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

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney


Guests: J. Garzone, M. Fortier, Dean Diaz

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes
   a. The minutes from March 11th were not sent out because the motions are being worked out. The minutes will be voted on next meeting.

2. President’s Report:
   a. BOR
      i. The Board of Regents has moved the location of their vote on tuition to Eastern on Thursday at 10 AM in the Betty Tipton Room
      ii. The CSUs are split about their feelings on addressing the tuition increase. Generally, Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) and Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) are taking more a more aggressive stance to oppose the tuition increase while Eastern and Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) are taking a position to educate its students and less aggressive means.
      iii. S. McCabe told the Senate that the Executive Board has decided to put a message on the Student Portal of Eastern’s website to inform students of the Board of Regents’ meeting and proposed tuition increases. S. McCabe does not want SGA to take sides on the tuition increases on the Portal’s message; he believes that SGA should rather act as an educator in this situation. The Senate agreed.
b. **Southern**
   i. SCSU has started a letter writing campaign to local and state legislators on its campus. The letters address the state’s lack of higher education funding in a respectful manner. S. McCabe would like Eastern’s SGA to take the same approach and start a letter writing campaign using their template.
   ii. S. McCabe read the letter aloud to the Senate and put it on the projector.
   iii. The Senate agreed that the letter writing campaign is a good idea.

c. **Senior Class Committee**
   i. S. McCabe is on the Senior Class Committee and promoted the High Five Scholarship Program to the Senate.

3. **Vice President’s Report:**
   a. **Applications**
      i. There will be an application going out to the Senate for Committee Heads next year. All interested Senators should apply.
   b. **Committees**
      i. **Student Issues**
         1. **Weiner Wednesday**
            a. The committee will be holding a Weiner Wednesday on April 3rd. They are in the process of ordering food.
            b. A report will be sent out to the Senate detailing all of the issues the committee has resolved.
      ii. **BAM**
         1. **Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)**
            a. Students from SHRM club came to SGA to talk about their proposed club.
            b. The club is being started for Human Resources Majors to promote networking, and career and resume building.
            c. Dean Gomez has agreed to pay for the Executive Board’s membership fees into the SHRM. The fees are needed for the club to become a recognized chapter of the SHRM and are $25. It will be optional for members of the club to become members of the Society.
            d. Dr. Pandy and Dr. Scott are the club’s advisors.
      2. **ECSU College Democrats**
         a. Two students from the proposed ECSU College Democrats club came to the Senate to talk about their club.
         b. The club will provide resources for Democrats on campus such as discussion, current events, attending rallies and helping candidates.
c. The students have been working with Yale and the University of Connecticut's College Democrats to help their club.
d. The club is open to all students and about 10 students are interested so far.
e. Dr. Krassas is their advisor.
f. S. McCabe asked if there are any dues involved in the formation of the club. One of the students replied that as of now there are none.

3. BAM Guidelines
   a. The proposed changes to the BAM Guidelines were emailed to the Senate to review.
   b. R. Silberquit highlighted some of the major changes to the Guidelines.
      i. Conferences
         1. Eastern will now pay for one advisor to attend conferences.
         2. A guide of Local v. General conferences has been defined. Local conferences are ones that are less than 400 miles away from Eastern.
         3. BAM will now fund up 8 students with up to $50 for travel per student.
      ii. Clothing
          1. BAM will no longer fund the purchasing of t-shirts for clubs.
      iii. Sports Clubs
          1. It is now up to the discretion of BAM to fund two seasons of a Sports Club.
          2. Sports Clubs will have to submit an FRP for both seasons in the fall if they would like the possibility of two seasons funded by BAM.
   iv. S. McCabe asked if clubs will be able to take a local and a general conference or just one of either. R. Silberquit said that clubs will be funded one or the other.
   v. E. Drouin asked why it is being changed that clubs do not have to meet once a month. R. Silberquit replied that is a courtesy to clubs in case meetings cannot be made.
   vi. **Motion #45 (B. Rice, Z. Yeager)** Motion to accept the revisions to the Budget and Management Guidelines for the 2013-2014 academic school year. **(17-0-1) Motion carries**
iii. Internal

1. Banquets
   a. Food is being ordered for the Internal Banquet
   b. Decorations for the banquet are all set to go.
   c. Invitations for the Internal and Club and Org. Banquets are being finished.

