

SGA Meeting Minutes

1/26/2022

Attending: Co-President Faith Manickam, Co-President Aman Seyoum, Treasurer Angelo Olayvar, VP of Marketing Mykenzie Davis, Secretary Lindsey White, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatsky, Student Life Rep. Shannon Dycus, Administrative Rep. Amy Springer Hartsell, Faculty Rep. Matthew Siderhurst, Ruth Abera, Isaac Alderfer, Hannah Beck, Cindi Boyer, Ella Brubaker, Sam Craig, Adesola Johnson, Evan Kauffman, Doran Kennedy, Christian Knight, Meredith Lehman, Molly Piwonka, Cassidy Walker

Absent: Angelo Olayvar - Student , Shannon Dycus - Student Life , Amy Springer Hartsell, Doran Kennedy.

1. Call to Order at 8:04
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 12/8/2021
 - A. Ella motioned to approve the minutes, and Christian seconded.

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and minutes approved.

4. Announcements
 - i. Faith Said new senators and Lindsey White Joined us this semester.
 - b. Roberts Rules
 - i. Faith stated that Robert's Rules should be reviewed and introduced
 - c. Constitution
 - d. Snack Sign-up
 - i. Faith stated that everyone is welcome to sign up to bring a snack
5. Guest Speaker- Kirsten Beachy -Director of EMU Core curriculum
 - a. EMU Core
 - i. Faith introduces Kiersten and the CORE curriculum
 - ii. Kiersten states that the main way she is looking to get feedback is through the online form
 - iii. Kiersten states that EMU is envisioning the EMU core curriculum.
 - iv. Kiersten updates on the model of the EMU Core and the visioning process
 1. Visioning the ultimate goal of Core by asking what the goal is to have of EMU students by the time they graduate
 2. Sending out feedback forms in life wellness and senior seminar courses to see what students are thinking about the EMU core curriculum
 3. Reached out to the AAC&U and IGEA teams
 4. Moved into building a curriculum this school year with different options for modeling curriculum
 5. EMU has just joined Transfer Va which allows students to transfer in and out of EMU easily using the old Core model

- v. Kiersten then allowed time to discuss in small groups and fill out feedback forms

b. Feedback form

- i. Faith opens up questions to Kiersten
- ii. Isaac asks how concrete this plan for the Core
- iii. Kiersten states that the entire plan is malleable and nothing has been approved yet
 - 1. Things that have to exist are due to accreditation
 - a. 30 hours and humanities, math/natural science course
 - 2. They are committed to keeping core hours to 35 for larger majors like education, engineering, and nursing
 - 3. DEI 400 level course on Power, Race, & Gender has a lot of energy
 - 4. Bible, religion, and theology also has a lot of energy for this course
- iv. Kiersten is waiting to hear back from students, faculty and stakeholders before they move forward with this to see where they need to think more
- v. Kiersten states that this spring a goal is to possibly pass the model for the Core curriculum
- vi. Aman states that he really likes the idea about the portfolio
- vii. Molly asks if the senior seminar courses are being cut out
- viii. Kiersten confirms this is true and states the way they have reimagined a similar sort of course in the new curriculum

6. New Business

- a. Funding Request: Haile Mast for honors class
 - i. Faith states that we will be discussing the funding request
 - ii. Meredith states that there is a funding request for \$137 for updating the space on the hill from an honors class.
 - iii. Faith asks for questions
 - iv. Motion is passed

Motion (Hannah):

Cassidy seconds

Approve: 15

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes

b. Subcommittee Work

- i. Adesola mentioned an idea for SGA members to have a “takeover” on Instagram on Wednesdays to get students interested in SGA
- ii. Campus engagement is thinking about an event that they would set up envisioning an “SGA Day” for campus with faculty, staff, and students involved

7. Open Floor

- a. Christian states that the convocation committee met and want to pass on that the convocation website has a form for students to voice ideas and thoughts for future convocations
- b. Isaac states that CCC is taking steps to hire a sustainability coordinator as well as a big campus event for inclusivity and sustainability on campus
- c. Faith states that the new EMU mental health resource, Talkspace is now up and running as well as EMU counseling services
- d. Kenzie asks when the date for the common grounds
- e. Christian states that they want to be complete by the start of August 2022 and admissions by July 2022
- f. Susan asks what the vibe is from students about CG
- g. Christian states that there's a lot of negativity about CG because of lack of student voices being heard on the change despite students enjoying the changes
- h. Hannah affirms that the negativity is from students not seeing the plans
- i. Cassidy states that a petition went around and said that it was created because student voices weren't being heard. Students said in the form that they need their needs to be met from the new space
- j. Susan states that she saw the petition despite not being a worker or student last fall
- k. Susan asks how staff and faculty get student input
- l. Cassidy states that if staff had been transparent the entire time this would have felt better. Student polls and conversations would have been appreciated.
- m. Christian encourages students to come see him to see the plans during the designated times to come see these plans. States that feedback is being taken for the new Student Union.

Meeting ended at 9:21 pm
Recorded by Lindsey White