present:

Executive Board: S. McCabe (President), A. Bullard (Vice President), R. Silberquit (BAM), M. Hicks (Treasurer), W. McLaughlin (Secretary)

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney

Senators: A. Burns, K. Cusano, E. Drouin, M. Kandemir, B. Lisi, W. Malcolm, E. McDonald, E. Pelletier, R. Perry, H. Peterson, S. Potter, J. Reid, B. Rice, Z. Yeager

Guests: M. Fortier

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm.

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes
   a. Motion #51 (J. Reid, B. Rice) Motion to accept the minutes from March 11, 2013. (17-0-1) Motion carries
   b. Motion #52 (A. Bullard, Z. Yeager) Motion to accept the minutes from March 18, 2013. (17-0-1) Motion carries

2. President’s Report:
   a. CAB Update
      i. Melissa from the Campus Activity Board (CAB) came to the meeting to give an update. She talked about the upcoming Spring Fest in April and the Elements of a Warrior event coming up.
      ii. W. McLaughlin asked if she believes that this year has been a successful one for CAB. She responded that she believes it was due to the amount of attendance at events during the week as well as weekends.
   b. Strategic Plan
      i. Dr. Salka returned to the Senate to speak on the updated draft of the Strategic Plan. He believes students will like the objectives because they focus on making students more successful and prepared for a career in their major once they graduate.
      ii. Dr. Salka went over each of the five objectives and highlighted some of the more important objectives. Highlights include making sure students graduate in four years, networking opportunities, academic
departments changing the curriculum to prepare student for the market within their major, emphasis on student use of campus services and the Center for Community Engagement, and bringing talented, diverse student and faculty to Eastern.

iii. A. Bullard asked about the education program and the difficulty in graduating in four years. Dr. Salka responded by saying that most classes are mandated by the state’s teaching requirements and the department is working on making sure students in the program graduate in four years.

iv. E. Pelletier asked what would be done to achieve benchmark II. 1. in the Strategic Plan. Dr. Salka said that II A. is focused on achieving said benchmark.

v. Z. Yeager asked why it is included that there is a focus on helping Windham students enroll at Eastern as well as other colleges. Dr. Salka said that it will help shorten the education gap that Windham schools currently suffer from.

vi. E. Pelletier asked if helping Windham students get into college is an effort done to just help Eastern look better. Dr. Salka responded by saying that Eastern students working with Windham students gives Eastern students experience as well as Windham students benefiting by pursuing education past high school.

vii. M. Hicks asked if helping Windham student go to college will be done mostly through the use of scholarships. Dr. Salka said that it will not be.

viii. B. Lisi asked if the Parents Program said in the Strategic Plan will be strictly academic related. Dr. Salka responded that it will be in a more general sense. He gave an example of letting parents of freshmen students know when mid-terms are in the first semester so they are somewhat aware of what their students are doing/going through.

ix. J. Reid asked if activities for students’ majors will be listed in the Parents Program. Dr. Salka said yes.

c. Elections

i. The schedule for elections has changed. Applications will now be due on April 12th.

ii. S. McCabe stressed the importance of getting the word out about elections and making sure that students who are interested apply. Senators need to go to club meetings and inform students about elections. There will be a sign-up sheet with each club on it for Senators to sign-up and go to their meeting.

iii. There have been very few applications submitted so far.

3. Vice President’s Report:

a. Inductions

i. **Motion #53 (Z. Yeager, M. Kandemir)** Motion to induct Joe Garzone into the SGA Senate for the 2012-2013 academic school year. (18-0-0) **Motion carries**
b. Applications  
   i. There will be an application going out to the Senate for Committee Heads next year. All interested Senators should apply.

c. Committees  
   i. Student Issues  
      1. Weiner Wednesday  
         a. The committee will be holding a Weiner Wednesday on April 3rd at 5 PM. They has been ordered.  
         b. There is a commuter forum on April 18 from 7:30 – 11 AM. Sun visors have been ordered and came in to hand out at the event.  
         c. Z. Yeager stressed that the committee has been working hard this semester.

   ii. BAM  
      1. FRPs  
         a. FRPs are due from clubs on Monday, April 9.

   iii. Internal  
      1. Banquets  
         a. The invitations for the Internal Banquet have been handed out.  
         b. M. Hicks told the Senate that a lot of money and effort has gone into the banquet so Senators should attend at all possible.

   iv. Public Relations  
      1. Elections  
         a. The committee is working hard on promoting the upcoming elections and the events that will be held next week.

   v. Pep Rally  
      1. The theme of the fall Pep Rally will be 'Neon Splash'. The event will be held September 26th from 7 – 9 PM.

4. Treasurer’s Report  
   a. Nothing to add at this time

5. Secretary’s Report:  
   a. Nothing to add at this time

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. Elections
      i. Application Due Date: 4/12/13
      ii. Nominations: 4/15/13
      v. Winners Announced: 4/25/13

9. Open Floor:
   a. Dates To Remember
      i. April 24, 2013 – President's Breakfast
      ii. April 25, 2013 – Internal Banquet
      iii. May 1, 2013 – Club and Org Banquet

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm