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Eastern Michigan University
Senate Meeting
November 8, 2011
Agenda

A meeting held in open session at 6:30 p.m., room 310A Student Center

A. Opening Roll Call
B. Approval of the Agenda
C. Approval of the Minutes
D. Guest Speakers
   1. Dr. Chris Foreman, Director, General Education Program
E. Constituent's Forum  (Open to currently enrolled students: 1 hour/total)**
F. Special Order Speeches  (Open to all people sitting w/ Senate: 3 minute limit/person)
G. Standing Committee Reports
   1. Business & Finance
   2. Student Relations
   3. Political Action
H. Old Business
   1. B. Res 98-007
I. New Business  (Each item of Business: 45 minute default**; amend restricted from 10-90)
   1. Legislative Second Reads
      1. S. Res 98-008
   2. Senator Appointments
      1. Ashley Rice
J. 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 Organizational Relations
   7. Chief of Staff
K. Senator Project Reports  (Open to Senators)
L. Delegate Reports
M. Gallery Comments
N. Open Discussion
O. Closing Roll Call
P. Adjournment

** Majority vote may change the limit, see SG Bylaws
A meeting held in open session at 6:30 p.m., room 310A Student Center

A. Opening Roll Call
25 present, 4 absent, at 18:52 (6:52pm)

B. Approval of the Agenda
New Business was amended to remove item I 3. S. Res. 98-005

C. Approval of the Minutes

D. Guest Speakers

E. Constituent's Forum (Open to currently enrolled students: 1 hour/total)**

F. Special Order Speeches (Open to all people sitting w/ Senate: 3 minute limit/person)
Judicial Sergeant Monea spoke about an error made last meeting. The Club Sports Delegate repeal resolution actually passed. The problem was that I counted abstentions as no votes, even though I should have simply removed them from the vote count.

G. Standing Committee Reports Finished at 19:00 (7:00pm)
1. Internal Affairs
   Speaker Scott spoke on how senators are failing to come to him about senator projects and campus engagements. Also devised protocol for failure to complete senator hours.
2. Business & Finance
   Director Adams spoke about how she will give a budget at the next meeting for Student Government. Wants to talk with the Executive Board and the Senate about allocation requests so that everyone knows how the process works.
3. Student Relations
4. Political Action
   Rock the Vote started. Planned march was rained out, but Sen. Yanagi saved the day by putting together a band as entertainment at the last minute. Still needs a lot of volunteers to staff tables.

H. Old Business

I. New Business (Each item of Business: 45 minute default**; amend restricted from 10-90)
1. Legislative Second Reads
   1. S. Res 98-004 (Delegate Requirements), passed by unanimous consent
   2. S. Res 98-007 (Condemn Parking)
      1. perhaps meeting with Mike Hagues before passing this, slightly premature
         1. point of information- Pres and VP did discuss this with Mr. Hagues before school was in session
      2. more senator involvement then, instead of just Pres and VP, passing this should be last step, administration may look at this and wonder why no students approached them
   2. perhaps include having 24 hour gates
   3. resolution isn’t preemptive, let administration know how students feel, students should be involved in parking committee
   4. motion made to amend ‘DISAPPOINTED, by the $25 per semester rise in the student hang tag price without fully illuminating the consequences of the rise’ to ‘…illuminating the reasons for the rise’
      1. motion to approve by unanimous consent, so moved, motion passed
5. motion made to amend resolution by striking 7th line of resolution: ‘DEPLORING, the further exaggeration of the troubles students face finding a place to park’
   1. 6:16:1 motion to strike fails
   6. resolution passes 21:2:0
3. S.Res. 98-005 (Transportation Services)
   1. agenda amended, resolution postponed until next senate meeting
2. Allocations
   1. B.Res. 98-005 (Women’s Club Water Polo)
      1. 24:0:0, allocation approved
   2. B.Res. 98-006 (Native American Student Organization)
      1. 23:0:0, allocation approved
   3. B.Res. 98-007 (Women’s Club Soccer)
      1. representative had to leave
      2. motion to table, seconded, but objected
      1. hand vote to see if motion passes: 10:8:2, motion carries, allocation is tabled
   4. B.Res. 98-008 (Muslim Student Association)
      1. 19:0:1, allocation approved
3. Nominations for Constitutional Convention (Executive Order 98-003)
   1. Speaker Scott nominated Senator Kennedy, nomination accepted
   2. Senator Kennedy nominated Senator Todd, nomination accepted
   3. Senator Kennedy nominated Senator Melvon Williams, nomination accepted
   4. nomination process open until next Friday, 11/4/11
   5. all members will be able to participate, but nominated members will possess votes

