Eastern Connecticut State University
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Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
November 12, 2012

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: E. McDonald

Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #16 (B. Rice, K. Chrzanowska): Motion to accept the minutes from November 5, 2012. (20-0-0) Motion carries.

2. President’s Report:
   a. Cops Open Rec Night
      i. Sergeant Schneider from Eastern’s Police Department talked about the 17th annual Cops Open Rec Night. Money donated goes straight to prizes for the students. Sergeant Schneider explained that he needs to get donations from students and their organizations because the Police Department cannot use state money to buy prizes. The prizes are bought from Wal-Mart with special Black Friday deals. The event will be held in Geissler Gymnasium from 9PM-2AM on Friday, December 7th. The University Residential Outreach Committee (UROC) may also be interested in donating.
      ii. Z. Yeager asked if it was possible to prohibit student police department workers from winning prizes. Sergeant Schneider said the event is open to all students and that the workers at the event are there on a volunteering basis and do not get extra tickets for their volunteering.
      iii. B. Stanavage asked about how the tickets work. Each student will receive five tickets automatically. An additional ticket will be given for each canned food item brought. Students who bring Ramen Noodles...
will receive 1 ticket for every 2 or 3 packages brought. All donations go to the Willimantic Co-Op.

iv. A. Daley asked how much UROC will be donating. Sergeant Schneider is unsure.

v. J. Tedford made the point to the Senate that SGA could also be seen as having an unfair advantage at the event because SGA donates the money.

vi. Donation Amount

1. SGA has given $6,000 to the event every year for the past several years.
2. B. Lisi believes that $5,000 is enough to give.
3. A. Daley asked if the Senate needs to take into account how much money is needed for the next semester. M. Hicks said that should not be an issue because there is guaranteed rollover from BAM every year.
4. **Motion #17 (A. Daley, E. Drouin)** To spend no more than $6,000 to Cops Open Rec Night for prizes. *(18-4-0) Motion passes.*
5. B. Lisi believes that $6,000 is too much and $5,000 is enough.
6. P. Bjornstad told the Senate that a large amount of students go to the event and it would reflect well on SGA to give as much money as possible. D. Beason and Z. Yeager agree.
7. E. Pelletier said that money is speech and a compromise of $5,500 is a good option
8. **Motion #18 (E. Pelletier, K. Chrzanowska)** An amendment to the original motion to spend no more than $5,500 to Cops Open Rec Night for prizes. *(5-16-0) Motion fails.*
9. W. McLaughlin asked those who voted to support the amendment why they are fighting over $500.
10. M. Hicks believes the event is a great tradition at Eastern. A lot of students attend and it is measurable to them as to where their money is going. He would like to give more to the event if it was possible.
11. Z. Yeager does not think it is a good idea to give less than previous years. A. Bullard agrees.
12. P. Bjornstad asked how much the average rollover is from the fall to spring semester. C. Ambrosio answered by saying that it is about $40,000. R. Silberquit reminded everyone that about $25,000 of it has already been allocated.

b. Election Day

i. S. McCabe thanked all those who drove a shuttle on election day. About 200 students were shuttled and able to vote.

ii. VP Bedini has even noticed the efforts of SGA from the voter registration drive to the shuttle
c. President Nunez  
i. President Nunez will be receiving the Willard M. McRae Community Diversity Award on Thursday, November 15 from 5PM-7PM. All Senators are encouraged to attend.

d. VP of Finance and Administration Search  
i. There are two more interviews left for the search for the new VP of Finance and Administration. Those Senators who signed up need to make sure they attend the interviews. The interviews are conducted in the Student Center Room 233.

e. President's Breakfast  
i. The second President's Breakfast of the semester will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7AM in the President’s Dining Room in Hurley Hall.

ii. A. Daley encouraged all those who are available to attend. He attended the last one and thought it was very informative.

