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:

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm.

1. Acceptance of Last Weeks Minutes
   a. **Motion #13 (B. Rice, M. Siggins):** Motion to accept the minutes from October 15, 2012. **(21-0-0) Motion carries.**

2. President’s Report:
   a. **External Committees**
      i. The University’s Five Year Strategic Plan’s committees still have vacant positions available for students. S. McCabe would like them to be filled as soon as possible.
      ii. Z. Yeager and P. Bjornstad expressed concern with the lack of email received about their external committee’s meeting time.
   b. **PF Bentley**
      i. At the event, there were 27 guests. S. McCabe thanked all of the Senators who attended
      ii. W. McLaughlin expressed his disappointment over the lack of Senator support at the event. Even though the event was not mandatory due to classes he felt that all who could have attended did not. M. Hicks agreed.
      iii. A. Daley would like to have future events at University Hour times because the scheduled time was difficult to attend. S. McCabe explained that the time was chosen based on other events happening on campus that day.

3. Vice President’s Report:
a. National Elections
   i. SGA will be broadcasting the Presidential Debate tonight in Webb 110 from 9-10:30 PM.
   ii. There will be a House debate tonight in the Betty Tipton Room at 7 PM.

b. University Senate
   i. A. Bullard told the Senate that there will be a forum held by the University Senate on Monday, October 29. The forum will deal with any concerns across campus. A. Bullard told Senators to email Dr. Stoloff with their concerns so they can be added to the forum’s agenda.

c. Committees
   i. BAM
      1. FRP’s
         a. FRP’s for clubs are due on November 2. There will be a workshop held tomorrow Wednesday, October 23 for clubs to get assistance on filling the packet out.
      2. Primetime Madness
         a. R. Silberquit spoke with the athletic department about their interest in SGA’s involvement in the Primetime Madness event on Wednesday November, 14 from 8-9 PM in Geissler Gymnasium. The athletic department would like 5 volunteers to generally assist with the event and have SGA set up a table for students.
   ii. Internal
      1. Internal Retreat
         a. The internal retreat will be held this Friday, October 26 from 5-7PM in the SGA Suite. The event is mandatory.
         b. Costumes are not mandatory, but a prize for best costume will be given out at the retreat.
   iii. Promotions
      1. SGA Day
         a. SGA Day will be held on Wednesday November 14 in the Student Center.
         b. Committee heads have been asked to make a poster explaining their committee’s role for the event.
         c. About 20 t-shirts will be given out at the event.
         d. The committee is working on ‘plane tickets’ this week for the event.
   iv. Student Issues
      1. Parking
         a. Z. Yeager has been working with Chief Garewski to see if students will be able to park behind the Science Building on the weekends. The space is currently dedicated to those who have Saturday classes but Z.
Yeager has noticed that there have been about one car there the past few weekends.

2. Registration
   a. S. McCabe has heard several students complain about registration. Eweb has locked students out of the website during the time causing registration to be an extremely lengthy process.
   b. S. Potter has also heard students having a problem with the face that registration occurs on a Sunday night/Monday morning.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. General Board: $3,900 (including Chartwells PO)
   b. Executive Board: -$183.92

5. Secretary’s Report:
   a. Cell Phones
      i. The use of cell phones has become an issue during General Board meetings. W. McLaughlin asked Senators to be respectful and not use their phones during the meeting.
   b. Dress Code
      i. W. McLaughlin restated the dress code to the Senate and asked them to strictly follow the stated dress code in the Constitution.
   c. Nancy Tinker
      i. Nancy Tinker will be coming to the General Board meeting on October 29 to talk about the new fine arts building that is part of the University’s Five Year Plan. W. McLaughlin asked the Senate to remember this and to follow the dress code to appropriately represent SGA.

6. Advisor’s Report:
   a. Clubs
      i. C. Ambrosio informed the Senate that facility requests are now available online for clubs. This new process is much easier than the previous one.

