General Board Agenda
Student Center – Room 107
3:00 PM February 22nd, 2016

Present:
Executive Board: J. Ahern (President), E. Drouin (Vice President), T. Mack (Treasurer), C. Gosselin (BAM), M. McFall Gorman (Secretary)

Advisors: M. Delaney


Guests: P. Helms, K. Ledezma, C. Litke, G. Litke

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:04

I. President Report:
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 2/1/2016
      i. Motion #63 (Ch. Welch, J. Mazyck) Motion to accept the minutes from the 2/1/2016 General Board meeting. (20–0-0) Motion carries.
   b. Plans for the Spring
      i. J. Ahern asked the General Board to look over the sheet he handed out which details the Spring Initiative and where they stand.
      ii. J. Ahern encouraged Senators to bring to his attention anything they might want to add or edit on the list.
      iii. J. Ahern said that oh-so long ago at President’s Breakfast a majority of the talk concerned the Budget, leading to the next topic:
   c. Legislative Efforts (Advocacy)
      i. Shout out to T, Mack for speaking at the Capitol on behalf of Eastern in regards to funding for Higher Education. J. Ahern thanked all Senators and students who also attended.
      ii. J. Ahern mentioned that he attended a breakfast with the BOR President Mark Ojakian and further expressed student concerns over the budget.

II. Vice President Report:
   a. BOR / AAUP Contract Resolution
      i. K. Chrzanowska asked if the information given us has been confirmed in regards to the move towards increased part time faculty
      ii. E. Drouin said that it has been told her to be as such by Dr. Tapia the Faculty representative of the AAUP and E. Drouin’s primary contact.
iii. J. Ahern clarified that we have not read the actual contract and to keep that in mind when deciding on this resolution.

iv. J. Dignoti spoke about whether or not it is really within our jurisdiction to get in the middle of this especially if we do not have the entire picture.

v. E. Drouin said that all the information we have is current, and while we cannot read the actual contract as it is confidential, she urges that we get involved because, as she sees it, it is not controversial.

vi. J. Reid says that if it affects the students we need to get involved in one way or another.

1. **Motion #63** (R. Eragene, E. Drouin) Motion to accept the SGA Resolution in regards to the AAUP/BOR Faculty Contracts. (18 – 3 – 0). **Motion carries.**
   a. Under discussion, M. Wysopal asked what this contract/resolution is really about, and who it will be sent to.
   b. J. Ahern clarified that it is merely a statement that it will be made public, and it will be given to the AAUP as well as the administration or any other persons we see fit.

b. **Internal Committees Update**
   i. **Student Issues:**
      1. Review of Student Survey Results
         a. H. Brooks brought Senators attention to the packet which compiles the results for the Survey.
         b. H. Brooks said that Student Issues from here out will be deciding how to approach the issues and where SGA can go from there.
         c. R. Eragene commented that she doesn’t ride the shuttle because the app never worked, and due to its ineffectiveness, she walks instead.
         d. J. Ahern said that out of the three topics on the survey, the shuttle is the most pressing and will be tackled first. He said that he will meet with Student Issues after General board, and that later in the week he is speaking with Chief Garewski to discuss the options.
         e. J. Ahern clarified that the top options for the shuttle are not to be gotten rid of entirely, but rather have its destination changed. The Buckland Hills Mall Shuttle will possibly be redirected to Storrs Commons for shopping purposes. To see if this is the best option J. Ahern will be reviewing the statistics of ridership, and will ride the shuttle himself this Saturday.
         f. H. Brooks said that there has been confusion over where the shuttle will be going – some believe it is going to UCONN itself, when it will actually be going to Storrs commons during the day and not at night (to avoid students using it as a party shuttle).
         g. J. Ahern and H. Brooks agreed that the shuttle itself is not the real problem, but the app provider. They have discussed this with other students, who have even brought it to the attention of President Nunez at her Residence Hall visits; she agrees it needs to be addressed.
         h. E. Drouin asked H. Brooks what the numbers were in regards to how many students actually requested a new stop and what the top suggestions were.
         i. The main option was Storrs Center, and a close runner up was Stop & Shop.
         j. J. Ahern said that Vice President K. Bedini was concerned about it being used for parties, which is why the hours of this proposed shuttle would be during the day.
         k. D. Sheridan said that Stop & Shop was the closest and possibly best option as students would use it.
l. H. Brooks commented on the poor quality of Wal-Mart produce, as compared to the fresher produce likely to be available at Stop & Shop.
m. D. Sheridan said that Stop & Shop is close enough to add to the normal shuttle loop instead of adding it as a new one
n. H. Brooks asked if the new shuttle system could stop at Stop and Shop and then go to Storrs Center
o. J. Ahern said that depends on his conversation with Chief Garewski
p. B. Paive asked for clarification on which shuttles are being changed
q. J. Ahern clarified that it is not the SGA campus shuttle itself, but rather the one that goes to the Buckland Hills Mall.

