Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
February 23rd, 2015

Present:
Executive Board: M. Hicks (President), A. Bullard (Vice President), J. Ahern (Treasurer), K. Chrzanowska (BAM), E. Drouin (Secretary)

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney

Senators: E. Benoit, H. Brooks, V. Cosma, M. Ehrnfelt, S. Froehlich, C. Gosselin, P. Hoeps, T. Mack, J. Mazyck, E. McDonald, M. McFall-Gorman, M. Patino, E. Pelletier, J. Reid, R. Rivera, N. Vigorita, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, M. Wysopal

Guests: Brittanymarie Barber, Nicole Bobbins, Dan Solomon

Meeting called to order at 3:09 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 2/11/2015
      i. Motion #70 (H. Brooks, E. Pelletier) Motion to accept the minutes from 2/11/15 (20-0-1). Motion Carries.
   b. Gymnastics Club
      i. A representative of the Gymnastics Club came to speak to the senate. The club is for anyone who is interested in gymnastics. They use Patty Dunne’s Gymnastics and are having open gyms every other Sunday as a way to practice their skills. They eventually plan to have private lessons with an actual coach.
      ii. Discussion
          1. N. Vigorita asked when they meet.
             a. Every other Sunday in a gym with a regular meeting once a month.
          2. E. Pelletier asked if they’d ever consider moving into a competitive team.
             a. Eventually, yes.
          3. A. Bullard asked about the costs for open gym.
             a. It’s $20 per person and right now they’re paying out of pocket.
             b. H. Brooks asked if that was a recurring cost.
                i. Yes.
          4. M. Hicks asked about the size of the club.
             a. There are about 20 people right now.
          5. M. Hicks asked for the cost of a gymnastics club to compete.
             a. N. Bobbins didn’t have the exact numbers, but it is a lot.
             b. N. Vigorita asked if they would be asking for money to become competitive.
6. K. Chrzanowska said if approved, they would be setting up some sort of contract to the gym, it will get worked out. BAM will not be able to cover all the charges.

7. A. Bullard asked if it would count as a club sport
   a. K. Chrzanowska said just a club, unless they get a coach in the future.

8. The constitution will be voted on Monday.

c. **Golf Club and Pre-Med Club**
   i. Golf Club and Pre-Med Club have provided their constitutions to the senate for review; they will be voted on next week.

d. **Mentor/Mentee Projects Update**
   i. A. Bullard and H. Brooks are working on forming a legislative liaison to SGA; they are both in contact with legislators to do this.
   ii. E. Drouin and T. Mack are attempting to collect student opinion and perceptions about SGA.
   iii. E. Pelletier and M. Wysopal are developing the framework for a program geared towards commuters.
   iv. J. Ahern and N. Vigorita are working on going to freshmen dorms to present about SGA; they will plan on going during elections time to recruit senators. They would like to coordinate this with PR.
      1. V. Cosma can provide a brochure for this.
   v. M. Patino and J. Reid have visited the RHAs in all of the halls; they have one hall left.
   vi. E. Benoit and G. Wrobel are working on a faculty and staff appreciation event. They have a tentative date of April 8th; they'd like for it to be a week-long campaign. They’re also looking to establish a social media presence, so they are looking for hashtag suggestions.
   vii. Co. Welch, Ch. Welch, and V. Cosma are looking to promote senator visibility. They distributed a survey for senators to collect information.
   viii. M. McFall Gorman and M. Ehrnfelt were proposing an SGA bulletin, both online and a physical representation. They need senators to submit a summary of the meeting of their External Committees to be posted on the blog.
      1. M. Hicks suggested a template to make it easier for senators to submit these things.

e. **Elections Committee**
   i. In the past the Elections Committee has just been a committee of non-returning senators to make sure elections are fair. After speaking with PR; they're forming a separate Elections Committee. The goal is to promote the recruitment and promotion of elections. Senators of any committee can join; speak with Matt, Ashley, and Erin after the meeting if you're willing to serve. This will allow PR to work on promoting Warrior Wednesdays and promoting school spirit.

