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

Advisors: C. Ambrosio


Guests: H. Petevnon, A. Tuzuner, A. Burns, C. Cocola

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes
   a. Motion #22 (A. Bullard, Z. Yeager): Motion to accept the minutes from December 3, 2012. (16-0-1) Motion carries.

2. President’s Report:
   a. CAB Report
      i. Melissa from CAB came to give a report of various events from CAB for the Spring Semester. Spring Fest will be April 24-27, themed “The Elements.” She believed the concert is the Saturday after that
   b. Tuition Increase
      i. Rumors have come about stating that the CSU’s will be raising tuition up to a possible 14%. Vice President Howarth, and Bedini informed the E-Board earlier in the day that these rumors are not correct. Vice President Howarth did say however that there will be a tuition increase, but only by 6-8%. This is due to the budget cuts the schools have taken.
      ii. S. McCabe assured the senate that 6-8% is about a $500 increase for commuter students. No information is known about how the increase will effect housing.
      iii. The question was raised if the budget cuts would affect the building of the new Fine Arts Building. S. McCabe explained that because it is Eastern’s turn to receive this specific funding, the building should still be built on schedule.
   c. President’s Breakfast
i. President’s Breakfast has been rescheduled for February 28 at 7:00 am. All committee heads and E-Board members are required to attend. If any senators would like to come, please let Will know.

d. Commencement Speaker
   i. This year’s graduation commencement speaker will be Carlota Walls. She is the last survivor of the Little Rock 9, a group of women advocating for women’s rights.

3. Vice President’s Report:
   a. Committees
      i. BAM
         1. FRP’s will be available March 22
         2. BAM Guideline’s revisions will be taking place. All senators are welcome to meet and help. The dates for these meetings are February 20, and 27, and March 6; all at 1:30.
      ii. Internal
         1. Constitution Revisions
            a. M. Hicks distributed a copy of all Constitution Revisions the committee has thought of.
            b. B. Lisi noticed a possible grammatical error regarding the Preamble.
            c. E. Drouin asked where the proposed scholarship money for the E-Board would come from. M. Hicks responded saying that this money would be pulled out of the Student Activity Fee. He also followed up with stating that each year; BAM has a large amount of roll over money. This means that there would be more than enough to cover the proposed scholarship fund.
            d. S. McCabe informed that senate that the scholarship revision is only a proposal. If approved by the senate, this would go to referendum on the Spring Election ballot.
            e. Z. Yeager asked if the money for the scholarships would be able to come out of reserves, since that is where our roll overs go to. Unfortunately, reserve money can only be used for high cost items such as the SGA printer and Shuttle.
            f. S. McCabe told the senate that in the past, we have tried to receive compensation in the form of registering for classes early, but have been unable to as the University has done away with early registration.
            g. R. Perry asked about the attendance policy, as one of the proposed revisions state that failure to where appropriate dress to General Board will result in a .25 absence for the day. S. McCabe answered saying that an excused absence is .5, and an unexcused absence is
worth 1 full absence. After 3 absences senators are subject to the impeachment committee.

2. M. Hicks also informed the senate that planning for both banquets at the end of the semester are being planned. He also announced possible food choices of Steak, Tortellini, or a Chicken Dish.

iii. Public Relations
1. P. Bjornstad announced PR’s plans for this semester. They will be largely focusing on Elections, and informing the students on what SGA does for the school. They will be having a forum in the café with sandwiches. Attendance is mandatory unless there are class conflicts.

2. We also found out about SGA rebranding. P. Bjornstad explained that we need to revamp SGA, and we will be unveiling a new slogan.

3. M. Hicks stated that he likes the idea, and were wondering if we would be changing the logo as well. P. Bjornstad responded saying that the logo will stay as is.

iv. Student Issues
1. FB Event
   a. B. Rice told the senate that Student Issues is finalizing their FB Event, where students are invited to post their issues online, rather than having a Wiener Wednesday. She also said that throughout the day, the page will be regulated in the event that anything inappropriate is said.

2. Commuter Breakfast
   a. Student Issues is planning a commuter breakfast for the semester

3. Issue
   a. B. Lisi informed the senate of an issue he has been working on. There are history books in the library that are to be destroyed in order to make room for the advising center. These books will be available to students online through the library’s services.

v. Pep Rally
1. B. Rice announced that Pep Rally Committee will be meeting Wednesdays at 3:00 pm.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. General Board: $52,000
      i. $20,000 was allocated for the semester, and $32,000 from roll over
   b. Executive Board: $10,000

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. Please email Will your office hours by Friday.
6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Next week’s meeting
      i. Dr. Salka will be coming in next week to talk about the Strategic Plan. Please read over the packet provided at General Board, and come prepared with questions.

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

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

9. Open Floor:
   a. Dates To Remember
      i. February 5, 2013 – Arts and Lecture
      ii. February 28, 2013 – President’s Breakfast
      iii. March 12, 2013 – Art’s and Lecture
      iv. March 22, 2013 – FRP’s to be released
      v. April 3, 2013 – Last open BAM meeting
      vi. April 3, 2013 – FRP info session
      vii. April 24, 2013 – President’s Breakfast
      viii. April 24, 2013 – Internal Banquet
      ix. May 1, 2013 – FRP Appeals Meeting
      x. May 1, 2013 – Club/Org Banquet

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm