Ecology, and from the questions asked she proved that she had extensive experience at this school. Furthermore, she claimed that her studies of ecology would help her be a better provost as she is able to look at the larger picture.

   ii. J. Dignoti added that she came across as very confident and not afraid of the work ahead of her. She helped develop the liberal arts program, but admits there is still need for improvement – and while we have a lot of challenges to face, she is someone that has already had to take that on. Overall a good candidate.

   iii. J. Ahern was just informed by President Nunez earlier this afternoon that apparently the position of Academic Provost has been frozen, the exemption was not granted. Instead they will Professor Paccus stay longer as the temporary Provost.

   iv. M. McFall Gorman asked why we had been told by Vice President Bedini and Howarth that an exemption was already granted. J. Ahern said he was not given any other information.

f. Computer and Poster Printer Upgrades
   i. J. Ahern explained that the Executive Board has been discussing replacing the poster printer (Boris). E. Drouin is really good friends with Boris and is opposing his removal.

   ii. J. Ahern will meet with the Student Issues committee and discuss the potential quotes that he has received about replacing the computers and poster printer. Since the Pride Center is going to be taking up that space, we don’t know what’s going to happen to the computers. Regardless we need upgrades that will help the space.
   1. The quote that J. Ahern has are for a MAC to be put at the Senator Desk, and for a new Poster Printer.

   iii. The poster printer would be a lease deal where you spend as you go based on how much you print. This will more than likely be done through a different company than we have now. Also, the amounts to pay for it will come from reserves.
iv. J. Ahern asked for an unofficial show of hands for those in favor of having a MAC at the desk; a majority seemed indifferent.

g. Texts Program
   i. J. Ahern reminded everyone why we started this program, because of the book expenses. This program will offer students one more way to check a price before buying a book.
   ii. It’s hard to get the information out to students, but we want to give it another try, so next Monday April 18th we will have one last flyer to be posted.
   iii. This is a prime time to do so because students are going to start selling their current books, buying ones for next year, and so forth. Hopefully this program will get picked up by next years’ E-Board.

II. New Business:
   a. President’s Breakfast Agenda
      i. President Nunez wants to talk about the Provost Hires and human resources. New at this Presidents’ Breakfast -- the club updates will be given first.
      ii. M. McFall Gorman said that she wants to talk about the Philosophy Department, and asked for it to be added to the agenda.
      iii. J. Ahern asked M. Delaney, supposing there isn’t a lot of stuff on the agenda, if we could have an open forum with questions being asked openly by the students.
      iv. Senators were in agreement. J. Ahern said he would take it up with the Administration to get approved.
      v. K. Chrzanowska wants to know where the University is looking to make cuts, how they’re changing the budget, and so forth. J. Ahern agreed that those are important questions, and will add them to the budget.
      vi. F. Ricigliano said he believes the final budget cut is tomorrow, April 12th, so there will be more information about it by then.

III. Open Floor:
   a. CAB Concert Security
      i. Garland Mann-Lamb from CAB is offering Security positions for Senators; you would get into the concert for free and it is a cool experience. You would be working security doing various jobs/tasks, so give your information to J. Ahern and he will pass it on to G. Mann-Lamb for you.
      ii. B. Paiva asked if there was real security. E. Drouin responded by saying Yes there is real security beyond Security.
      iii. C. Gosselin said that Security doesn’t get to meet the performer unless the Performer goes somewhat out of the way to do it. CAB gets to meet the performers regardless.
      iv. M. Wysopal said that you don’t need to have any experience with security, they just need extra hands and eyes.

b. Webb’s Anti-Bird Measures
   i. A. Dilone brought up the metal bristles that are on the eaves of Webb Hall above the door and walkways. She believes it is very inhumane and wants to learn why it was specifically put there.
   ii. K. Chrzanowska said the birds are aware of the bristles, and therefore do not sit there.

c. The Library Bench
   i. R. Eragene mentioned that the illuminated bench with the constellations is not lighting anymore. Not sure if it’s solar, electric, broken, or not turned on. Executive Board said that they will reach out to facilities.

IV. Dates to Remember:

   a. Tracks to Success – A Year in Review: Thursday, April 14th – 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM in STU 107
b. SGA Trip to Boston, MA: Saturday April 16th – 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM (Meet in the SGA Suite)

c. CSCU Student at the Capitol Day: Tuesday, April 19th – 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the CT Capitol

d. President’s Breakfast: Wednesday, April 20th – 7:00 AM in the President’s Dining Room - Hurley Hall

Election Information:

• Campaigning: Directly after the SGA Meeting on April 11th 2016

• Voting / PR’s Election Events: via Eastern E-Mail - April 18th, 19th, and 20th

• Results Announced: via Eastern E-Mail – April 21st

e. SGA Internal Banquet: Thursday, April 21st – 6:30 PM – See Invitation and RSVP as soon as possible.

f. Executive Board Transition Summit: Friday, April 22nd – 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Betty Tipton Room.

g. First SGA Meeting of the new semester: Monday, April 25th – 3:00 PM in STU 107

h. Second SGA Meeting of the new semester and last meeting before Summer Break: Monday, May 2nd – 3:00 PM

i. Budget and Management’s Student Organization Banquet: Tuesday, May 3rd in the Betty Tipton Room.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 4:03pm