Eastern Connecticut State University  
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Student Government Association  
General Board Meeting  
November 19, 2012

Present:
Executive Board: S. McCabe (President), A. Bullard (Vice President), M. Hicks (Treasurer), W. McLaughlin (Secretary)
Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney
Guests: E. McDonald

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. Motion #17 (A. Bullard, E. Pelletier): Motion to accept the minutes from November 12, 2012. (20-0-0) Motion carries.

2. President’s Report:
   a. Intercultural Center
      i. Derwin Hill from the Intercultural Center thanked SGA for all of their support and assistance with the shuttle on Election Day.
   b. Pep Rally Committee
      i. A sheet was passed around to see if there was interest in a Spring Pep Rally put on by SGA. S. McCabe reminded the Senate that each Senator represents 200 Eastern students and to consider whether or not the cost of a possible Pep Rally is beneficial to all students when making the decision to hold a Pep Rally or not.
   c. Fine Arts Building Presentation
      i. Nancy Tinker’s presentation on the new Fine Arts Building has been postponed until January 14, 2013 because of Hurricane Sandy.
   d. President Nunez
      i. S. McCabe thanked all of the Senators who attended President Nunez’s Willard M. McRae Community Diversity Award ceremony last Thursday. President Nunez appreciated all of the student support at the event.
ii. B. Lisi enjoyed the event and thought President Nunez’s speech was touching.

e. SGA Phone
   i. The phone on the Senators’ desk in the SGA Suite is now working and can receive calls. Senators are now expected to answer the phone when it rings and help the person on the other line to the best of their ability during their office hours. The extension for the phone is x50123.

3. Vice President’s Report:
   a. National Elections
      i. A. Bullard thanked everyone once again who helped with the various tasks during SGA’s National Election voter registration drive and shuttle. A survey will be handed out at next week’s meeting to receive Senator feedback on how things ran and how they can be approved.
   b. Committees
      i. BAM
         1. FRPs
            a. M. Hicks gave an update on BAM on behalf of R. Silberquit and said that FRPs are currently being worked on.
      ii. Internal
         1. Internal Retreat
            a. The committee is working on the retreat that will be held on November 30 from 5-7 PM in the SGA Suite.
         2. Constitution Revisions
            a. The committee is also working on Constitution Revisions.
            b. “Alex Cross Clause”
               i. A revision that has been proposed includes striking out a clause that allows a student on their senior year to be taking only 9 credits but remain on the Executive Board. The issue with the clause is that it was created for a previous, specific situation that benefited only one student and is not necessary. M. Hicks asked for feedback from the Senate.
               ii. A. Bullard is against the current clause and believes that only a full time student should be allowed to hold an Executive Board position.
               iii. P. Bjornstad added that it is possible that a part time student may be beneficial to the Executive Board because they will have more time to dedicate to SGA.
iv. Z. Yeager stated that the committee is looking at the clause because it was specific and only benefited one person.

v. B. Lisi believes revising the clause to make it more specific is the best and agrees with P. Bjornstad's reasoning.

vi. S. Ramsay will attend the committee's next meeting to further discuss revisions.

c. GPA

i. The current GPA requirement for the Senate and the Executive Board is 2.5 and 2.68, respectively. M. Hicks asked the Senate how they felt about the current GPA standards.

ii. M. Kandemir believes that the Senate GPA requirement should be raised to 2.7.

iii. D. Beason does not think that either GPA requirement should be raised because, if it is, SGA could be seen as elitist.

iv. P. Bjornstad agrees with D. Beason. Raising the GPA requirements would make SGA too exclusive.

v. E. Drouin stated that SGA reflects the student body and if the GPA requirement was raised, SGA would no longer accurately reflect the student body.

vi. A. Bullard does not have a strong opinion on the issue at hand.

vii. E. Pelletier believes that a high GPA shows one’s ability for commitment so an individual with a high GPA proves that they can bring something to SGA.

iii. Promotions

1. SGA Day

a. C. Beckford gave the committee’s report due to D. Sailer’s absence.

b. SGA Day went well and the issues received at the event were given to the Student Issues Committee to work on.

c. The shirts ordered for the event did not come in on time.

iv. Student Issues

1. Parking

a. Current parking areas for students will not change for the rest of the semester.

b. Commuters will be emailed a list of all available parking on campus to extinguish the belief that there is not enough parking on campus.
c. There will be a Commuters Breakfast from 8-10 AM on December 6th.

2. Dirty Classroom
   a. The issue of dirty classrooms in the Science Building has been resolved.

3. Registration
   a. The committee is working with the administration to provide input about the registration.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. General Board: -$3,000
      i. The General Board account is negative due to the allocation of money to Cops Open Rec Night.
   b. Executive Board: -$183.92

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. Rest Up
      i. W. McLaughlin asked the Senate to make sure they rest up for finals.

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Nothing to add at this time.

7. Old Business:
   a. Registration Issues

8. New Business:
   a. Student Activity Fee
      i. The Student Activity Fee has the opportunity to be raised every 4 years.
      ii. S. McCabe proposed the idea to raise the Student Activity Fee to $100 per year, a raise of 13%.
      iii. Z. Yeager agrees that it should be raised to adjust for inflation.
      iv. B. Lisi, D. Beason, and R. Perry agree with the proposed $100 Student Activity Fee.
      v. Motion #18 (B. Rice, A. Bullard) Motion to raise the Student Activity Fee to $50 per semester to a total of $100 per academic school year (19-0-0) Motion carries.
      vi. M. Hicks stated that he would like to raise it, but does not know if it is entirely necessary or not due to the large amount of reserves SGA has.
      vii. M. Delaney said that the raised Student Activity Fee will take effect in Fall of 2014.

9. Open Floor:
   a. Dates To Remember
      i. November 29, 2012 – Town Gown, 6-7:30 pm, Science 301

Meeting was closed at 3:52 pm