J. Executive Reports
1. Student Body President
   1. when sign up to help with any program, please follow through with that. We’re all busy, programs and events need the help.
2. President of the Senate
   1. will be hearing about LBC credits in preparation for upcoming speaker
   2. talk to Jaimar and Jeff about senator projects! If you don’t know what you’re doing, seek us out to be more involved. If you do know what you’re doing, then seek us out to let us know what you’re doing.
3. Judicial Sergeant
   1. didn’t submit report by deadline, won’t be talking.
4. Clerk
   1. cleaning up Common Drive!
5. Director of Services and Events
   1. out sick
6. Director of Communications
   1. all members added to website.
7. Director of Organizational Relations
   1. not present
8. Director of Diversity
   1. issues with getting report into packet, will send out report tonight to senate in compatible file
   2. Safe training this Friday, 10/28/11, 2-5pm.
   3. Canned goods for Native American Fall Festival, through Food Gatherers (for same festival that came up in Senate earlier)
9. Chief of Staff
K. Senator Project Reports (Open to Senators)

1. Senator Rutkoske working on human trafficking event with Women’s Center, but that’s not until next semester, so planning on discussing food options with Student Center, if students need any accommodations- Kosher, etc.
2. Senator Yanagi completed project already, got a band together for DoPA for Rock the Vote, working on getting kiosks put in around campus
3. Senator Floyd putting on a food drive for neighborhood senior services on Nov. 2nd
4. Senator Vanleer planning on working with Senator Arrington next semester to get 3 sister schools in Ypsi look into Eastern, for this semester, looking for students who did good deeds, would be nominated and rewarded
5. Senator Bailey and Senator Sumpter will be setting up finance workshop, want to work with CMA, Director Adams, VISION to get orgs together, explain how to get funded and have fundraising ideas
6. Speaker Scott wants to have an event called “Why are you not voting?” joint program with ModelUN
7. Senator D. Miller wants to do 3-on-3 basketball tournament to raise money for Club Halle
8. Senator Varma working on getting Eastern to be first university to have cigarette butt recycling, also trying to get community garden to be closer to campus, working on making campus more sustainable
9. Senator Xu wants to help international students to get another visa, if want to study abroad

L. Gallery Comments
M. Open Discussion
N. Closing Roll Call
O. Adjournment

1. 20 present, 8 absent, P.S. Rice absent, adjourned at 10:00

*at 9:30pm, motion to extend meeting 10 minutes, motion seconded and passed.

**Majority vote may change the limit, see SG Bylaws
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
Ashley Adams
Director of Business & Finance
WEEK OF November 4, 2011

06 DAYS
Monday: 5:00-11:00
Tuesday 2:30-5:30 / 12:00am
Thursday 2:30-8:00pm
Monday 8:30-11:00
Tuesday 2:30-6:30pm-9:30-11:00
Thursday 2:30-7:15

GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD: Get the allocation ready for review of the senate and update the budget.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:
I. Allocation Requests
   a. PRSSA
      i. They are having an event that helps students improve their resumes and interviewing skills. They will be having a guest speaker and some experts to help.
   2. Interdepartmental transfer completed
      All of the previous allocation request money have been added to their account