f. **ECSU Bowl-a-Thon**
   i. The ECSU- Bowl-a-Thon is March 7th. There’s two games of bowling, a lot of free food, and a piece of apparel. There’s a donation of $35 per person. Last year the E-Board challenged the General Board and the General Board won. K. Chrzanowska collected names of senators who would be attending.
   ii. **Motion #71 (H. Brooks, J. Mazyck) Motion to spend no more than $350 on the Bowl-a-Thon (20-0-1). Motion Carries.**
g. Retreat
   i. The Retreat yesterday was cancelled in part because of the weather, but also due to poor attendance. All of a sudden, people were saying that they couldn’t go, which was very disappointing to the E-Board. The E-Board and Reuben are going to meet with the committee to discuss a way to supplement the planning Internal has done with a new event.

h. Yearbook
   i. We will not be voting on Yearbook today as we do not have a written out motion. This is a time to further discuss Yearbook.
   ii. K. Chrzanowska presented the issue to the senate. There has been a 50% cut from $18,000 to $9,000. Yearbook is comfortable with the seniors’ only option, but they are upset with the budget cut.
   iii. A physical Constitution revision will be proposed next week.

2. Vice President’s Report
   a. Induction
      i. Motion #72 (P. Hoeps, J. Reid) Motion to induct Emily McDonald as a senator for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic school year (21-0-0). Motion Carries.
   b. Legislative Lobbying Effort
      i. The Appropriations Committee is receiving testimony tomorrow at the State Legislature. A. Bullard emailed her legislator from last year to see if he would meet with senators present. You don’t necessarily have to present testimony. They would be leaving at 4:30PM tomorrow afternoon.
         1. E. Drouin asked if you wanted to provide testimony, what you should talk about.
            a. A. Bullard said to write about plea about why higher educational institutions who need money.
            b. The outlook is that Eastern will lose more and more money each year.
            c. E. Pelletier said to talk about your own personal experience.
            d. M. Hicks says that they listen to the student’s testimony more than they listen to the lobbyists’ testimony.
   c. Committee Updates
      i. Public Relations
         1. Warrior Wednesday Update
            a. PR is looking for students to wear Eastern apparel on Wednesdays. You take your picture and tag SGA on Instagram. They’d be entered to win a prizes if they participate; prizes are dependent upon budget. There are hopefully multiple prizes. They’d advertise via quarter sheets, fliers, etc.
            b. One potential idea is the more Eastern items you wear, the more times your names are entered.
            c. A tentative date is March 25th.
      ii. Student Issues
         1. E. Pelletier presented the Pride Room Resolution to the senate. The senate suggested potential changes; it shall be voted on next Monday.
2. E. Pelletier needs issues of students to be presented immediately.
   a. A. Bullard concurred; this is the most important part of SGA, providing solutions to students.

3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board is currently at $7,326.50 and E-Board is currently at $2846.

4. Secretary Report:
   a. Office Hours
      i. E. Drouin stressed to senators to do their office hours even it’s during a week that there is no SGA.
      ii. M. Hicks added that extended missing of office hours could lead to impeachment.

5. Advisor Report:
   a. Nothing to report.

6. New Business
   a. External Committee Updates
      i. University Senate
         1. The University Senate handed out the Transform 2020 Initiatives Document. They ranked them in order of importance to our University.
         2. Withdraw/Pass or Withdraw/Fail is now just Withdraw, which is common practice at other universities.
         3. E. Benoit presented the Pride Room Center issue to the University Senate.
      ii. Academic Affairs Committee
         1. The committee is working on Credit/No Credit being extended into the Tier courses. They drafted the bill; it would only be included into Tier 1 courses.

7. Open Floor
   a. N. Vigorita asked if the “Go Trayless” Initiative is going to happen
      i. There will be a test week in April, during Earth Week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM