Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
April 8, 2013

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

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes
   a. Motion #54 (A. Bullard, E. Pelletier) Motion to accept the minutes from April 1, 2013. (18-0-0) Motion carries

2. President’s Report:
   a. Elections
      i. S. McCabe stressed the importance of Senators advertising the upcoming election. He reminded the current Senate that they have to fill out applications even though they are currently in the Senate.
      ii. S. McCabe asked the Senate if they have been attending the club meetings to tell students about the election.

3. Vice President’s Report:
   a. Inductions
      i. Motion #56 (B. Rice, E. Pelletier) Motion to induct Mark Fournier 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. LEAP Conference
   i. There will be a Leadership conference from 12:30-6:30 held in the Student Center by LEAP. A. Bullard encouraged all Senators to attend.

Committees
   ii. BAM
      1. FRPs
         a. FRPs are due from clubs on Monday, April 9.
         b. FRP reviews will begin resulting in no more open BAM meetings
      2. Banquet Awards
         a. There are 6 awards that will be given out at the Club and Organization Banquet. Nominations for the awards are due by April 19th.
         b. Pictures are needed for the banquet. Any Senators who have pictures were asked to send them to R. Silberquit as soon as possible.

   iii. Internal
      1. Banquets
         a. The Internal Banquet’s food has been ordered. The food will include salad, pasta with chicken and broccoli and Boston cream pie.

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. Flyers have been put up and the committee has been using the SGA Facebook page as well.
      b. Shifts for the week’s events are being signed up for. Every Senator needs to work a shift.

v. Student Issues
   1. Weiner Wednesday
      a. The Weiner Wednesday held was a success; a lot of issues were generated. An email will go out to the Senate about the issues obtained.
      b. There will be a Commuter Breakfast on Thursday April 18th.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Compensation
      i. Compensation for Executive Board members has been drafted. M. Hicks has decided that a bi-weekly stipend put directly on the Eastern Express Card is the best way to go. This way the money can be spent directly on food or books.
      ii. Committee Heads are not included in the Compensation draft.
iii. Generally, the Senate likes the proposal.
iv. In order for compensation to get put into effect, at least 20% of the student body has to vote in the election and 66% of the students who vote must be in favor of compensation.
v. A referendum to the student body can only be presented once per academic school year.
vi. B. Lisi likes the idea.
vii. J. Garzone asked where the referendum will be placed. M. Hicks said it will be on the Spring Election ballot.
viii. W. Malcolm asked how it will be worded on the ballot. M. Hicks said he is working on it and looking at how Central worded theirs.

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. Concert Security
      i. W. McLaughlin received an email from the Campus Activity Board looking for help for the Spring Concert on April 27th. He asked all Senators interested so he can send an email back to CAB letting them know.

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Elections
      i. M. Delaney stressed the importance of advertising the Spring Elections and SGA to all students across campus. Telling students in class and at club meetings is crucial.

7. Old Business:
   a. Strategic Plan
      i. S. McCabe asked if there was any more discussion or thoughts for improving the drafted Strategic Plan. There was none.

8. New Business:
   a. Conference
      i. Two students came to the meeting to talk about a proposed conference for the Fall of 2013. The Conference would bring in local high school and college students and raise money for UNICEF in Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The two students have already spoken to President Nunez about the idea.
      ii. The students need money for food and t-shirts. The students are asking for $495 for 50 t-shirts that would have UNICEF’s logo on it for conference participants. BAM does not allocate money for t-shirts for clubs.
      iii. The students have already spoken to the Africa Club to help fund the conference. The conference is an individual effort by the students with other clubs helping fund it.
      iv. The date of the conference would be October 24, 2013.
b. Closed Session
   i. **Motion #57 (E. Drouin, E. Pelletier)** Motion to move towards a closed session **(18-0-0) Motion carries.**
   ii. **Discussion on Proposed Conference Spending**
       1. **Motion #58 (E. Drouin, R. Perry)** Motion to spend $495 to fund t-shirts for the proposed conference.
       2. E. Drouin does not believe that SGA should fund t-shirts that will go to other non-Eastern students.
       3. S. McCabe stated that in the new BAM Guidelines for the 2013-2014 academic year BAM will not fund club apparel.
       4. R. Silberquit said that BAM dies not fund apparel that promotes the specific club and that these t-shirts will not be promoting a club. M. Hicks agrees. The students are using clubs to help with funding and not promoting a specific club. The shirts will be promoting the conference so a clear line is seen. M Hicks also made the point that the conference is for a good cause.
       5. P. Bjornstad believes that a consistent bar should be held for all clubs. So that if other people come to SGA looking for funding for whatever they would like, they can or cannot expect for funding.
       6. Vote on **Motion #58 (18-0-0) Motion carries.**

c. **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 18, 2013 – Commuter Breakfast
      ii. April 24, 2013 – President’s Breakfast
      iii. April 25, 2013 – Internal Banquet
      iv. May 1, 2013 – Club and Org Banquet

**Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm**