EGCC Student Government Association 2022-2023 Meeting Agenda Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Madam President McCloud at 8:07pm EST.

Attendance

- **Present:** McCloud, Domagala, Richards, De la Cruz, Fowler, Hulse, Morris, Whitaker, Zhao
- Absent: Sanders, Cooper, Hunter, Rodgers, Smith Quorum is: ____9_ Majority is: ____5__

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on June 9, 2022 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve: Whitaker *Minutes approved via voice.* Second: Morris, Hulse

Officer Reports

McCloud: No report Domagala: Student purchased book from the print shop and the book was missing pages, didn't get a timely response. The book will be reprinted and sent but she won't get reimbursed, no other remedies. Richards: No report Sanders: Absent

Committee Reports

No report.

Special Orders

- Swear in any members who were absent during first meeting. Swore in Senator Fowler.
- Approval of EGCC Student Government Association By-Laws and Constitution. (*Takes 2/3 vote to approve, use roll call vote*)

Motion to approve: Domagala Second: Morris Discussion:

- Point of Information: Whitaker - can there be amendments made later?

- Twyford: Yes

Aye: De La Cruz, Domagala, Fowler, Hulse, Morris, Richards, Whitaker, Zhao Nay: *None* Abstain: McCloud Absent: Cooper, Hunter, Rogers, Sanders, Smith

Old Business

1. HLC Concerns McCloud: Where can I find information on this topic? Twyford: **Can invite someone to give an update.**

2. Preferred Name/Name in Use Status Update

Hulse: Can we get an update on the process to see how to move forward or if it's still being tabled?

Twyford: We can reach out to SVP Martin or Wanat to get an update on this topic

3. OER Concerns (Shipping costs of PrintShop items, printed OERs for students needing accommodations, OpenStax vs. O'Reilly)

McCloud: Domagala and myself can reach out to find out the status updates here. SVP Roeschenthaler

4. Instructor Grading Periods and availability of "Chain of Command" for academic concern communications

McCloud: Former President Rizzo mentioned this project, need to get status update. SVP AA Dr. Crooks would be the best option for this.

Motion: Start inviting guests to discuss these topics Made by: Richards Seconded: Whitaker

Domagala: Can we invite the student who the text book issue happened to? Twyford: Yes, they can come in to speak during that section of the meeting.

New Business

McCloud: None

Whitaker: Point of Clarification – VP Domagala brought up topic of the printed OER. Did the lack of pages affect her studies?

Domagala: Student didn't specify which pages were missing, and it didn't affect her grade that we're aware of, but it was a frustrating situation.

McCloud: VP Domagala will invite student, President McCloud will invite SVP Roeschenthaler

Zhao: CIS instructor was not very communicative. Could have done better on the assignment if they'd had reached back out to him.

Also attended a library seminar. It was good, it was about finding library resources. There could be more of those and promote those events more.

McCloud: Will copy assignment and send as a message to the instructor to make sure she's doing it right. Extracurricular activities can be difficult to plan out for more engagement, but the broad age range of students and work responsibilities, etc, can make it difficult for scheduling. Domagala: For the library resources program, does everyone take the CIS106? Library resources are discussed.

Hulse: RE: extracurriculars – Is there a list of all extracurricular programs and groups people can get involved with? Would like to have more association with the school. McCloud: Off the top of my head: Active Minds, IT Club, PTK, Book Club Twyford: Check out the Activities and Student Groups & Organizations pages on the EGCC website; also look at TRIO Scholars. Student Ambassador program is another option.

Morris: Accommodations – has come across an issue with some instructors in some classes. Previously, one instructor wanted to make amendments to accommodations. I was CC'ed in the email, but wasn't asked if she was ok with the amendments. Didn't think it was right. Wants to make sure that accommodations are appropriate and meeting the needs of the students. Didn't know that instructors could ask to make amendments to accommodations. Not sure if all instructors are reading accommodations in their entirety, got locked out of a quiz. Grading issues with accommodations – assignment from 1st week hadn't been graded yet and this is the 3rd week. Email from instructor said she was going to unlock the quiz, but then said it was the only time she was going to do it because she thought accommodation was only for assignments. Accommodation was for quizzes, assignments, and discussions. Another instructor's course hasn't been updated and work is being considered late.

McCloud: This is happening to more than just you, and we need to bring it to old business. Suggests reaching out to the Dean to provide documentation.

Richards: Also has been happening recently to her. You get a verification letter from Student Services that you have to send to the instructors. Instructor refused to take the letter. There may have been some miscommunication/misunderstanding. There are definitely instructors who have issues with taking accommodations.

Whitaker: What about the Director of Accessibility?

Morris: Without grading and accommodations, the communication I was CC'ed on was between the instructor and Director of Accessibility.

Twyford: Suggests inviting Director of Accesibility to a meeting to discuss process, how SGA can help educate other students and how SGA can advocate to help support the Office of Accessibility.

Whitaker: Had to deal with delayed responses, emailed professor to see if assignment had fallen through the cracks, and had the assignment graded quickly. Unsure about Senator Morris's issue, could be going around ADA laws.

Announcements

Center for Teaching and Learning seeking student members. From SGA Senator Emeritus Margaret Lyons:

"The intention of the sub-committee is to develop a long-standing sub-committee that acts as a "voice to for the students" with regard to providing guidance to faculty in the area of training.

Right now, students can offer feedback to instructors and the college via course evaluations, but we'd love to have a more direct line between students and the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) so that we can design trainings for faculty that actually meet student needs. In other words, we don't want to simply assume what students need-- we want to make sure we are hearing those concerns directly from a student sub-committee."

Senator Whitaker is involved with this committee. Needs meeting information. Senator Zhao is interested in info.

President McCloud: some students wondered about the visibility of SGA. Would like to see members at more extracurricular programs. Here are some upcoming meetings/events:

- Wellness Wednesday
- Book Club: June 28
- Wellness Wednesday, June 29 4pm EST
- Pride Bracelet Night, June 30 8pm EST

Senator Morris: How are the Wellness Wednesdays going?

Closing Remarks from Advisors

Adjournment

Motion: Whitaker

Second: Hulse/Morris

So moved. This meeting is adjourned at 9:08pm EST.