

SGA General Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, April 6th, 2008

President S. Sayed called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Attendance:

President: S. Sayed

Vice President: M. Pina

Treasurer: A. Dominguez

Secretary: B. Johnson

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney

Senators: I. Adebajo, C. Charmelus, W. Dawson, J. Frankel, C. King, M. Lad, L. Mitchell, Marci Reisman, Matthew Reisman, L. Tubbs, A. White, A. Wilde, N. Zeni

Guests: Ogo Chukwuogor, David Porter – Price, Abby Thull, Amanda Bucci, Adrienne Levine, Crystal MacKinnon

Quorum was established.

President's Report

- SABO had initially said that they had yet to receive our new budget for this semester, but they finally received it. The numbers of our current budget will decrease because CAB's increase was not factored in to that new total for this semester.
- S. Sayed will be having a phone conference with the Chancellor and the SGA Presidents of the three other CSU Schools on Tuesday. The Chancellor is expected to provide a pretty concrete number as far as tuition increase. The Board of Trustees will vote on the increase the following day. If the increase is too high, the four SGAs will try to make as much noise as they can before the vote by the Board of Trustees.

Vice President's Report

❖ Committee Reports:

- **Student Issues** – Committee Head Mita Lad thanked all of the senators that helped out at the Commuter Coffee Club last Tuesday! The event was a success and there were about 60 students that stopped by the table throughout the day.
- **Promotions** – Committee Head Corrine King encouraged SGA Senators to participate in the Recruiting Open House and Talent Showcase on Thursday, April 9th, 2009 from 3 – 5 in the SRV Courtyard. SGA will have their own table and employers will be

walking around looking at students that they might be interested in hiring. The SGA Elections Information Meeting was held last Tuesday and there were 6 people in attendance, with one attendee that is not currently in SGA.

- **Internal Issues** – Committee Head Brittany Johnson encouraged senators to participate in the Town Wide/Town Pride Community Service Event on Saturday, April 18th, 2009 from 9 – 1 pm. Committee Member Marci Reisman will be the chair for this event and will be picking a location in the Willimantic community for SGA to volunteer at. Tasks may include painting, raking, weeding, etc.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ General Board: \$45,188.11
- ❖ E-Board: \$16,305.35

Secretary's Report

- ❖ Senators are reminded that SGA Candidacy Applications for the Fall Semester are due on Friday, April 10th, 2009 by 8:00 pm. The application can be found on the SGA website and should be completed and then emailed to sgaelection@stu.easternct.edu.

BAM Chair Report

- ❖ Club Awards will be released tomorrow and clubs will have 2 weeks to fill out the applications.

Advisors

- ❖ No report

Old Business:

Motion #88: (W. Dawson/L. Mitchell) Move to accept last week's minutes (14/0/2) Motion carries.

New Business:

- Nancy DeCrescenzo came to speak about the new proposal requiring each Eastern student to graduate with a pre – professional experience. This requirement will make Eastern students more competitive than other college graduates. The committee will design a Liberal Arts Program that has a long menu of options that will fulfill this requirement for students. Currently, over 50% of Eastern students are already completing practicums, field experiences, and internships for their majors prior to graduation. This new proposal will require the committee to work with academic departments as students will need academic support when beginning the search for these experiences. Only 3.5% of universities and colleges in the United States require every student to have a pre – professional experience before graduation. With the right staff and the right resources, the committee believes that the requirement will achieve its ultimate goals. The proposal will include hiring 3 new professional

staff people in Career Services (master level career counselors) and will look to improve employer relations and job development. Currently, the university does not have enough connections or resources to provide the other 50% of students at the university with experience before graduation. The program has to be a distinctive program of excellence or it will backfire. The requirement will ultimately create relationships within the community and at the state level, as well as encourage the university to partner with alumni. The requirement for the pre-professional experience is a minimum of 100 hours, simply because 100 hours is the standard amount of hours for accreditation. The committee does not want to add another graduation requirement that will require students to pay additional money, but the committee is unsure how the program will be funded. These experiences will be able to be completed during the summer and working as a teaching assistant in a university course will also fulfill this requirement. Nancy DeCrescenzo explained that the reason that they do not hire University Assistants to help with the placement of students in these experiences is because it is hard to retain these types of employees. This program is still in the works, but the committee is working hard to make it a beneficial experience for all Eastern students.

Announcements:

- The Intercultural Center is hosting a Latin American Storytelling event tomorrow at 7:00 pm in the Intercultural Center.
- If any senators are having issues with the Internet, please talk to Mita Lad, Chair of Student Issues.

Motion #89: (N. Zeni/I. Adebajo) Move to close the meeting at 3:41 pm. (16/0/0)
Motion carries

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Brittany M. Johnson, SGA Secretary