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

8. New Business:
   a. Campus Lantern Letter to the Editor
      i. A student’s letter to the editor that was published in the most recent Campus Lantern detailed their discontent with the way SGA conducted Fall Elections and their personal views that SGA is exclusive and discriminatory. The student’s letter to the editor included false and slanderous statements about SGA.
ii. Advisor C. Ambrosio met with the student after the Fall Elections about their discontent and cleared up the student’s issues. This was not included in the letter to the editor.

iii. A response letter has been drafted. S. McCabe would like to send the response to the Campus Lantern and possibly display it on Eastern’s Student Portal website.

iv. B. Lisi, a Senator who works on the Campus Lantern, told the Senate that the views stated in the student’s letter to the editor do not reflect the views of the Campus Lantern.

v. W. Malcolm believes that the Fall Elections were conducted fairly and that no change to future elections is needed.

vi. M. Hicks would like the response letter to be distributed to students only through the Campus Lantern. M. Hicks believes that using methods that the student does not have access to is not fair.

vii. S. McCabe thinks that posting the response letter on Eastern’s Student Portal website is the better option because the Campus Lantern will be postponing their next edition due to the national elections.

viii. A. Bullard wants the response letter to be presented to the student body as soon as possible because the content of the letter to the editor was completely false and needs to be addressed.

ix. A. Daley agrees with M. Hicks in that the response should not be put on Eastern’s Student Portal website. Possibly using the TVs in residence halls would effectively get the response letter out to students.

x. **Content of the Response Letter**

1. M. Siggins would like the response to add that the student has met with C. Ambrosio about the issues before sending the letter to the editor.

2. B. Rice would like the response to add that there are other ways to become a Senator besides being elected.

3. D. Beason would like the response to add the demographics of the Senate because the letter to the editor said that SGA discriminates against first-year, transfer, and non-traditional students.

4. S. Potter would like the response to include SGA’s delegate program.

5. E. Pelletier would like the response letter to include that General Board meetings are open to all students to attend, not just Senators.

6. W. Malcolm believes that the drafted response letter is too nice considering the blatantly false statements in the letter to the editor.

xi. **Distribution of the Response Letter**

1. M. Hicks restated that SGA should not use resources that the student would not have. M. Hicks believes that it makes SGA seem powerful and the students is vulnerable. P. Bjornstad
agreed and the response letter should be as professional as possible.

2. C. Cocola believes that posting the letter on SGA’s website could be effective.

3. M. Delaney and C. Ambrosio believe that the student’s letter to the editor is not that big of a deal. Using the Campus Lantern and Facebook to post the response is the best option and to not worry about the issue further.

4. An informal vote of the Senate (20-0-1) concludes that the response letter should be sent to the Campus Lantern and posted on SGA’s Facebook page.

9. Open Floor:
   a. RA Selection Process
      i. The process for selecting Resident Assistants for the spring 2013 and fall 2013 semesters is about to start. W. McLaughlin explained basic requirements of the position and told the Senate they may come to him if they have any questions.

b. Bone Marrow Drive
   i. A. Daley told the Senate that a soccer player at Eastern is in need of a bone marrow transplant. There will be a drive tomorrow Tuesday, October 23 to test students if they are a match to the student’s bone marrow type.

c. Program
   i. C. Beckford will be having a program tomorrow Tuesday, October 23 in the High Rise Game room at 7:03 PM.

d. Dates To Remember
   i. October 26, 2012 – Internal Retreat, 5pm, SGA Suite
   ii. October 24, 2012 – FRP Workshop, 3-4pm, Student Center Theatre
   iii. November 2, 2012 – FRP Deadline
   iv. November 14, 2012 – President’s Breakfast
   v. November 14, 2012 – Primetime Madness, Basketball Season Start, 8pm
   vi. November 15, 2012 – Arts and Lecture: Matthew Bodgano
   vii. November 29, 2012 – Town Gown, 6-7:30 pm, Science 301

e. Events this week
   1. Monday, October 22, 2012
      a. Eastern Unplugged, 8-10pm, Student Center Café
   2. Tuesday, October 23, 2012
      a. Born This Way, 1-4pm, BTR
   3. Wednesday, October 24, 2012
      a. University Hour: M’Bemba Bangoura Master Class, 3-4pm, BTR
         b. Career in Student Affairs – Where to Start, 4-5pm, Student Center 217
4. Thursday, October 25, 2012
   a. Interschool Walk for Warmth, 12-5pm, Windham Middle
   b. Resume Writing for Student Affairs, 3:30-4:30, Student Center 221

5. Saturday, October 27, 2012
   a. Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater State, 12pm, Mansfield Athletic Complex
   b. Men’s Soccer vs. UMass Dartmouth, 1pm, Nevers Field
   c. Student Affairs Mock Interviews, 12-3pm, Student Center 113
   d. Careers in Student Affairs Panel and Roundtable, 3-5pm, Student Center 107
   e. Student Affairs Networking Opportunity, 5pm, Willi Brew

Meeting was closed at 3:50 pm.