2. Constitution Revisions
   a. Compensation
      i. Compensation for the Executive Board and Committee Heads has been proposed. It cannot be voted on by the Senate and will go on the Spring Election ballot as a referendum. M. Hicks is bringing the topic up to get the Senate’s opinion and to see if it should be placed on the ballot. A handout of the draft was given to the Senate.
      ii. P. Bjornstad asked if the administration will allow it considering their denial of other compensation proposals. S. McCabe said that the administration rejected it before because SGA tried for early registration; the administration cannot reject this because compensation funds would come out of SGA’s account.
      iii. B. Lisi asked what model the Executive Board used to derive their proposed compensation plan and what other models exist. M. Hicks said that the two models most used are the scholarship or stipend.
      iv. Z. Yeager believes that it should be looked into because Eastern is the only CSU that does not have compensation for SGA members.
      v. B. Rice said that the majority of SGA members at COSGA receive some sort of monetary compensation.
      vi. W. McLaughlin stated that he would vote against it. He believes that SGA members’ only motivation to join should be the students and not compensation. He also say that it will take away from funding from clubs for SGA’s own personal benefit.
      vii. E. Pelletier asked who would receive compensation. M. Hicks said Executive Board members and Committee Chairs.
      viii. P. Bjornstad believes that if it does go on the ballot, the office hours format would have to be
reformed to ensure people are actually doing office hours and are doing SGA work.

ix. W. Malcolm sees W. McLaughlin’s point, but says the Executive Board works hard and should be rewarded. He also agrees with P. Bjornstad and thinks there should be a clock-in, clock-out type method for office hours.

x. An informal vote was taken to see if the Senate would like to move the draft to the Spring Election ballot. The majority of the Senate would like the draft to move forward.

iv. Public Relations
   1. Elections
      a. There will be several events held by the committee for the Spring Elections. Events will take place April 9 and 10. There will be one event to get the word about running for SGA and voting outside Webb Lawn with activities and giveaways. The next day there will be a meet and greet with the candidates running.
      b. P. Bjornstad also asked the Senate for feedback on what they thought and what could help with the events.

v. Pep Rally
   1. B. Rice is the head of the Pep Rally Committee. There will be a quick meeting after the Senate meeting.

4. Closed Session
   a. Motion #46 (A. Bullard, J. Reid) Motion for a closed session (17-0-0) Motion carries

5. Acceptance of Clubs
   a. Society of Human Resources Management
      i. Motion #47 (A. Bullard, P. Bjornstad) Motion to accept the Society of Human Resources Management as an official club at Eastern. (17-0-0) Motion carries
   b. ECSU College Democrats
      i. Motion #48 (A. Bullard, E. Pelletier) Motion to accept the ECSU College Democrats as an official club at Eastern. (15-0-2) Motion carries

6. Treasurer's Report
   a. Nothing to add at this time

7. Secretary's Report:
   a. Nothing to add at this time
8. Advisor's Report:
   a. Nothing to add at this time

9. Old Business:
   a. CCSU SGA – Joint Resolution
      i. SCSU is not signing the proposed Joint Resolution. S. McCabe does not think the Senate should either.
      ii. S. McCabe projected the revised Joint Resolution and read it aloud to the Senate. S. McCabe pointed out several things that he believed were wrong and contradictory.
      iii. R. Silberquit is in favor of Eastern raising tuition if it means that the University can keep running the same and offering the same services.
      iv. B. Lisi believes that the Joint Resolution's message is not clear and focused. A. Bullard agrees.
      v. Z. Yeager asked if there was any real benefit of signing the Joint Resolution. No one could answer with and possible benefits.
      vi. **Motion #49 (A. Bullard, K. Chrzanowska)** Motion to remove Eastern’s name from CCSU’s proposed Joint Resolution. **(17-0-0)** Motion carries
     
   vii. Letter Writing Campaign
       1. With the letter writing campaign, SGA will pay for the postage.
       2. S. McCabe likes the letter writing campaign because it addresses the issue of lack of higher education funding and not the tuition increase itself.
       3. **Motion #50 (B. Rice, J. Reid)** Motion to approve the letter writing campaign and to fund all of the postage for the letters written. **(15-1-0)** Motion carries

b. Board of Regents
   i. S. McCabe would like all Senators who are available to attend the Board of Regents meeting this Thursday at 10 AM in the Betty Tipton Room.

10. New Business:
    a. Elections
       a. 3/20 – Applications Released
       b. 4/3 – Applications Due
       c. 4/8 – Nominations
       d. 4/14-17 – Elections
       e. 4/18 – Announcement of Winners

11. Open Floor:
    a. Town Gown
       i. There will be a Town Gown meeting this Thursday, March 21st in the Science Building Room 301 at 6 PM.
b. 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 3:57 pm