3. Budget Updates
   See Senate packet
4. B&F meeting
05 DAYS
TUES. 11:15AM-1:45PM, 3:30PM-5:30PM
WED. 5:00PM-8:30PM
THURS. 10:00AM-1:45PM, 3:30PM-5:50PM
TUES. 9:30AM-11:30PM, 3:45PM-7:00PM
WED. 4:30PM- 9:00PM
THURS. 10:00PM-1:45PM, 6:30-7:30PM

GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD:
My goal is to focus on Club Halle. Also, start planning for any Senator projects that might need help.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:
I. Times Talk
   a. November 17th at 5:30pm and one November 21st at 5:30. The line-up is in the common drive.

II. Club Halle
   a. Club Halle hours are approved. Kickoff is on December 8th at 10pm.
   b. DPS, the Academic Project Center and Holman Success Center are on board to extend hours and provide help.
   c. Food at the event will be the continental breakfast. This includes juice, coffee, water, bagels and cream cheese, muffins and coffee cake.

III. 3 on 3 basketball tournament
   a. The date for this event is December 3rd at the Rec IM. Senator Desmond Miller will be the primary contact. The event will take place from 5-8pm.

IV. Club Halle Committee
   a. I have sent out an email about a Club Halle committee. Please email me if interested in participating.
DAYS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD: Lead Rock the vote kick-off and two week voter registration. Host political advocacy training day. Go to Lansing for advocacy day. Start planning for upcoming events.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:
I. Was able to register 100 students total at kick-off with combined efforts of volunteers.
   - Senator Yanigni performed at show
II. Had a very informative Advocacy training day to prepare senators for Lansing day.
III. Traveled to Lansing Thursday the 27th to advocate with Representatives for Eastern and issues pertaining to the student body.
   - Was accompanied by 8 senators
IV. Complied details to Crisitna about “Fireside Politics”
V. Met with Leigh Greden to de-brief Lansing day
   - Went over what went wrong and what to fix next time
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
THE NINETY-EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE
FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-98-008

AUTHORED BY Senator Kennedy
SUPPORTED BY Senator Rutkoske, Senator Todd,
Senator Briggs, Senator Williams

A RESOLUTION TO: SEPARATE THE AMOUNT OF SENATE SEATS FROM DELEGATE SEATS

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:
WHEREAS, every delegate seat added results in a senate seat lost,

NOTING, by allowing the number of delegates to be limited to 8, it helps prevent us from going back to a system with a House of Representatives,

ITERATING, there were always 30 Senate seats, this legislation simply separates them from delegate seats,

BE IT RESOLVED, Article III, clause 2 of the Constitution shall be amended to:

Senate Composition. The Student Senate shall contain 30 seats. All Senators shall be elected at-large from the Student Body during the General Election. Seven (7) of the Senate shall be reserved for delegates. In addition to the 30 senate seats, there are seven (7) delegates from each of the following organizations: the Residence Hall Association, the Commuter Student Association, the Graduate Student Association, the International Student Association, and the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps or military veteran, the Coalition of Club Sports and the Disabilities Resource Center. The number of delegates is limited to eight (8).

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE:
COMMITTEE ACTION:
VOTE REQUIRED:

SENATE VOTE TOTALS:
____ PASS
____ FAIL
____ SILENT CONSENT

___ AUTHORIZE  ___ VETO

______________________________    ______________________________
CLERK OF THE SENATE     STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD: My goal for the past two week has been to move the Student Government agenda forward and better serve the Student Body.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Meetings
   a. Luncheon with the Dean of Arts and Sciences
      i. I attended a luncheon with Dean Venner to honor students who had received scholarships related to their research at the Undergraduate Symposium. I am proud that Student Government has actively supported the Undergraduate Symposium. I look forward to the research this year along with our continued support for this nationally recognized program.
   b. Executive Board
      i. I chaired a session of the Executive Board. We spoke on a variety of matters facing Student Government
   c. Student Senate
      i. I attended a session of the Student Senate.
   d. Lynette Findley, Director of UACDC
      i. The Vice President and I met with Lynette Findley. We continued our biweekly dialogue on how to strengthen academic advising. The Vice President and I are actively testing ways to improve this experience for all students.
   e. Student Affairs Advisory Council
      i. First Session
         1. During this session of the Student Affairs Advisory Council meeting we discussed various issues. Graduate Student Representative Mallory Apel, former President of RHA is actively petitioning the Regents to become students for a day. This includes shadowing a member of the SAAC throughout their day. This includes attending classes and going to various meetings with SAAC members. I strongly support Mallory’s efforts and I hope all of the Regents will become an EMU student for a day.
   f. Regent Beth Fitzsimmons
I was able to meet with Regent Fitzsimmons. We discussed various issues of importance to the Student Body. This included
1. Academic Advising
2. Parking
3. Access to university list serve

Glenna Frank Miller, Director of Student Life and Student Government Advisor

i. The Vice President and I met with Glenna. We discussed various issues of importance to the Student Body. This included
1. Parking
2. Academic Advising
3. Access to university list serve

II. Appointments

i. University Judicial Board
1. I have appointed Michael Volkman to the University Judicial Board. His future plans are to study Student Affairs at the graduate level. Joining the Judicial Board a year ago is part of his development as a future guide to students. I wish him well.

III. Speeches

a. Commencement
i. I am preparing my address to the Winter Commencement.

IV. Events

i. EMU vs. Ball State
1. At the invitation of the University President, the Student Body Vice President and I were invited to watch the game in the President’s Box. Though EMU lost, I was proud to watch our team take it to Ball State.

ii. Mr. Greek Date Auction
1. Sen. Anna Lazarenko invited me to be a judge for Mr. Greek. In order to fully understand what I was getting myself into I went to the Mr. Greek Date Auction. Director Marr, along with other members of the EMU community were auctioned off for a good cause. I hope they treated their dates well and I applaud Sen. Lazarenko for such a well-organized event that is going to such a good cause.

iii. DSP Date Auction
1. Chief Smith, Directors Marr, Mbalan-Nkanga, along with former President Cosme and I amongst the participants of the DSP Date auction. I am grateful to Director Marr for inviting me to participate in this event.

V. Executive Order
a. None

VI. Legislation

a. Resolution 98-007, A resolution to condemn the university administrations 2011-2012 parking plan.
October 23 – Nov 3

GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD:
The goal this period was to complete the Provost Search and conduct SG Director Evaluations.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Director Evaluations
   a. Provided feedback on how to utilize individual strengths and areas with opportunities for improvement.

II. Safe Training Rescheduled
   a. SAFE will become a part of our mandatory winter summit. Director Mbala-Nkanga and I were disappointed by the lack of attendance.

III. Provost Search
   a. The search has concluded with the appointment of Dr. Kim Schatzel, effective January 3, 2012.

IV. Academic Affairs
   a. Met with Dr. Lynette Findley to discuss the upcoming changes in the advising process.
   b. Met with Dr. Chris Foreman to discuss the upcoming changes in the general education program.
THURS. 10-13:30

GOAL OF NEXT WEEK PERIOD: Working with the Constitutional Convention and rewriting the Senator Test. I also want to participate in the outreach tabling. Heretofore, I have not been involved in them.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

VII. Constitutional Revisions
   a. I went through the constitution and bylaws outlining things I would like to see added, clarified, or dropped. The main section I focused on was making rules of debate during Senate more orderly.
   b. I also the Election Ordinances. I did not notice much, but it is not my area of expertise.

VIII. Political Action Committee
   a. I was able to attend PAC, and many intriguing projects were brought up. I hope help with some of them, especially All Eyes on Us and the bringing of the Michigan State Senate committee hearing to Eastern.

