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Student Senate Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2013

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Eastern Michigan University  
Senate Meeting  
January 15th, 2013  
Agenda

A meeting held in open session at 6:30 p.m., room 352 of Student Center

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   (Open to currently enrolled students: 1 hour/total)**  
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   2. Business & Finance  
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   (Each item of Business: 45 minute default**; amend restricted from 10-90)  
   1. Appointment of Director of Student Relations  
   2. Appointment of Judicial Sergeant  
   3. Appointment of Election Commissioner  
I. Executive Reports  
   1. Student Body President  
   2. President of the Senate  
   3. Judicial Sergeant  
   4. Clerk  
   5. Director of Services and Events  
   6. Director of Communications  
   7. Director of Organizational Relations  
   8. Chief of Staff  
J. Senator Project Reports  
   (Open to Senators)  
K. Delegate Reports  
L. Gallery Comments  
M. Closing Roll Call  
N. Adjournment

** Majority vote may change the limit, see SG Bylaws
O. Opening Roll Call       6:33 pm      21 present, 7 absent

P. Approval of the Agenda    Delegate Johnson, 2nd
   1. Speaker Cartier- Motion to amend the Agenda to include B.Res-99-003
      1. Judicial Sergeant Arnold- according to Robert’s Rules two bills that have the same
         purpose cannot be introduced to the Senate
      2. Vice President Miller- President Norfleet’s Budget Resolution was submitted first
         but amendments can be made
      3. Senator Vitale brought up the question of whether this rule applied just to moving
         money or if it was any bill
      4. Vice President Miller answered that it was not just about the movement of money,
         no two bills with the same purpose can be introduced
      5. Senator Bibeau asked if President Norfleet’s resolution passes, does that mean that
         Speaker Cartier’s is not even a possibility
      6. Vice President Miller reiterated that the motion to amend the resolution was still
         possible
      7. Senator Ennis asked if there was any formal process that could be taken up to
         discuss both bills at the same time in order to compare and debate
      8. Judicial Sergeant Arnold replied that there was not really such a process but that
         there would be debate over the current resolution and over the amendments if any
         were made
      9. Senator Agbor asked if there was a way that the Resolutions could be tabled so that
         further discussion could take place
     10. Several people countered that we were still in the middle of a motion so the idea to
         table was not currently available
     11. Speaker Cartier asked if he was not allowed to motion to add his resolution to the
         agenda
     12. Judicial Sergeant Arnold responded that the concept can still be discussed
     13. Senator Harrold then clarified with the question of whether the motion to amend
         was possible
     14. Vice President Miller reinforced that it was possible to amend the agenda
     15. Speaker Cartier made a motion to suspend the rules, 2nd, motion carries, B.Res-99-
         003 is added to the agenda
     16. Speaker Cartier motioned to add a guest speaker, Michelle Owens (from REC/IM)
         to the agenda, 2nd, motion carries

Q. Approval of the Minutes    Senator Ventura, 2nd

R. Guest Speakers
   1. Felicia Mitrovich
      1. Grant for Wellness proposal handed out
      2. Concept is for student organizations to have capabilities to help promote wellness
         among the student body through events
      3. Money would be granted to student organizations (after they apply) for wellness
         promoting events by the Wellness Center through Student Government
      1. Basically an extra avenue for student organizations to gain access to money
         for events
4. Senator Vitale asked for clarification that student organizations would be able to acquire money without going through Student Government
5. Ms. Mitrovich responded that yes but money is still coming from Student Government initially and they are technically partnering and trusting the Wellness Center to make grants appropriately
6. Senator Murray asked how much money the Student Government would be providing and would Student Government know how the money is being used
7. Ms. Mitrovich was unsure of the amount of money as this proposal was only in the very beginning stages and no the Student Government would not necessarily know specifics on how money was used
8. Vice President Miller backed up Ms. Mitrovich’s statement on Student Government not knowing specifics
9. Delegate Johnson asked if the events being put on by the student organizations would have to be health and wellness related
10. Ms. Mitrovich said that yes in order to receive funds the program would have to promote one of the eight dimensions of wellness
11. Delegate Johnson asked if after the student organizations received that grant money, if they could then come and ask Student Government for more money for the same event.
12. Vice President Miller responded with yes they could potentially then come and ask Student Government for more money and this really is just another avenue for promoting wellness events
13. Senator Arrington asked if there was any Student Government representation for this concept/proposal
14. Vice President Miller answered that Director Jones and himself were a part of this and were providing representation
15. Senator Murray asked if the Student Government logo would be able to go on advertising etc that would go into this idea so that Government would still be recognized
16. Both Vice President Miller and Ms. Mitrovich said that that was a possibility and could be arranged
17. Senator Schaffer asked what kind of marketing would be done to promote this
18. Ms. Mitrovich answered that there was a website in the making and advertising was already being planned

2. Michelle Owens
1. Associated with REC/IM, was approached by a member of Student Government about some unused funds that could possibly be put toward extending hours
2. Senator Vitale asked if the pool hours will be extended as well
3. Ms. Owens said that they would be included
4. Senator Schaffer asked if there were more students attending the REC this year over last year
5. Ms. Owens replied that she was not sure but that she could obtain those numbers
6. The REC is 30 years old and hoping to renovate but this money would be put exclusively toward extending the current hours for a seven (7) week period
7. Senator Kennard asked if this would create more jobs for students or if it would increase hours for current student workers
8. Ms. Owens responded that she hoped for a little bit of both but currently it would go toward giving more hours to current employees
9. Senator Bibeau asked for an estimate of the current amount of non-student members
10. Ms. Owens was again unsure but these numbers would not be difficult to get a hold of
11. Delegate Ramayanam asked if the additional hours would extend to the Lakehouse as well
12. Ms. Owens said that it would not be included
13. Senator Ball asked if this would extend to next year as well
14. Ms. Owens reiterated that it would only be for a seven week period in the Winter semester of 2013
15. Senator Vitale asked about the I.D. system and if there was ever a possibility of that being updated or if there would ever be a way that students could get in even when they did not have their I.D. on them
16. Ms. Owens said that there have been 3 proposals but it is a matter of not having room in the budget
17. Senator Murray asked if they had considering partnering with RHA again or other groups to make this happen
18. Ms. Owens said that because they had been approached by the Student Government and not the other way around that they had not really put in any effort to set up a collaboration with any other groups but it would be something to consider
19. Senator Floyd asked about the fact that outside sources were contributing and paying to use the REC and clarification on where that money was going and why we would provide more money if the outside sources and members were giving money as well
20. Ms. Owens said that that was a very good question and it was something that the Student Government or somebody should look into getting the answers to

S. Constituent’s Forum (Open to currently enrolled students: 1 hour/total)**
T. Special Order Speeches (Open to all people sitting w/Senate: 3 minute limit/person)

1. President Norfleet
   1. Reminder that as the semester comes to an end we are about halfway through this Senate Session and everyone should take a moment and reassess their goals as individuals and as collaborative body
   2. B.Res.-99-002 original intent was to sure up accounts but now the money will likely have to be put toward helping 24 Halle Library lab to remain in operation
      1. Overwhelming majority of students polled said that they wanted it and appreciated it
   3. Senator Murray asked what the total amount would be to cover costs
   4. President Norfleet answered $50,000
   5. Senator Kennard asked if then the resolution was now leaning most specifically toward helping out the library and whether the Contingency fund was more for savings
   6. President Norfleet said that yes the resolution was leaning closely toward helping the library and that the Contingency was leaning more toward a long term saving and most would come from Discretionary
   7. Senator Floyd asked if Student Government would be paying for the 24 Halle lab
   8. President Norfleet said no that we would just be helping out some
   9. Senator Mercan asked what the average number of Students using the lab on a weekly or a daily basis was
   10. President Norfleet said that some members of the Student Government were working with IT to get the accurate counts
11. Speaker Cartier brought up the fact that the Internal Affairs Committee received a similar resolution on Thursday but President Norfleet found out about the Library issue on Friday and that seemed a bit suspicious
12. President Norfleet countered with the fact that the only difference being that the money would go into the Contingency fund instead of the Discretionary fund
13. Judicial Sergeant Arnold said that it could be considered a friendly amendment rather than a substantive amendment
14. Senator Towns asked if it could be decided by the Senate where the money goes
15. Between President Norfleet, Judicial Sergeant Arnold and Director Walla it was argued a bit that technically the Senate granted the amount to the Discretionary fund so they had a say but that the Executive Board was the overall authority of the Discretionary fund
16. President Norfleet received an email shortly before the meeting that said that we still owed the money from Homecoming to Campus Life so the $4000 was no longer available to be moved. So, he officially took back his bill and it would not be up for voting or further discussion
17. Speaker Cartier motion to allow Special Order speech from Vice President Miller, 2nd

2. Vice President Miller
   1. Senate really needs to work on level of respect held for guest speakers and small talk needs to be kept to a minimum—very unprofessional
   2. Please let him know at least a week in advance for future guest speakers so that it can be determined how appropriate the guest is and how relevant
   3. Business attire is required and because an email was sent out previous to the meeting, ¼ absences will be noted for those not abiding
   4. Speaker Cartier made a motion to move the Business and Finance Revisions from Old Business to point 4 under New Business, 2nd
   5. Vice President Miller disagreed that that should be done
   6. Speaker Cartier asked to appeal the decision of the Chair to the Assembly, motion carries

U. Standing Committee Reports
   1. Internal Affairs
      1. Speaker Cartier
         1. Spoke a little bit about the Student government outing that was being organized by Senator Martin and that there was not a for sure day yet but that it would be announced soon
         2. IA discussed absences, senator test, etc.
         3. Special IA meeting was held Thursday to do the first readings for three resolutions
   2. Business & Finance
      1. Director Walla
         1. Committee granted $466.32 to the Harry Potter Book Club
         2. As well as $993.09 to Best Buddies for a dance they are holding
   3. Political Action (Combined with Student Relations Committee)
      1. Director Monea
         1. Day in Lansing
            1. Signup sheet sent around
2. Day will be in March but the exact date remains uncertain
3. Asking for hometown on signup sheet because presenting a geographically diverse group will be beneficial when speaking to legislators
4. Group going will lobby and meet with legislators about things like university funding and guns allowed to be carried on campus etc.
5. Emphasis that the university’s priorities are not always the same as the students’ priorities so suggestions and opinions are requested and welcomed