3. Vice President’s Report:  
a. Elections  
i. A. Bullard asked the Senate to give her any feedback on how the shuttle went to improve it for the next time it is needed.

b. Committees  
i. BAM  

1. FRPs  
a. FRPs are about half way completed.

2. Primetime Madness  
a. The event will be held on November 14 at 8PM in Geissler Gymnasium. R. Silberquit cannot attend due to an interview. Senator support is needed at the event.

ii. Internal  

1. Internal Retreat  
a. The next internal retreat will be on Friday, November 30 from 5PM-71pm in the SGA Suite in the Student Center.

iii. Promotions  

1. SGA Day  
a. SGA Day will be held on Wednesday November 14 from 12PM-3PM in the Student Center.

b. Committee heads have been asked to make a poster explaining their committee’s role for the event. They are due by 11AM on SGA Day.

c. Z. Yeager said that he has been looking at the minutes and said that he was given a bad attitude for spending “65%” of what Promotions spent on SGA Day for Weiner Wednesday. Z. Yeager asked if D. Sailer will be receiving the same treatment for spending money. He believes that SGA Day does not accomplish anything tangible but
is allowed to spend more money than Student Issues to gather tangible data. S. McCabe told Z. Yeager to see him after the meeting is there were any concerns.

iv. Student Issues

1. Course Repeat Policy
   a. Z. Yeager brought up the issues a student is having with Eastern’s Course Repeat Policy to his external Committee. There will be no change made to the policy.

2. Registration
   a. Z. Yeager is working to bring the issue up of registering for classes to the administration.

3. CAPS
   a. An issue was raised by W. McLaughlin that a friend of his was pushed back several weeks to get an appointment at Counsel and Psychological Services. He was wondering if the timeliness of appointments is a problem across campus and if there is anything that can be done about it.
   b. S. McCabe said that it is a great, free service to students but it is understaffed.
   c. A. Bullard uses the services and has noticed the same problem but the issue is a problem with all counseling centers where ever you go.
   d. A. Vento has gone to use the services before and was not helped. She is concerned with the quality of the staff.
   e. C. Coca is on an external committee that has heard of the problem and is working on it. She will bring it up at the next meeting.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. General Board: $3,195 (including Chartwells PO)
   b. Executive Board: -$183.92
   c. Promotions Committee made a $705 motion for food for SGA Day
   d. SGA will be reimbursed from Empower Leadership Sports from the External Retreat and will also be given a credit for future events at the company.

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

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. CAB
      i. The Campus Activity Board has recently attended a NECA conference on student activities and planning where they took home 6 awards and represented Eastern well.

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

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

9. Open Floor:
   a. University Senate
      i. The University Senate’s external committees are having a hard time getting a hold of Senators so S. McCabe asked Senators to check their email to see if they got any from their external committee.
   b. Academic Affairs
      i. Z. Yeager sits on the Academic Affairs Committee. In Fall of 2014 students will not be able to take Tier courses online except for two exceptions.
   c. Conservatives
      i. Eastern’s Conservatives and Libertarians Club will be holding an event with a guest speaker in the Student Center Theatre at 7 PM this Wednesday, November 14.
   d. Dates To Remember
      i. November 12, 2012 – Finance/Admin VP Interview (Kimberly Cole)
         Stu Center 223, 2pm
      ii. November 13, 2012 – Finance/Admin VP Interview (James Howarth)
         Stu Center 223, 2pm
      iii. November 14, 2012 – President’s Breakfast
      iv. November 14, 2012 – Finance/Admin VP Interview (Milton Santiago)
         Stu Center 223, 2pm
      v. November 14, 2012 – SGA Day, Student Center
      vi. November 14, 2012 – Primetime Madness, Basketball Season Start, 8pm
      vii. November 15, 2012 – McRae Community Diversity Award from Liberty Bank, BTR, 5pm
      viii. November 15, 2012 – Arts and Lecture: Matthew Bodgano
      ix. November 29, 2012 – Town Gown, 6-7:30 pm, Science 301
   e. Events this week
      i. Tuesday, November 13, 2012
         1. Acoustic Inc., Student Center Lobby, 2pm-6pm
      ii. Wednesday, November 14, 2012
         1. President’s Breakfast, Hurley Hall, 7:15 am
         2. SGA Day, Student Center Lobby
         3. University Hour: Activism on My Terms with Jessica Danforth
      iii. Thursday, November 15, 2012
         1. Arts and Lecture Series: Matthew Bodgano, Gym 7pm
      iv. Friday, November 16, 2012
         1. Eastern Idol, Shafer Auditorium, 7pm
         2. Friday Night Jams: Quincy Mumford and the Reasons Why, Café, 8pm
         3. Eastern Hockey vs. St. Anselm, South Windsor Arena, 8:30pm
Meeting was closed at 3:51 pm.