ii. Public Relations:
   1. Review of Warrior Wednesday
      a. Co. Welch said that a lot of students enjoyed the event and have already claimed their raffle prizes, eager for the next event!
   2. Eastern Pride Day
      a. Ch. And Co. Welch mentioned the possibility of this event, on March 16th. There would be a large spirit day, with photo booths, slideshows of notable alumni, raffles, and potential prizes. The event would be partially sponsored by CAB, as it was they who brought it to Public Relations’ attention.
      b. Public Relations members found this interesting, and desired to get General Board feedback on whether or not combining the last Warrior Wednesday event should be combined with CAB as well as other departments.
      c. Co. Welch said one idea was to flood the campus with (plastic, not real) frogs which they can hand in for prizes. Overall the person in charge so far is still trying to get more feedback and assistance, so nothing is absolutely decided.
      d. J. Mazyck said that you would really need to get people out and about around campus and this event would do that, so he likes this.
      e. K. Constant said that frogs were not really ‘our thing’ in terms of ECSU representation.
      f. Co. Welch said that the specific item could be changed.
      g. B. Paiva said that a prize could be put in balloons, which are then placed around campus, and then students could find their prizes by popping them.
      h. B. Paiva said that on second thought that would get messy. Something more ‘Eastern’ should be scattered around campus, that won’t be a mess.
   i. Quote of the Day: K. Chrzanowska then said excitedly, “OH MY GOD! Easter-N Egg Hunt...EASTERN!”
   3. Potential Capital Expenditure
      a. Printing posters in the poster printer is a touch and go process, so Public Relations wanted to know if a digital poster case could be purchased
      b. Ch. Welch said that she has researched this option and it can be done with USB drives put on a PowerPoint feature so that it scrolls through different options.
      c. Cost is still being researched.
      d. Poster Printer could also be updated or as M. Delaney said we could lease a newer, better functioning one.
      e. M. Delaney said that all the screens in this building are put on a larger electronic, administrative system but it is something to look into in the future.

iii. Budget and Management:
1. New Media Studies
   a. C. Gosselin gave a brief explanation of the New Media Studies Club, which is based off of the NMS major. They want to have a group of students with whom they can work together to advance their studies and future
   b. Motion #64 (J. Mazyck, H. Brooks) Motion to approve the Constitution of the New Media Studies Club. (20 – 0 – 0) Motion carries.

2. Mentor Mentee Program
   a. C. Gosselin reminded everyone of the Mentor Mentee program, and said that all Mentors have until March 4th to speak with their Mentee. C. Gosselin said he will be emailing the Mentee’s to let them know specifically who their Mentor is in case they haven’t gotten together yet.
   c. External Committees Update
      i. Academic Committee
         1. Ch. Welch gave an update on how there are new rules being put into place in how students can follow through with academic problems beyond the Professor. Ch. Welch said the new rules will specify a chain of command, and that professors may be required to state on their syllabi who the Department head is so that students know who to go to if they need further assistance.
      ii. Liber Arts Work Committee
         1. J. Dignoti explained that there are certain groups that have a Liberal Arts Work Attribute, but several who do not. The purpose of these is to benefit students with opportunities beyond their studies, so the departments that don’t have them are not giving their students as many options. This is being addressed.
      iii. University Senate
         1. Transfer and Articulation Program (TAP) is a new program in the CSCU system which seeks to give students from community college an easier task in applying to four year universities. Essentially the program makes it so that all 60 credits taken at the community college are guaranteed to transfer to the four year school so long as the student gets accepted.
         iv. First Year Program
            1. B. Paive said the group is meeting soon.
   d. Induction
      i. E. Drouin did not know her right from her left
      ii. Katherine O’Rourke was sworn in as a Student Government Association Senator.
      iii. K. O’Rourke introduced herself to the Senate!

III. Treasurer Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board: $11,684.40
      ii. E-Board: $7,194.00

IV. Secretary Report:
   a. Office Hours
      i. M. McFall Gorman passed around the Office Hours sheet and asked everyone to double check that their correct office Hours were there, if not they were asked to correct them and then hand it in.
   b. Letter Writing Campaign
i. M. McFall Gorman asked if there were any Senators that would be interested in participating in a letter writing campaign in regards to the imminent reductions in higher education.