2. Inauguration day event may not happen because it is on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and there are many events going on around campus

4. Student Relations (Combined with Political Action Committee)
   1. Director Monea
      1. Currently in the middle of Club Halle
      2. Winterfest- 30 Student Organizations signed up already
      3. World AIDs week events going on and still more scheduled

V. Old Business
W. New Business
   (Each item of Business: 45 minute default**; amend restricted from 10-90)
      1. Vice President Miller explained that this resolution granted the Business and Finance Committee the ability to grant money allocations of over $1000 to Student Organizations for one B&F meeting due to the fact that the Senate Meeting that was to be held on the 18th is canceled
      2. Student Organizations will still have to appear before the Committee as they would before the Senate
      3. Senator Kennard made the motion to call to question, 2nd, opposed
         1. Hand vote 19:3 passes
      4. Director Walla asked if this meant that any time the Senate canceled a meeting that the Business and Finance Committee would acquire this privilege or if it just applied to the Committee meeting on December 11th
      5. Vice President Miller said that it would only apply to the meeting on December 11, 2012
      6. Director Walla asked if clarification could be made on “one committee meeting”
      7. Speaker Cartier asked if he could make a friendly amendment to the resolution by adding “2012” to the date so that it could not be interpreted as every meeting on December 11th for years to come the B&F could be granted this privilege
      8. Senator Floyd made a motion to provide unanimous consent, 2nd, carries
   2. B.Res-99-002
      1. President Norfleet re-explained that he had received the email that the Homecoming money was owed to Campus Life. So he asked the Chair if he could formally withdraw B.Res.-99-002
      2. Vice President Miller accepted the withdrawal
   3. B.Res-99-003
      1. Speaker Cartier asked to amend the resolution by removing the word “homecoming” and replacing them with “Discretionary Fund” so that the $4000 from unspent homecoming initially proposed would come from the Discretionary Fund
      2. President Norfleet spoke out that he cannot support bill that will further indebt the Student Government
      3. Senator Harrold asked if the Senate had any say in the Discretionary Fund or if it was just at the will of the Executive Board
4. President Norfleet said that it was up to the Executive Board but that funds were not being spent frivolously.

5. Senator Schaffer brought up concerns about outside vendors supporting REC, and getting copies of budget/receipts before giving them more money. Wellness is a great promotion but education needs to be first and foremost.

6. Senator Martin asked if a motion could be made to take a 5 minute recess.

7. Vice President Miller reminded the Senate that it would be possible to table the resolution before decisions are made.

8. Senator Ventura brought up knowledge that REC used to run on a $200,000 budget but now they only have $150,000 so they are running on $50,000 less than previous years.

9. Senator Vanleer asked the question of why Senate was still discussing this if the money is not there.

10. Senator Kennard asked for clarification on the Discretionary Fund.

11. Director Wall brought up a point of order that the Senate allocated the amount for the Discretionary Fund, so in theory they could decrease the allocation.

12. Director Walla stated that the current balance of the Discretionary Fund is $13,539.10 and went through a rough break down of where the money was spent.

13. Senator Harrold vocalized his support for Speaker Cartier’s resolution.

14. Senator Hill made a motion to table until the next meeting.

15. Speaker Cartier speaks out that his motion to amend the resolution is still what is being discussed and remakes the motion.

16. President Norfleet said that in order to create a new line item on the budget it would have to come from the President or the Director of Business and Finance.

17. Director Walla also added that it could come from a Senator and that saying “thus adding a new line to budget” would be okay to add.

18. Director Rodriguez asked what the plans are for the Discretionary Fund.

19. President Norfleet answered that the funds were being used for ad stands, senator projects etc. He added that the Discretionary Fund is to help internal affairs and that should be considered when possibly funding something that is external.

20. Vice President Miller provided a reminder that there are many costly upcoming events and more senator projects.

21. Senator Hill point of order that the motion to table came up, 2nd, opposed, handvote- 5:16 fails.

22. Senator Martin also reminded that there was a motion to recess, 2nd, opposed, handvote- 9:11 fails.

23. Senator Agbor asked what Director Walla’s advice was on the current resolution.

24. Director Walla clearly said he had no desire to give his opinion regarding the resolution either way.


26. Vice President Miller announces that Robert’s Rules says that in a case where the yes and no votes differ only by one vote the Chair gets to decide.

27. A senator made a motion to revote, 2nd, opposed:
   1. Not allowed because people were absent.
   2. More discussion, eventually decided that revote is allowable.
   3. 12:8:5 passes.

4. Senator Appointments:
   a. Jamil Khalid
      a. Spoke about himself but then stated that after witnessing the meeting that had progressed up until this point resulted in him deciding to turn down his opportunity to become a Senator this semester. He stated that he would like to come back next semester possibly.
b. Salia Beag
   a. Not present

5. S.Res-99-009 (Business and Finance Revisions)
   1. Director Walla
      1. Just making general clarifications and cleaning up definitions, nothing drastic
         1. Clarification on funding limit- amending to “per semester” rather than “per semester year”
         2. Amendment adding “Senate” to line 2
         3. Amending receipt policy (currently receipts due 10 days after event but it is just a sloppy process) to audit instead
         4. Define Business and Finance Committee
         5. Removing food requirement and allocation restrictions (allowing food from outside sources)
         6. Removing redundancy
   2. Senator Vitale asked if Director Walla was just making clarity
   3. Director Walla said yes
   4. Vote: 23:0:1 passes

   2. Speaker Cartier made a motion to recess, 2nd, opposed, handvote: fails
   3. Problem with Speaker Cartier’s resolution because the count was read before the revote happened, the revote is invalid and the Vice President gets to vote.
   4. Vice President Miller votes no on B.Res-99-003, fails
   5. Speaker Cartier motions to appeal decision of Chair to Assembly, 2nd, opposition
   6. Motion doesn’t carry

X. Executive Reports
   1. Student Body President
      1. Many meetings this week- a lot of them involving library and reserving 24 hour lab
      2. Went over some of Club Halle’s history
      3. Spoke about the evenings events, how disappointed he was in the Senate for their actions and disrespect, especially after previous talk about becoming a more cohesive body
      4. Speaker Cartier makes a motion to extend the meeting until completion, 2nd, opposed handvote- 13:7, carries
   2. President of the Senate
      1. Attended many of the same meetings as President Norfleet
      2. Continued off of President Norfleet’s talk to Senate about actions from the evening, disappointed and in shock that a Provisional Senator would withdraw because of the actions of the Senate members
      3. President Norfleet interjected that this all affects him at a very personal level
      4. Senate needs to figure out the focus on internal vs. external issues
      5. Senator Schaffer spoke a little about the Provisional Senator’s withdrawal
   3. Judicial Sergeant
      1. Worked on determining senator stipends and sent out an email to those that needed to adjust things in order to receive full amount
   4. Clerk
      1. Meetings- including senator stipends
      2. Working on obtaining common drive access
      3. Archiving and filing etc.
   5. Director of Services and Events
   6. Director of Communications
   7. Director of Organizational Relations
   8. Director of Diversity
9. Chief of Staff
   1. Some office cleaning
   2. Putting together Senator binders for new Senators
   3. Various office tasks

Y. Senator Project Reports  (Open to Senators)
   1. Senator Ventura
      1. Organizing a meeting to work with clubs and organizations to train them on how to
         properly fill out fund allocation requests
   2. Senator Murray
      1. Yoga event for Club Halle tomorrow evening (December 5)
   3. Senator Floyd
      1. AIDs awareness event went alright and the week of events is still going
   4. Senator Hill
      1. Music therapy event happened the night before (December 3) went fairly well, the
         turnout was just alright
   5. Senator Martin
      1. Will send out a survey on possible dates for the Student Government outing
   6. Senator Ennis
      1. Lots of miscommunication as far as Club Halle events are concerned
      2. Event next Sunday
      3. Collecting more information on how to improve for next Club Halle
   7. Senator Wolf
      1. Event was tonight, nobody showed up
   8. Speaker Cartier motions to reconsider B.Res.-99-003, 2nd, opposed
   9. President Norfleet said that the resolution is not going to pass because the Executive Board
      will most likely not pass
  10. Senator Martin talked about everyone needing to be more mature when deciding how to
      proceed with the resolution
  11. Senator Arrington brought up the point that the REC did not come to us, we went to them
      and we should not still be talking about this
  12. Senator Harrold point of information that ultimately it is still up to the Executive Board
      because the Senate knowingly allocated the money to the Discretionary Fund in full faith
      that the Executive Board would use it appropriately
  13. Senator Schaffer brought up the idea of tabling again
  14. Judicial Sergeant Arnold brought up that the second for Speaker Cartier’s motion had to
      come from someone who voted no initially- seeing none, motion fails

Z. Gallery Comments
   1. President Norfleet
      1. New Senators need to be sure and choose a committee
   2. Director Elmgren
      1. Everyone needs to please familiarize themselves with the by-laws and Robert’s Rules
         so that evenings like this do not come up again

AA. Closing Roll Call  21 present, 7 absent

BB. Adjournment  10:03 pm

** Majority vote may change the limit, see SG Bylaws **
A. Opening Roll Call  5:39pm  8 present, 0 absent
   1. Attendance:
      i.  Provisional Senator Raheem Young

B. Approval of the Minutes  None Attached

C. Approval of the Agenda  Motion was approved to include “Senator Absences” under New Business

D. Senator Projects
   1. Events & Programs Planning Workbook
      i.  Director of Communications Benjamin Elmgren
         1.  Vice President Miller spoke on Director Elmgren behalf (in a meeting) and explains the packet that will be implemented this semester. The packet is basically a guide to help the betterment of any program that any member of Student Government wishes to put on.
            a.  Senator Harrold asks for clarification seeing that his Senator Project is slated for next month, does he still need to fill the packet out seeing that there is a deadline on turning in the workbook.
               i.  Judicial Sergeant Arnold replies that it won’t affect the event but get the workbook filled out as soon as possible.

E. Director’s Report
   1.  Get Fit Challenge!
      a.  Speaker Cartier sent an email to the Senate explaining more about what the “Get Fit Challenge!” is. 5 people from the Senate are required to participate in the event.
      b.  Speaker Cartier spoke to Jeff Philips and was told that he has all kinds of prizes for the event.
   2.  Committee Projects
      a.  Speaker Cartier speaks potential ideas for a committee project.
      b.  Senator Harrold asked that does his involvement with Winter Fest can count as his committee project
         i.  Speaker Cartier says it will as long as it doesn’t have anything to do with his senator project.
      c.  Senator Bibeau asks for me clarification on what is a Committee Project and Speaker Cartier refers to the By-laws and reads from there.
      d.  Senator Harrold asks for an example of a Committee Project
         i.  Judicial Sergeant Arnold says that the Student Government outing at Big Bobs Lake House would have counted as a committee project as a collective effort of I.A.
      e.  Delegate Rodriguez feels that I.A shouldn’t have a Committee Project if we’re here to look into internal things within Student Government.
         i.  Senator Bibeau agrees and doesn’t understand why I.A has to have a Committee Project.
      f.  Delegate Rodriguez suggests that we merge with another committee and do an event together. Everyone agrees.
   3.  State of the Student Body
a. Speaker Cartier spoke briefly on this subject but there was some confusion on rather it was just E-board that supposed to attend or the entire Senator. Speaker Cartier will get more clarification this matter and follow up.

F. Old Business
   a. No old Business to report

G. New Business

1. Interview with Senators
   i. Judicial Sergeant Brad Arnold
      a. Judicial Sergeant Arnold sent emails out to everyone about wanting to interview them to get there thoughts on S.G. last semester and any progress as a Senator themselves. Senators have option to pick a Tuesday, on a committee meeting week to go for their interview before the deadline on March 19th. Senators who don’t meet the deadline will have a mandatory date picked for them.
         i. Senator Bibeau and Sentor Harrold is having theirs today. Senator Kennard is scheduled for the next committee meeting and awaiting to hear from others.

2. Report on Senator Tests
   1. Senators Schaffer, Baker, & Towns
      a. Speaker Cartier has sent emails to the Senators stated above about not completing their Senator Test. They were made aware that the tests had to be completed before the end of the fall semester. Speaker Cartier asks for the opinion of the Committee.
         i. Delegate Rodriguez feels that their voting right should be should suspended until there test are done.
         ii. Senator Bibeau feels that the Senator Test should be taken before a Provisional Senator is sworn in. But in this situation they should just resubmit a senator packet.
         iii. Senator Arrington agrees with both Senator Bibeau and Delegate Rodriguez.
         iv. Judicial Sergeant suggests putting them back as Provisional Senators. Can’t declare their seats because they have already been sworn in.
         v. Senator Harrold argues that everyone is on the same page and making them provisional senators again so should just go into voting procedure.
            1. Judicial Sergeant asked when were the emails sent and Speaker Cartier respond, before the end of the semester but hasn’t spoken to anyone face to face to due the break.
            2. Senator Bibeau is asking, is demoting them back to Provisional Senators the right way to go
               a. Speaker Cartier refers to the By-laws and reiterate that if any Senator that doesn’t complete the Senator test are up for Articles of Expulsion. But Speaker Cartier doesn’t want to go that route.
            3. Senator Bibeau suggest to implement a plan and suggest to give them to the end of next week.
            4. Senator Kennard suggest that to send them another email, remind them at the Senate meeting and must be done before the next committee meeting
               a. Committee agrees with a voting of 8-0-0
3. Senator Absences
   a. Clerk Barron has nothing to report
   b. Delegate Rodriguez says that Senator Martin Senator Project was cancelled and was absent at the last committee meeting.
   c. With that said, Speaker Cartier has removed Senator Martin out of I.A. into another committee along with some others being moved around as well. Speaker Cartier says that Senator Martin had something plan this past Saturday in the President’s box for a basketball game and even though she never received any emails back, seeing how it was short notice she should have still been there. President Norfleet received a called saying nobody was there. Overall it came to be embarrassing. Therefore, Senator Martin will receive no stipend.
   d. Senator Harrold asked what are the rules of engagement if a Senator doesn’t do there Senator Project
      i. Speaker Cartier says it depends on the situation but Articles of Expulsion are subject to happen because duties of the office were not upheld.
   e. Delegate Rodriguez make a motion to not Exploit her
      i. 1 opposed. Senator Arrington feels to send this to the Senate to see hear their opinion.
   f. Senator Bibeau makes a motion for Articles of Expulsions.
      i. 2 yes - 3 no’s – 2 sustains – Motion fails
   g. Speaker Cartier says Senator Martin will no longer be receiving a stipend and therefore will have 2 Senator Projects to do.
      i. Motion was approved that Senator will now have 2 Senator Projects to do.
   h. Senator Harrold argues that we set in stone that if a Senator does not do there Senator Project that they will receive no stipend and have two Senator Projects to do.
      i. Speaker Cartier doesn’t agree but will have a session to implement consequences of not doing a Senator Project and receiving no stipend

H. Open Discussion
   a. Senator Arrington feels that everyone should respect a person when their speaking and not talk out of turn and not call to order when it’s convenient.
      i. Judicial Sergeant does apologize for any discrepancies.

