Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #21 (A. Vento, M. Kandemir): Motion to accept the minutes from November 26, 2012. **(23-0-1) Motion carries.**

2. President’s Report:
   a. LaMar Coleman, Director of Housing and Residential Life
      i. LaMar Coleman told the Senate that he has enjoyed his first semester at Eastern and has come to speak about the new switch to an Annual Housing Contract
      ii. Annual Housing Contract
         1. This new switch from a semester housing contract to an annual housing contract will make the process for students and housing easier. L. Coleman said that it eliminates the need for an intent form and reapplication between fall and spring semesters. It also eliminates the $250 deposit currently used in-between semesters.
         2. L. Coleman believes that this new contract will also help projections on how many students will be living on campus each year.
         3. Students will now be subject to a cancellation process if they decide to leave housing in-between semesters.
   b. Questions
a. M. Hicks asked if students will still pay by the semester. L. Coleman said yes.
b. A. Bullard asked if the deposit fee will be the same. L. Coleman said yes.
c. J. Tedford asked if students are committed for the entire year and if they would be penalized for deciding to commute second semester. L. Coleman said yes, there is a committee that will decide whether or not a students’ reason to leave housing is legitimate or not.
d. J. Tedford asked what a legitimate excuse was to leave housing. L. Coleman replied that the committee will decide that. Tedford then said that she believes that students should be able to break the annual contract without penalty and it is not the University’s position to determine what a legitimate reason to leave housing is.
e. E. Drouin asked if moving buildings in-between semesters is okay. L. Coleman said yes.
f. C. Cocola asked when the contract would be due by for the next academic year. L. Coleman said the proposed due date is July 1.
g. W. Malcolm asked if it would be possible for students to move onto campus in the spring semester. L. Coleman said that students can move into housing mid-fall and in the spring semester.
h. W Malcolm asked if there would be a cost change if a student moved to a building of more or less expense. L. Coleman said yes,
i. S. McCabe asked when this proposal of an annual housing contract is ready for review. L. Coleman said that it has already been presented to VP Bedini but does not know what stage it is in in terms of a final proposal.
j. S, McCabe asked of there has been student involvement on the committee for the annual housing contract. L. Coleman said there has been a request for students to sit on the cancellation committee but little student involvement in the draft of the current proposal. S. McCabe then stated that he believes that students should be on these committees and asked if SGA could look at the current proposal and then offer suggestions. L. Coleman believes that would be a good idea.
k. W. McLaughlin believes that the annual housing contract’s commitment would discourage freshman who are hesitant about living on campus from doing so. W. McLaughlin also asked if there would be empty rooms across campus if students decide to commute but are locked in for the entire year. L Coleman responded
by saying that he cannot do anything if there are empty rooms but it would be smart if students told housing they were not living in their room so a space could be taken up in a less expensive building. L. Coleman also said that there are penalties in the real world. The cancellation committee will look at all of the facts when determining the legitimacy of the reason to leave housing.

i. A. Bullard said that her friends could not live on campus due to full housing and does not like the idea of empty rooms in residence halls when they could be filled up with people who want housing.

m. B. Stanavage asked what the motive was to switch from a semester to an annual contract. L. Coleman said that it will give a better projection of how many students will be living on campus, eliminate the $250 deposit between the fall and spring and save a lot of main power.

n. W. McLaughlin asked what most other Universities use. L. Coleman said that most other Universities use an annual contract.

o. Z. Yeager reminded the Senate that the cancellation committee is put in place to help students.

iii. L. Coleman will bring the concerns he heard to VP Bedini.

b. Board of Regents

i. The latest Board of Regents meeting was last Friday, November 30 and was about 2 hours long. S. McCabe said that they talked about the budget but there is still none for 2013. The Board talked about setting up a meeting between now and the end of the semester but S. McCabe does not believe it will happen.

c. Semester Reflection

i. S. McCabe thanked the Senate for all their hard work during the semester. Everyone, including the administration, is noticing SGA’s work.

d. Senator of the Semester

i. The Senator of the Semester Award was chosen by the Executive Board and presented to B. Rice for her hard work and dedication to SGA.

3. Vice President’s Report:

a. Thank You

i. A. Bullard thanked S. McCabe and the Senate for their work this past semester.

b. Committees

i. BAM

1. FRPs
a. FRPs have been sent out to clubs. Clubs who did not submit a club roster did not get them.

b. In total, clubs requested $279,000 but BAM only has $130,000 to allocate so the committee cut all requests by at least half.

ii. Internal
   1. Internal Retreat
      a. M. Hicks thanked everyone who attended the internal retreat. He had a lot of fun and believes it was a success.

iii. Promotions
   1. Nothing to add at this time

iv. Student Issues
   1. Commuters Breakfast
      a. There will be a Commuters Breakfast from 8-10 AM on December 6th.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. General Board: $0
      i. Money was allocated out of the BAM account to make the General Board account even.
   b. Executive Board: -$183.92

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

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Rest Up
      i. The advisors told the Senate to rest up for finals and to have a nice break

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

8. New Business:
   a. Conference of Student Government Associations (COSGA)
      i. The COSGA application is available to all Senators. Executive Board will choose between 3 and 5 Senators to attend.

9. Open Floor:
   a. Dates To Remember
      i. December 3, 2012 – Last Meeting
      ii. December 7, 2012 – Cops Open Rec Night
      iii. January 14, 2012 – First meeting of 2013
      v. February 21, 2012 – President’s Breakfast
      vi. April 24, 2012 – President’s Breakfast