V. Advisor Report:

VI. Old Business:
   a. SGA Logo
      i. J. Ahern asked everyone to look at the sample logos that were handed out on the back of the agenda
      ii. J. Ahern asked everyone to ignore the logos with the boxes, and pay attention to the one in the lower left hand corner. We can use it for the Agenda's, or for social media with a few slight tweaks. In regards to colors, which General Board wanted, those will be added after we discuss them
      iii. J. Mazyck said he does not like them at all. They look unprofessional
      iv. J. Ahern said a vote will be taken on at the end as to whether or not we want to move forward
      v. H. Brooks said “To bounce off of Jakes’ very eloquent...” comment, he asked if we could substitute it for the University font. J. Ahern clarified that doing so would make it the old logo.
      vi. D. Sheridan said that there is nothing wrong with the logos, and that colors are what people are looking for.
      vii. J. Ahern asked who prefers the new one to the old one:
          1. Not everybody actually voted and it was unclear
      viii. K. Chrzanowska said the bold lettering and capitalization would be a nice statement, and Ch. Welch agrees as it would work really well for Public Relations social media.
      ix. F. Ricigliano agrees that it is unprofessional, but not necessarily in a bad way, as he likes how it does stand out.
      x. J. Reid asked if the PR committee could take over the logo.
      xi. J. Ahern said that the E-Board does not want to overload a committee, and that is why he has taken it on as his own project.
      xii. Unofficial Vote
          1. Who prefers the new logo to the old: 11 Senators
          2. Who prefers the old logo over the new: 12 Senators
      xiii. Ch. Welch reminded everyone that seeing the new logos in color would possibly change minds, and that it will be on our apparel.
      xiv. J. Ahern said that he will get them in color and bring it one last time to the Senate, and if it does not get their approval, the whole matter will be dropped.
   b. CONNCosga Conference
      i. J. Ahern asked if anyone would be interested in attending the conference
         1. M. Wysopal raised her hand.
         2. J. Mazyck said that he might be able to go, he would have to check with his Professors and will get back to J. Ahern tomorrow.

II. New Business:
   a. Impeachment Proceeding
      i. H. Brooks reviewed the findings from the Impeachment Committee. H. Brooks said that from his committee’s standpoint the Senator S. Brown showed no dedication,
failed to attend multiple meetings without warning or explanation, and has generally failed to even establish contact with the E-Board. The Impeachment Committee’s conclusion was that the Senate move forward with Impeachment.

ii. **Motion #65** (M. Wysopal, H. Brooks) Motion to impeach Senator Shackeel Brown from the 2015 -2016 Student Government Association Senate. (19 – 0 – 1). Motion carries.

b. **Constitution Revisions**
   i. J. Ahern went over several errors in the Constitution, and asked Senators to go through the Constitution on their own so that next meeting we can go through the Constitution and pass any necessary changes.

c. **SGA Internal Retreat**
   i. E Board is looking into doing an internal, overnight retreat on a Saturday where we would stay overnight in Niejadlik commons. J. Ahern asked for the Senate to give feedback on how a Saturday night would work for everyone.
   ii. A majority of Senators believe they could go on a Saturday night
   iii. The specific dates for this Internal Retreat will be finalized by the E Board and then given to the Senate.

III. **Open Floor:**
   a. K. Constant said that integrating, meaning collaboration, should be pressed upon clubs.
   b. J. Brucker said that there are rules saying students cannot park overnight on top of Shakespeare and Cervantes for a period of several months. He requested that this information be more readily available or clear. The dates are December 1st to March 31st.
   c. B. Paiva said that the sign in the garage is not noticeable.
   d. J. Ahern said that he will bring this up with Chief Garewski, and then pass it on to H. Brooks. Also, J. Ahern requested that H. Brooks look into the issue of elevators.
      i. J. Reid said that she knows about another student that got stuck in an elevator in Webb this semester.
      ii. D. Sheridan added that this is a very serious issue and cannot be ignored
      iii. K. Chrzanowska said it is also an accessibility issue, and that she has recently been made aware of how few of the handicapped button on the doors actually work.
   e. M. McFall Gorman informed the Senate that a Psychology Professor was actually giving a tour to a potential hire for the open CAPS positions. M. Delaney added to this saying that five people are being interviewed.
   f. J. Ahern put in a work order for the computers in the SGA suite and says that they will more than likely be replaced soon.

IV. **Dates to Remember:**
   a. Tracks To Success #2 – Event Planning: Thursday, March 10th 2:00 PM in STU 107

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:08pm**