I. Adjournment 6:37pm 9 present, 0 absent
   a. Brianna Vanleer
GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD: My goal of the past month has been to improve tracking and enforcement of Senators progress, reach out and listen to student body concerns, and maintain positive and consistent communication with the Senate and Executive board.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Helped to administer and grade Senator Tests.
II. Compiled office hours, campus engagements and Senator projects.
III. Internal Affairs meetings on December 11th and January 8th.
IV. Worked in part to develop Student Government Events & Programs Planning Workbook.
V. Named Senators of the month for the fall term.
   a. September: Senator Kaity Hill
   b. October: Former Senator David Wolf
   c. November: Senator Kody Vitale
   d. December: Senator Kristen Floyd
VI. Met with student Katrina Solomon to discuss the Greek Life office.
   a. Developed a resolution pertaining to Greek Life.
VII. Reorganized Student Government Committees to reflect number of Senators.
VIII. Met with Jeff Phillips of the Rec/Im.
   a. Discussed the Get Fit Challenge.
IX. Drafting a Senator team for the Get Fit Challenge.
A meeting held in open session at 6:00pm, in room 344 of the Student Center

A. Opening Roll Call

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B. Guest Speaker
1. Director Elmgren
   1. Went over projects packet.

C. New Business

1. Selection of Vice Chair
   Senator Vitale nominated.
   Senator Vitale elected unanimously.

2. Day in Lansing update
   1. Will be Thursday, March 14th, from 7:15am to 4:00pm
   2. Need everyone to get five names

3. TurboVote
   1. Research student issues
   2. Can be personal stories, or broader policy
      Possible issues were bridge cards, mass transportation, funding for students, inter alia.

4. Winter Fest
   1. Starts Monday, January 14th
      Need help at 11:00am and 6:30pm with setup, both in ballroom
   2. Outdoor event Thursday, January 17th
      Need help at 11:00am with setup and monitoring.

D. Senator Projects
1. Senator Vitale
Spoke about presentation with Director Monea about student led civic engagement at the undergraduate research symposium.

E. Adjournment at 6:45pm
GOAL OF NEXT PERIOD: Drum up support for EMU’s Day in Lansing

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. EMU Day in Lansing
   a. Day is set for **Thursday, March 14th, 7:15am – 4:00pm**
   b. Feel free to invite friends, faculty, staff, or alumni.
   c. Everyone who wants to come will have to meet with me to go over expectations.
   d. I have been recruiting people to come, as well as helping to plan the event at committee meetings.

II. Inauguration Screening
   a. Several people have asked about having a screening of the inauguration, unfortunately (and ironically) we can’t do it due to it falling on MLK Day.
   b. However, it will be set to play on TVs around the Student Center, so if you are on campus for the events, you can still see it.

III. TurboVote
   a. I will be working with TurboVote over the next semester to try to raise the standard on student voting.
   b. I helped with a letter to university presents and op-ed to local newspapers.
   c. We are also working to get information on student issues.
   d. We are planning to launch a nationwide campaign involving social media, a website, and hopefully national media.
Minutes
January 8, 2013

A. Call to Order: 7:03pm

B. Roll Call
1. Director Alyssa Jones-Present
2. Director Ben Elmgren- Present
3. Director LaTreace Williams- Present
4. Speaker Cartier- Present
5. Vice Chair Kristen Floyd- Present
6. Senator Waleed Baker- Present
7. Senator Cedric Towns- Present
8. Senator Jaborius Ball- Absent
9. Senator Debra Ennis- Absent
10. Provisional Senator Darius Williams- Present
11. Jumanah Saadeh- Present

C. Director of Student Relations Update
1. Newly Appointed Director of Student Relations is Alyssa Jones
   a. Matt Gill was offered an internship at U of M and with tons of prior obligations;
      he decided to officially resign this semester. GOODLUCK MATT!
2. Director of Diversity position is currently open.

D. Director of Communications
1. Project Packet Presentation
   a. Please refer to the 12 page Events & Programs Planning Workbook located near
      Director Elmgren’s desk.
   b. This packet has 3 sections and it is an outline of your event that needs to be
      submitted at least 28 days prior to the event taking place (e.g. other organization
      collaborations, room reservations, equipment, catering, etc.).
   c. For the budget and finance section, an approximate budget is required.
   d. Please refer to Director Elmgren for the promotion and advertisement section.
   e. The validation section is toward the end of the packet, so the appropriate signatures
      are required for the process of approval.
   f. This is to help centralize various activities and events put on by Student
      Government.

