

SGA Meeting Minutes

2/2/2022

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, Christian Knight, Meredith Lehman, Molly Piwonka, Cassidy Walker

Absent: Amy Springer Hartsell, Adesola Johnson

1. Call to Order at 8:06
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 2/23/2022
 - a. Evan motioned to approve the minutes, and Christian seconded.

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and minutes approved.

4. Announcements
 - a. Aman says that SGA Day has been approved by the Deans and Provost!
5. New Business
 - a. Funding request - ISO
 - i. ISO requests \$2000 because they are running low on funding. They started the year with over \$3000 but are down to \$500 now since their previous leadership requested only \$1000 for this year rather than \$3000 in previous years. There has also been an increase in participation in the club and therefore an increase in necessary funding.
 - ii. The financial committee supports approving this funding request in order to help support EMU's international students.
 - iii. Hannah asked what they would use these funds for, Angelo replied that he didn't specifically know, but it will be for the International Food Festival, transportation costs, campus-wide events, and off-campus events.

Motion (Isaac): To approve the ISO funding request as submitted

Hannah seconds

Approve: 11

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion passes.

- b. Funding request - APISA
 - i. ISO in partnership with APISA also requested funding for the International Food Festival. They request \$800 to cover cutlery, plates,

and reimbursement for chefs who will be providing food. The committee recommends that the senate approve this request to help bring it back after two years of it not happening.

- ii. Cindi says that this was her role and she was in charge of getting this back and running again and she says that if the money is not used it will be given back to SGA and if the budget is approved then it will be given to chefs cooking for the event.
- iii. Rachel asks if there are prizes for the event
- iv. Cindi says in the past there has been and this year the money will also be to give more desirable prizes.
- v. This event will be on March 25th at 5pm.
- vi. Cindi said they have also bought heaters for the event in case it is cold.
- vii. Cindi says that the International food festival is a campus event where people will volunteer to make foods from their culture and ethnicities for others on campus to try. This is the biggest event campus-wide and has been running for 6 or 7 years before COVID. This year there is hope that this event will be more educational and awareness of the cultures we have present on campus.

Motion (Ella): To approve the ISO/APISA funding request as submitted

Meredith seconds

Approve: 9

Against: 0

Abstaining: 3

Motion passes.

c. SGA DAY

- i. Aman states that the SGA Day planning committee hopes that this will be an event that all of SGA can be a part of as far as planning.
- ii. Ella says that they are planning to delegate responsibilities to the subcommittees for this event
- iii. Aman says that the communication subcommittee is focused on communicating this event to everyone and advertising this event. The advertising committee would do research for the spending needed for the event. The DEI subcommittee would work on the panel of faculty and students for the day and assist to plan this discussion. The advisors would assist in the subcommittees and give advice on how to approach things in planning for this event.

6. Open Floor

a. Handicap accessible/friendly campus

- i. Aman invites SGA members to fill out the google form that Christian and Cassidy made.
- ii. Christian clarifies some of the information on the google form and says that the intention of it is to be sent to all of campus to have a variety of perspectives.

- iii. Shannon states that there were a few things that stood out to her. She encourages the perspective of grasping what is tangible for SGA to take and work on for the end of this semester rather than trying to rework the whole system on campus with how little time we have left this semester.
- iv. Cindi and Isaac name the expectation of hybrid classes for classes and naming that it may not be something that should be covered in this form.
- v. Christian says that they are trying to get feedback from the students to see if this is a campus-wide issue for students to have statistics to then decide how to tackle this problem for students requesting hybrid classes because of accessibility concerns.
- vi. Rachel names that the disabilities office on campus would be the way to go about getting accommodations for those students.
- vii. Sam says that the hybrid model is more challenging and time consuming for professors but we could have students go and set up these hybrid systems for professors before their classes as a work study job to make it easier for everyone.
- viii. Christian says the point of the form is to find which concerns and problems go in which boxes.
- ix. Aman says that since we are running low on time we can communicate about this next meeting.

b. Convocation sub-committee

- i. Cassidy says that having a convocation point for the student/faculty panel on SGA Day would be desirable

7. Photos for SGA by Kenzie Davis

Meeting ended at 9:22pm

Recorded by Lindsey White