Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #33 (A. Bullard, D. Sailer): Motion to accept the minutes from December 5, 2011. (19-0-1) Motion carries.

2. President’s Report:
   a. Tuition and Fees
      i. J. Howarth was present to go over the current changes regarding tuition increases. J. Howarth emphasized that there needs to be better communication with the Board of Regents because the tuition increase came as a surprise to administration. P. Bjornstad asked a question concerning the likelihood that the tuition for 2013/2014 would increase to which J. Howarth responded that it would likely be the same if not a little higher. P. Bjornstad also asked a question concerning student worker wages and if they would increase to help students pay the increased tuition. J. Howarth stated that the chance is very slim as it would not be changing for any faculty including him.

   b. Spring Budget
      i. Motion #34 (Z. Yeager, M. Hyde): Motion to accept the Spring 2012 budget as reflected below:

         | Spending Category             | Amount   |
         |--------------------------------|----------|
         | Spring Budget Total           | $397,470 |
         | CAB                           | $158,988 |
         | Yearbook/Sustinet             | $9,000   |
         | Drama Society                 | $12,000  |
Discussion:
M. Kandemir asked a question concerning Admin 2. M. Delaney explained that Admin 2 is C. Ambrosio’s current position and that the agreement made with administration at the creation of the position stated that SGA would pay the baseline salary and the University would pay the benefits and any other costs for the position.
P. Bjornstad asked a question concerning the Check Cashing. M. Delaney explained that SGA pays the salary of the student worker who handles the check cashing.

(19-0-2) Motion carries

c. Out-of-House Retreat
i. The retreat occurred last weekend and J. Frankel wishes to thank all the senators who were able to come and brave the weather. The committees established goals for their committees. They are as follows:
BAM – Focus on Sports Club funding and guidelines pertaining to club sponsored parties
Student Involvement – Work on a Follow Up Forum and reestablish Weiner Wednesdays
Internal – K. Desrosiers was made the new chair and it was determined that a retreat of some sort would occur each month
Residential Life – Work on at least one event for each residential hall
Promotions – Focus all efforts on elections and related events

d. Readmedia
i. A representative will be coming next week to discuss what Readmedia is and how it affects the senate and the Eastern student body.

e. Alternate on Student Advisory Committee
i. Motion #35 (E. Alberghini, M. Kandemir): Motion to approve M. Hyde as the alternative for the Student Advisory Committee/Board of Regents. (20-0-1) Motion carries.

f. Special Circumstance Vote
i. Motion #36 (A. Bullard, R. Silberquit): Motion to approve A. Cross as Vice President as outlined in the Constitution. (20-0-1) Motion carries.
3. Vice President’s Report:
   a. Committees
      i. Senate Openings
         1. There are currently seven openings currently within the senate. Applications are currently available and are due on Sunday, January 29, 2012.
      ii. Budget and Management
         1. BAM meetings will be on Thursdays at 2:00pm.
         2. Club councils will be at 3:15 pm in the Betty Tipton Room. The dates are February 8, March 19, and April 4.
      iii. Internal
         1. The committee will start planning in-house and the banquets.
      iv. Promotions
         1. The first SGA Day will be the kick off event for elections. The T-Shirt designs have already been determined.
      v. Res Life
         1. The shuttle was canceled on Saturday due to the weather and the committee contacted the student center so that they could inform students.
         2. The committee will be begin planning the events in the Res Halls.
      vi. Involvement
         1. The committee will be working on the Weiner Wednesday events. At this event there would be an updated survey.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. R. Silberquit explained that his personal goal for this semester was to have a transparent budget with regular updates to the senate.

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. S. McCabe passed out office hour sheets for the Spring semester. Senators should get them back to S. McCabe by Monday, January 30.
   b. S. McCabe also reminded senators about the dress code.

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

7. Old Business:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

8. New Business:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

9. Open Floor:
   a. One-on-Ones
i. Please email J. Frankel times that the senators are available to meet with J. Frankel.

Meeting was closed at 3:31 pm.