E. Speaker of the Senate
1. Resolution 99-*** Authored by Katrina Solomon and supported by Speaker Cartier
   [PRE READ]
   a. A resolution to have the name of Greek Life changed to accurately depict who they
      represent. Please refer to Resolution 99-*** for further details.
   b. Students from 2 organizations (1 being Zeta Sigma Chi Multi-cultural Sorority)
      brought this matter to the Speaker.
   c. Students from these organizations will be at the Senate meeting on January 15, 2013
      to further discuss their perspective regarding this resolution.

   F. Real Talk
   1. Body Image w/ Jess Klein
      a. January 23, 2013 in the KIVA room @5:30pm.

   G. Time Talk
   1. Finances article
      a. Speaker and time are both tentative
      b. President Norfleet set this up, so he will provide further details.

   H. WinterFest
   1. Please come and support and/or lobby table at these following times:
      *January 14, 2013, Monday 11am-1pm & 6:30pm
      *January 17, 2013, Thursday 11am (assist with ice skating)
      These times can be used as office hours.
   2. Formal Dance on Monday, January 14, 2013 in the Student Center Ballroom @8pm.

   I. Down with Cupid
   1. February 11, 2013 in the Student Center Ballroom from 8-10pm.
      a. Set-up begins @6:30pm, so we need volunteers
      b. Senator Towns is taking this event over as a Senator Project.
      c. We may use the DJ that Campus Life referred us to. Senator Towns suggested DJ
         Bj.
      d. Speed Dating is suggested before or after the dance, so we may need to reserve the
         saloon.

   J. I Heart Female Orgasm
   1. March 11, 2013 [Time: TBA (7pm or 8pm)]
      a. Director Williams gave Senator Floyd a contract and will provide another contract
         for Director Jones.
      b. Director Williams is working with Jess Klein and Vice President Miller for this event
         as well as the budget.
      c. The speakers for this event will have a meet and greet. They will have lunch and a
         mini tour needs to be provided. Director Williams suggested Senator Floyd due to
her Office of Admissions experience. Senator Floyd will follow up with Director Williams.

d. Senator Floyd is going to ask Speaker Cartier if this could be a senator project.

K. Senator Projects
   1. I Heart Female Orgasm- Senator Floyd (potential)
   2. Down with Cupid- Senator Towns
   3. Mock Awards- Senator Floyd (potential)

L. Next Meeting
   a. 1/22/2013 at 7:00PM in room 310A in the Student Center

M. Adjournment: 7:54pm
GENERAL HOURS:
MON 5:30PM-7:30PM
TUES 3:30-5:30PM
THUR. 5:30PM-7:30PM
FRI 3:30-5:30PM

GOAL: My focus has been on adjusting to the position of Director of Student Relations and reviewing what the focus of the position is. I have also been preparing multiple upcoming events.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:
I. Real Talk
   a. I have been corresponding with multiple faculty members seeking to establish a definite facilitator for the event, as there have been two facilitators back out for the January event.
   b. Submitted a flier request form to Director Elmgren
   c. The event will be in the KIVA room on January 23rd at 5:30 PM and will focus on body image in the media.

II. Times Talk
   a. Corresponded with Dr. John Psarouthakis who will be facilitating Times Talk on an issue related to economics.
      i. February 18th

III. Get Fit Challenge
   a. Divided executive board into two teams for the challenge
   b. Jeff Phillips and I have been corresponding on the details for the challenge and have finalized everything Student Government needed for the start of the challenge on January 21st

IV. Misc
   a. Met with Matthew Gill and reviewed the goals and expectations of Student Relations.
A Resolution To: Prohibit Monetary Allocations or Funding of Organizations or Activities That Violate University Nondiscrimination Policy.

The Student Body of Eastern Michigan University Enacts:

WHEREAS, the University policy prohibits “discrimination against any person because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation,

WHEREAS, University policy continues that, “the University shall work for the elimination of improper discrimination in the areas listed above in organizations recognized by the University and from non-University sources where students and employees of the University are involved,”

WHEREAS, Student Government bylaws, Section II § 4B enumerate prohibitions against allocations which violate University nondiscrimination policies as well as additional prohibitions,

NOTING WITH CONCERN, that the University recognizes some organizations that violate this policy by imposing discriminatory membership, leadership, or participation requirements,

NOTING FURTHER, that Student Government has not universally enforced this policy by enacting resolutions that allocate funds to organizations and for activities that violate the letter and spirit of these nondiscrimination policies,

BE IT RESOLVED, Section II § 4, of the Student Government Bylaws shall be amended:

E. **Compliance with Nondiscrimination Policies.** Eastern Michigan University Student Government may not allocate funding of any kind to organizations whose constitutions or bylaws violate the nondiscrimination principles as enumerated in Student Government policy or superseding policies of the University. Further, Student Government may not allocate funding of any kind for an activity or event in which participation is restricted in a similar manner. This policy shall be interpreted to include, but not be limited to, discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation.

