

## SGA Meeting Minutes

4/27/2022

**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, Adesola Johnson, Evan Kauffman, Meredith Lehman, Molly Piwonka,

**Absent:** Cassidy Walker, Christian Knight, Sam Craig

1. Call to Order at 8:08
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 4/20/2022
  - a. Ella motioned to approve the minutes, and Hannah seconded.

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and minutes approved.

4. Announcements
  - a. Late Night Pancakes
    - i. SGA will be hosting the Late night pancake night next Wednesday evening and there needs to be volunteers from SGA in order to allow this to run smoothly.
5. New Business
  - a. Safe Space Constitution Revision
    - i. Safe space has recently updated their constitution and is seeing approval for the revisions from SGA.
    - ii. Ani says that at the beginning of the fall semester of 2021 there was an individual that needed to be removed from the club because of the abuse of power. Due to this, the current leadership want to reorganize the constitution to remove a leader or member of the club with majority vote as well as having a safe space council instead of a hierarchical system of leadership. This is to prevent a unequal distribution of power in the club and give all members more power.
    - iii. Rachel asks if the advisors have had input into the advisor section in the Safe Space constitution.
    - iv. Ani says that the advisors gave them freedom to make changes in the constitution as seemed fit.
    - v. Matt asks if there are 3-6 members on the council.
    - vi. Hannah and Ani say there are 5 currently on the council.
    - vii. Molly says if there is a reason there is LGTBQIA+ instead of LGTBQIAP+
    - viii. Ani and Hannah say there is no reason in particular why that was left out, but their hope is that the the plus will make everyone feel included and represented.

- ix. Aman clarifies that there will be no president.
- x. Hannah and Ani say that is correct.
- xi. Aman says that for most clubs at EMU the president of the club is the contact person having fewer people as the point of contact and is wondering how this will work in this new council format.
- xii. Ani says that each person has their own duty and they are able to do this well and it simply just takes communication and working together to see what the needs are on the leadership team.
- xiii. Molly says that she really prefers this style of leadership model.
- xiv. Shannon names that she really loves this model of leadership. She then asks if there is wording to ensure that there will always be two advisors to avoid this hierarchy of power to occur again.
- xv. Hannah and Ani say that there is not but that the club is hoping there is trust in the current advisors and flexibility in the constitution in order for the club to make this decision.
- xvi. Aman asks if leadership for 2022-2023 has been determined yet
- xvii. Hannah says that they have sent out a nomination form and are waiting to see if this is approved before they vote on those.
- xviii. Meredith says that it seems to spread power well.
- xix. Ruth says that updating the terms and language is helpful.
- xx. Evan says that it seems like this will create a better atmosphere moving forward for the club.
- xxi. Ella agrees with Evan.

Motion Adesola: Meredith seconds

Approve: 8

Against: 0

Abstaining: 2

Motion passes.

b. Annual Budget Report

- i. Angelo says that he has shared the spreadsheet for the 2022-2023 annual budget requests. He said that everything seems to be good but Celebration is currently \$32.40 under budget and the financial committee was considering adding \$32.40 to their budget so that they are not starting off the 2022-2023 academic year in the negative.
- ii. Rachel says that there are clubs up there without a number yet because they do not get a budget yet since they have just been submitted. There are other clubs that do not have numbers and is wondering why they do not have numbers.
- iii. Angelo says that he sent three emails to them for their budget requests and they did not submit a budget request and so they will not get funding for the academic year. SGA was generous and extended the deadline for them but they still did not submit a budget request.

- iv. Molly says that Destinys Daughters has been inactive but has asked to have a budget in the coming years and is wondering if that should show up on this form.
- v. Aman says the young democrats has \$2,000 and the college republicans has \$100.
- vi. Angelo says this is what they requested but the financial committee is considering adding more money into their budget in order to have the Finding Common Grounds in Common Grounds event but they did not request money to cover that.
- vii. Meredith says for the event this spring, Young Democrats took on the cost of that event and has not communicated with College Republicans about splitting the cost of that event in the future.
- viii. Angelo asks the senate to approve this budget request for 2022-2023.

Motion Ella:

Kenzie seconds  
Approve: 4  
Against: 0  
Abstaining: 6  
Motion passes.

c. Senator Transition Document

- i. Faith says this is a space for advice for senators for next year and reflection of this year.
- ii. SGA spent time reflecting on the year and complain this document for incoming senators for the 2022-2023 academic year.

6. Open Floor

- a. Ella says that puppies & kittens are approved for May 3rd
- b. Thanks is given to Aman & Faith as well as our advisors

Meeting ended at 9:19pm  
Recorded by Lindsey White