Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
September 19, 2011

Present:
Executive Board: J. Frankel (President), A. Cross (Vice President) V. Massey (Treasurer), N. Zeni (BAM), S. McCabe (Secretary)

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney


Guests: Robert Closs, Mucahit Kandemir, William McLaughlin, Ross Silberquit, Ashley Bullard, Sean Brasel, Jillian Dusseault, Hannah Hirschfeld, Aaron Myers, Matt Hicks, Audriana White, Walter Diaz, Ken Bedini, D. Hannon, J. Howard

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Vice President Hannon
   a. Credit Cards and Eastern
      i. As of October 1, 2011, all credit cards will be subject to a 2.5 percent convenience fee.
      ii. In addition Visa credit cards will no longer be accepted, however, Visa debit cards will still be accepted.
      iii. Mastercard, American Express, and Discover cards are the only credit cards that will be accepted.
      iv. Payment by ACH (electronic check) or debit cards are the preferred payment option (no 2.5 percent charge).
      v. Credit card payments will only be accepted online.
      vi. Eastern Expre$$, housing deposits, tuition deposits and any donations to the ESCU Foundation are not subject to the convenience fee and Visa will be accepted for these items.
         1. This is because these items are on a different server than the tuition, etc.
      vii. A mailing will be sent out to student’s primary address approximately arriving September 28.

2. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #4 (S. Nolan, M. Coffey): Motion to accept the minutes from September 12, 2011. (16-0-0) Motion carries.
3. President’s Report:
   a. External Committees
      i. Senators are still needed to become parts of the following committees:
         1. Student Academic Advising Committee
         2. Curriculum Committee
         3. Liberal Arts Program Committee
         4. Organization Committee
         5. Liberal Arts Works Committee
         6. Support Services Committee
         7. Academic Affairs Committee

4. Vice President’s Report:
   a. Elections
      i. Because there were only 12 applicants for the 2011 Senate those who applied will be inducted on September 26.
      ii. If there is anyone who is still interested in becoming a senator and missed the application deadline, they are advised to inform A. Cross of their interest and attend three consecutive senate meetings until a position becomes available.
   b. Pep Rally
      i. As a reminder the Pep Rally will be held on September 29. Doors will open at 6:15 pm and the Pep Rally will begin at 7:00 pm.
      ii. Senators are expected to help out with the event if they do not have class.
   c. SGA Out Reach Day
      i. On Wednesday, September 28 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am on the Webb Lawn.
      ii. Senators are expected to attend this and build up promotion for SGA and the Pep Rally
   d. Committees
      i. Residential Life
         1. Over the weekend there was an issue with the timeliness of the SGA Shuttle to Buckland Hills Mall. The shuttle had some mechanical issues and the company was unable to contact anyone to inform them of the delay. E. Alberghini has contacted the company and exchanged contact information so that this can be remedied for the future.
         2. Senators should wear their SGA polos in two weeks because their photo will be taken to be placed in the residential halls. This is occurring because of SGA’s shift to direct representation for the campus.
      ii. Promotions
         1. The promotions committee is working with the App Club to create an SGA QR code. This code, when scanned by a smartphone (i.e. droid, iPhone, blackberry), would bring the user to a
comment card. This would be used as a modern version of the Voice Box.

2. Also, the promotions committee created a flyer for the SGA Outreach Day and also a poster/flyer for the Pep Rally.

iii. Student Involvement
   1. Student Involvement is currently working on a Hot Topic Forum and are working on commuter inclusion.

iv. Internal
   1. Nothing to add at this time.

5. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Budget
      i. We are still waiting on an accurate budget from the SABO office and will have a budget as soon as possible.
   b. Tutoring
      i. V. Massey provided senators with a schedule for the semester of the tutors in the Academic Services Center. She stressed the importance of maintaining the image of role models and student leaders and that begins with academic standing.

6. BAM Report:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

7. Secretary’s Report:
   a. Office Hours/Contact Information
      i. If you have not informed S. McCabe of office hours or filled out a contact information sheet you should email that information to sga@my.easternct.edu
      ii. Senators will now have to sign-in for their office hours. The sign-in log is located in a black binder on the table under the white board in the SGA Suite. In the binder there is a daily sheet with the senator’s name, hour schedule, and a line for them to sign.

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

9. Old Business:
   a. SGA Scholarship
      i. Last semester SGA established a scholarship. However, at the time SGA was not aware that there was already a scholarship in the Financial Aid office. We are currently waiting for the correct wording for a motion to move this scholarship from Financial Aid to the Foundation.

10. New Business:
a. **September 26, 2011**
   i. The next SGA senate Meeting will be held in the Student Center Café.

**11. Open Floor:**

a. **Faculty E-Mails**
   i. IT is currently working on merging the faculty email addresses and student email addresses. Currently housing staff has been successfully merged.

Meeting was closed at 3:31 pm.