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE:
COMMITTEE ACTION:
VOTE REQUIRED:

SENATE VOTE TOTALS:
___ PASS
___ FAIL
___ SILENT CONSENT
___ AUTHORIZE ___ VETO
WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Meet with Deans of the Colleges
   a. Update them on Student Government elections
   b. Discuss college representatives on SAAC

II. Staff Evaluations
    a. Conduct the evaluations of Executive Board members

III. Huron Logo Discussion
     a. Met w/ various administrators and faculty members to discuss the EMU’s former logo

IV. Met w/ Mike Mooney, New York Times Representative
    a. Discussed readership program on campus
    b. Discussed bringing a NYT writer to EMU

V. SAAC
   a. Create Membership Application
   b. Revise mission statement
   c. Attend retreat

VI. Bylaws, Constitution, Election Ordinances
    a. Make revisions and update governing documents

VII. WinterFest
     a. Write an all campus email to be sent out
     b. Discuss food options
     c. Discuss events throughout the week

VIII. University Budgeting Committee
      a. Consider simplifying student fees
      b. Discuss a motion to implement AATA Bus Pass
      c. Discuss Differential Graduate Tuition
      d. Discuss Student Organization Fee

IX. I <3 Female Orgasm
    a. Figure out funding
    b. Discuss layout of room

X. Events Planning Workbook
   a. Assist crafting it
WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Archiving
   a. Edited all resolutions and Senate packets from 2012
   b. Should be up to date with all documents being archived on the Library site
   c. Planning to talk with Director Elmgren to reconfigure part of Student Government website to possible link straight to archive website

II. Meetings
   a. Attended Executive Board (typed up minutes) and Internal Affairs meetings

III. Miscellaneous
     a. Redid “In/Out” board for outside office
     b. Common Drive organization
GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD: My goal for the previous two weeks was to essentially reformat the procedure in which senators and directors request room reservation for an event/senator projects. Continuing to make sure that our office has rooms booked for the upcoming fall and winter semesters in a timely and efficient manner.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED

I. Room Reservation
   a. Booked rooms

II. Kiosk Booking/Display Stands
   a. Booked the kiosk for a few organizations on campus for the fall semester/ received to customer requests from GA and Academic advisors for the usage of the display stand the application for the display stands are now available.

III. Copy Codes
   a. Created copy codes for 4 student organizations, copy code applications are available in the SG office, senator and executive board copy codes are available if you need your copy code please see me during your office hours or send me an email.

IV. I Heart Female O
   a. Set-up a meeting with Jess Klein for Monday at 10am to discuss the event on tentative date (March 11th at 8pm in Grand Ballroom AB).

V. MLK Committee
   a. Sit on the general MLK committee and a part of the H2E and MLK Luncheon committee.
EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BENJAMIN P. ELMGREN
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
DECEMBER 1, 2012 TO JANUARY 11, 2013

PERIOD GOALS:
I. Centralize intradepartmental communication practices regarding event planning and programming initiatives.
II. Build web audience through continued social media integration.
III. Promote Student Government-sponsored events.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:
I. Meetings & Scheduling
   a. Sat on Academic IT Advisory Council board meeting; discussed university-wide strategic planning initiatives & represented student perspective on IT refresh programs.
   b. Contributed to meeting with University administration and community stakeholders regarding the use of the “Huron” logo on official documents and materials.
   c. Met with other members of the executive board regarding development of the “Events & Programming Planning Workbook.”
   d. Discussed speaking engagement opportunity for the winter term with sale representative from the New York Times.
   e. Discussed the Restroom Facilities Access Campaign at the EMU Queer Summit with LGBT campus and community stakeholders; developed a strategic plan for advancing trans access to restroom facilities.

II. Publications
   a. Completed print projects including:
      i. State of the Student Body address
      ii. Student Government recruitment posters
      iii. I.M.A.G.E. – Eric Thomas speaking event
   b. Media relations & press releases or inquiries
      i. World AIDS Week event(s)
      ii. Restroom Facilities Access Campaign (in progress)
      iii. Death of student, Julia Niswender
   c. Special projects
      i. Creation of “Events & Programming Planning Workbook”
      ii. Authored resolution to extend non-discrimination policy to the monetary allocation process; discussed with Internal Affairs Committee.

III. Social Media
   a. Completed regular updates to Facebook & Twitter accounts.
   b. Monitored & analyzed social media traffic.
   c. Created Facebook paid advertising campaign for available positions.

IV. Events
   a. World AIDS Week
   b. Club Halle
GOAL FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD: For the past couple weeks I wanted to keep the office tidy and make sure that Ad stands were up to date.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Office
   a. Cleaned and rearranged office, cleared desks, wiped cabinets, vacuumed.

II. Thanks You Letters
   a. I helped President Norfleet with Thank You letters that needed to be sent to the Board of Trustees.

III. Ad Stand
   a. Updated Ad stands with the “Student Government Wants You” posters.
   b. Reported to President Norfleet stands that were damaged.

IV. Committee Reports
   a. Penalty for not submitting reports to myself and clerk Barron on the Thursday following the meeting, will result in counted absences for all those in that committee.
   b. Committee chairs please communicate this to co-chairs.