

SGA Meeting Minutes

4/21/2021

Attending: Co-President Allison Shelly, Co-President Justice Allen, Vice President Theo Yoder, Treasurer Hannah Nichols, VP of Marketing Asha Beck, Secretary Liz Hoffman, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatsky, Student Life Rep. Shannon Dycus, Isaac Andreas, Ani Beitzel, Cindi Boyer, Shannon Cooper, Phillip Krabill, Coleman Maxwell, Brad Mullet, Molly Piwonka, Sophia Sherrill, Avery Trinh

Absent: Amy Springer Hartsell, Kevin Seidel, Akiel Baker, Zander France, Fatimah Subhi

1. Call to Order at 8:01 pm
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 4/7/2021
 - a. Isaac motioned to approve the minutes, and Ani seconded.

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and minutes approved.

4. Announcements
 - a. A moment to recognize the verdict in the Chauvin case, and what it means for our community, especially BIPOC students
 - b. EMU's State of Sustainability event was last night
 - c. APISA town hall on past, present, and future Asian discrimination
5. Old Business
 - a. Election results from last Friday! Next year's executive team will be:
 - i. Co-Pres: Faith Manickam, Aman Seyoum, and Philip Krabill
 - ii. Vise Pres: Luz Hernandez Rosario
 - iii. VP for Marketing: Mykenzie Davis
 - iv. Treasure: Angelo Olayvar
 - v. Secretary: Elections this fall!
6. New Business
 - a. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jackie Font-Guzman, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - i. Jackie said it is her third week at EMU, and she is starting to feel more part of the community. She is originally from Puerto Rico, but got her undergrad and masters in the U.S. She worked at a previous college for 15 years working with diversity and equity.
 - ii. SGA members and faculty introduced themselves to Jackie
 - iii. Allison asked what Jackie is thinking about creating a space for BIPOC students
 - iv. Jackie responded she has not met with BSA yet, so she is waiting to ask what spaces they feel like they need. She added she feels like her role is

working and listening to what students need, and how she can collaborate with them.

- v. Cindi asked how ethnic clubs can make people aware of microaggressions
- vi. Jackie said one of the issues that has been surfacing multiple times has been microaggressions, and she believes that training students and faculty in what microaggressions are would be helpful. She sees microaggressions as a big problem in making people feel less like they belong.
- vii. Justice asked Jackie to name some highlights from her time at EMU so far.
- viii. Jackie said she has started to recognize people more, and it has been extremely exciting for her. She added that the events EMU has been having has been very energizing for her to see people so dedicated
- ix. Allison asked how close she is to be settling in
- x. Jackie said she is in Harrisonburg, but her apartment is full of boxes. However, she hopes to be settled in a house sometime in May.
- xi. Sophia asked what Jackie's take on the state of things in the world, and does she feel like there has been a lot of change or are people just noticing issues that have always been there
- xii. Jackie responded saying she does not think it has been a disruption, but issues that have always been there. On the other hand, if someone was sheltered from what's been happening, it could be new. She added that she thinks that we're going to see a big switch in universities structurally and organizationally, and a push for majors and minors in unconventional studies. She also believes that there will be more funding for things that haven't been necessarily funded before, and a shift in aggregated data collection to segregated data collection.
- xiii. Avery asked if she knew what her job will be like day-to-day
- xiv. Jackie said she isn't sure what it'll be like day-to-day, but she does have meetings and other responsibilities. However, she does not plan on being isolated in an office, but in a central area where both students and faculty have access to her. She knows part of her job will be hiring faculty from a more diverse background. One of the things she loves about this job is that it is not a solo job, and it requires collaboration. She added that she also plans on getting more involved in activities and events.

b. Discussed the 2021 Budget Approval

- i. Hannah first started welcoming Angelo as the Treasure for next year.
- ii. Hannah said we have 49 clubs recognized, and what they have requested for next year. Some clubs will start next year with 0 in their account while some will have what they didn't use this year.
- iii. Hannah said she has already provided Common Grounds with what they requested last year. Cycling club will start off the year with \$3000. EMU Explorer will have about \$2000 in their account. LSA will have \$3000 starting in the fall. Hannah gave the Student Nursing Association \$100, so they wouldn't be negative, but they have not been active in the past year.
- iv. Rachel said the Student Nursing Association has been very active.

- v. Hannah responded saying they could talk with the executive team, but when she was looking at their ledger there was nothing there.
- vi. Rachel said she would like to schedule an offline meeting, and bring it back for next week.
- vii. Hannah said that works for her as the budget won't go into effect until the Fall.
- viii. Justice asked what the red was in Celebration.
- ix. Hannah said they are currently in the red by \$5, so it will be subtracted in what they are given in the Fall.
- x. Hannah added what each club has currently will roll over into the Fall.
- xi. Allison asked if we could have a readable version of the budget.
- xii. Hannah said yes, and it would be a good way to reach out to clubs if they have not requested anything yet.

Meeting ended at 9:02 pm
Recorded by Liz Hoffman