IX. Internal Affairs Committee
   a. I am happy to see the creation of a more uniform standard of punishment for those who do not fulfill office hours. The process is now much less subjective.
EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
JUMANAH SAADEH
CLERK
WEEK OF October 24th – November 4th

04 DAYS
Friday, Oct. 28th 12:00-1:15
Monday, Oct. 31st 11:00-12:00
Tuesday, Nov. 1st 2:30-3:15, 5:00-7:30
Friday, Nov. 4th 11:30-1:30

GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD:
Continue to work on cleaning up and organizing the Common Drive, as well as keeping up with office paperwork.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:
I. Organization/ Clean-up
   a. Common Drive:
      i. The templates have been updated and organized into their respective folders (i.e. the resolution template is in the resolution folder, etc.)
      ii. I’m working on moving old files to the “Archives” folder.
      iii. I’ve updated the E-board and Committee folders with all of the new minutes, reports, etc.
      iv. The ‘Resolutions’ folder is updated, and the ‘Office’ folder is a work in progress.
   b. All hard copies of the Senate packet, reports, resolutions, etc. have been processed and filed.
   c. Soft copies of passed resolutions, funded allocations and minutes were sent to the Director of Communication.

II. Office Hours
   a. Continued to keep track of Senator office hours, reported to Internal Affairs.

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GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD:

Over the upcoming two weeks I will be focusing on taking everything that I have recorded from the programs that I have helped out with /ran and start organizing and putting the appropriate forms up on the common drive. I will also be at the aid of any Senator or Director who needs to book a room or help set up an event. I will also be connecting the DoOR to help set up Winter Solar and also be working with the DoSR on the Club Halle initiative, including the basketball fundraiser and working on a winter Fajita Fest type event.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I Office Regulars
   a) Reserved the Kiosk for Several Student Orgs
   b) Allocated Printing for Several Student Orgs

II Tying up lose end contracts
   c) Paying off Student government past due debts
      a. Pens
      b. New York Times
      c. Prodigy Promos (Tshirts)
My goal for these past few weeks were to begin setting up regular meetings with the Service Grant Award Committee in order to as a committee establish guidelines and an updated application for interested orgs. It was also to prepare funding allocation for the Senate meeting as the Business & Finance Committee. I am also still in the works of a collaboration project with Olivia, the Director of Diversity.

I. Service Award Grant Committee
   a. Currently editing guidelines of Service Grant Award allocation guidelines to include a formation of a Service Grant Review Committee to look over applications before they are brought to the actual Grant committee as well as other aspects of the guideline/application process.
   b. Also meeting next Friday (11/11) to further discuss formation of guidelines for Student Orgs.

II. Funding Allocations
   a. Have received online applications from orgs including: Mu Phi Epsilon, Institute of Management Accountants. Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), I.M.A.G.E, Alternative Breaks, United Nation Student Alliance, Women’s Lacrosse
   b. Student Orgs presented at 11/1 B&F Committee meeting included: PRSSA.
   c. This org not scheduled to meet before Student Senate.

III. Fundraising Brainstorm
   a. Collaboration project with Director of Diversity
b. Creating an official list of fundraising ideas/suggestions that Student Organizations can have easy access to because of the restrictions student orgs have in terms of what they can do on campus.
06 DAYS
12:00PM-5:00PM

GOAL OF TWO WEEK PERIOD: My absence last week made for some catching up to do. My goal during the past two weeks was to increase communication, and most recently—visibility, and to implement the programs I have been working on. In doing so I’ve been doing more out of office work.

WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED:

I. Office Management
   a. Cleanliness adjustments
   b. Organization

II. Senator & Executive Board
   a. Communicated with senators
   b. Senator office hours
   c. Senator campus engagements
   d. Outreach table
   e. General office need-basis

III. SOS Community Services
   a. Homeless Awareness Holiday Gift Drive
   b. Homeless Awareness week kick off Nov. 14th
   c. Month long gift drive
   d. Made & distributed flyer
   e. Collection will include personal care items and/or baby care items (i.e. diapers)

IV. Establishment
   a. Current office & senate planning team-building