

EGCC Student Government Association 2021-2022
Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Madam President Rizzo at 8:03pm EST/7:03pm CST/6:03pm MST/5:03pm PST.

Special Orders

Introduction, Approval, and Swearing in of new Vice President of the Youngstown Campus:
Wyntre Wasilewski

Attendance

Present: Rizzo, Singleterry, Criswell, Foster, Wasilewski, Bryant, Estes, Fears, Ferry, Johnson, Lyons, Shields, Stringham, White

Absent: Shemash

Quorum is: 8 Present Voting Majority is: 8

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on September 22, 2021 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Approve via voice vote.

Officer Reports

Criswell: no report

Foster: Met with Wanat and Sipes re: transcripts. Have successfully updated the transcript page on the EGCC page – currently in draft process, but should be live for Spring Semester. Asked about meeting with National Student Clearinghouse about creating tracking info; the NSC allows students to opt in to get text updates. Billing questions: transcript is \$10 from the EGCC office. PDF download is \$1.25. Strict rules about what Financial Aid can cover. Notification that we can update what is on the NSC page for transcripts.

Singleterry: SGA Instagram is up and running! Great way to get students interacting with us. Has a lot of ideas for things to share, but looking for input to share senators' lives, too. Senator bios will get posted throughout the semester.

Committee Reports

Old Business

1. **OER (open educational resources) printing is a good idea, but shipping is too expensive** (Criswell)

Lyons: no changes seen yet, perhaps the work is being done behind the scenes.

Committee is: Rizzo, White, Criswell, Lyons, Foster

Motion: Table

Made by: Lyons

Seconded: Foster

2. **Obtaining/utilizing Student IDs** (Shields)

Report from Student ID Committee regarding the meeting with administration on 10/12/2021.

Estes: Met with 3 admins to present proposal for student ID enhancements (ordering, aesthetics, etc). Gave us things to think about, like how the photos will be approved, and suggested to create a mock up of the submission form.

Shields: They liked the aesthetic ideas. The magnetic stripe part is incompatible with the current RFID chip. But overall, they were receptive to our ideas.

Rizzo: Seems that the mobile student IDs may be the most useful for the online community. There was some pushback about the physical IDs for the online community. Yes, they liked the ideas for the streamlined aesthetics for the physical IDs, but there are too many students right now, but digital (Apple Wallet, etc) may be the easiest way for now. Mock version for submission by Wednesday 10/20 to submit to admin.

Motion: Table

Made by: Shields

Seconded: Estes

3. **Peer-to-Peer Mentoring** (Johnson)

Twyford: Asako Kinase-Leggett (Online Activities Coordinator) has agreed to be the advisor for the EGCC Chapter of Active Minds. Trista Goss (COMPASS) will also assist as available. She will need to send a letter of intent to be advisor.

Rizzo: Working group reminder about checking out the Active Minds webinars and trainings

Criswell: Do we have some people already established on the committee?

Committee: Johnson, Bryant, Ferry, Stringham, Lyons, Criswell, Wasilewski, Shemash (possibly, double check)

Motion: Table

Made by: Lyons

Seconded: Johnson

4. **Use of Students' Preferred Names** (Shemash)

Twyford: Shemash will send old student ID to that working group

Rizzo: During Ohio trip, talked with VPs Wanat and Martin. Problem is not necessarily Canvas, but legal names have to match what information is provided to the college upon enrollment. Admins will be looking at legal requirements/parameters we have to work through.
Singleterry: Has requested information re: graduation and will be getting an example of the card that students fill out as they cross the stage, working group will examine it.

Committee: Shemash, Singleterry, Fears, Criswell (as available)

Motion: Table

Made by: Singleterry

Second: White

5. **Instructor Grading Periods** (Johnson)

Johnson: no report, but have noticed the evaluation at the end of course. Had instructor who waited 3-4 weeks to grade. How can we address this issue? How do we get instructors to adhere to policies/hold accountable?

Rizzo: Per meeting with Dr. Crooks, these evaluations are entirely anonymous, no way that they will affect your grade. Transparency is key. Students need to know how to communicate with Deans of the department.

Lyons: Does the Assessment Task Force handle student evaluations?

Twyford: *not sure, will find out from VP Birney.*

Side bar on social media tools for gaining student feedback

Rizzo: Students want to see other students on social media, we as SGA have ability to pass along the questions/concerns of students to administration.

Lyons: Can control the live feed subject on social media, that helps us be prepared and steer the conversation for the information we can provide/find out.

Singleterry: Instagram shouldn't just be the "fluffy" stuff, we need to cover the difficult parts, too.

Fears: That will grow our follower base, too.

Estes: Instagram provides a more casual option for students who aren't as comfortable emailing or contacting staff but they can still bring up issues that need to be brought up!

Ferry: Students have deadlines and so should instructors.

Rizzo: Transparency has to be on student and faculty side.

Shields: For Instagram, too: Perhaps asking if students are having issues with how their unions are supporting their members for higher education?

Estes: That's really useful with the union/higher education, because its very often spoken about on the Facebook page

Motion: Table

Made by: Johnson

Second: Fears

New Business

VP Wasilewski: create a diversity committee within the school

VP Criswell: will be working with VP Martin on an existing diversity committee for the college, but will work with VP Wasilewski to expand this effort. Currently waiting for VP Martin to get approval of charter documents for Black Student Union.

Wasilewski: would like to see an LGBTQ+ student group

Criswell: BSU will include some of that community, we also have a Gator Group for LGBTQ+ students. Wasilewski chose a great time to get involved because we're launching so many new things at EGCC this semester

Singleterry: if Gator Group isn't the right fit for your idea, we can work on the idea again within SGA

Wasilewski: how can we get the word out about the groups?

Criswell: these are new groups, so they are just getting started. Have been included in emails and on Canvas, also on the banner for the EGCC site.

Shields: And on Facebook!

Announcements

Motivational quote from Secretary Singleterry:

"If successful people and unsuccessful people have the same goals then the goal can not be what differentiates the winners from the losers.

Success is the product of daily habits, not once-in-a-lifetime transformations.

Every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become."

-Atomic Habits by James Clear

Nominates Senator Ferry for next meeting.

Closing Remarks from Advisors

Committee Assignments

Open House Dates (10/27, 11/17)

Make sure addresses on file are up to date; shirts are in, need to send packages with swag to members along with updated documents for your binders

Dates being considered for Parliamentary Refresher training with Dave Kelly.

- Replace regularly scheduled meeting?
- 1st or 3rd Wednesday?
- Friday or Saturday?
- Another weeknight?

Adjournment

At this time, I would entertain a motion to adjourn...

Motion: Lyons Seconded by: Foster

This meeting is adjourned at 9:22pm EST/8:22pm CST/7:22pm MST/6:22pm PST.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 27.