

EGCC Student Government Association 2022-2023

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Madam President McCloud at 8:09pm EST.

Special Orders

None.

Attendance

- **Present:** Cooper, De La Cruz, Domagala, Fowler, Hulse, McCloud, Morris, Nickell, Richards, Rogers, Sanders, Whitaker, Zhao

- **Absent:** Hunter

Quorum is: 10 Majority is: 7

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on July 21, 2022 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve: Whitaker, Sanders

Second: Hulse

Minutes approved via voice.

Officer Reports

McCloud: Made another Instagram page for SGA, but will consolidate with pre-existing SGA account when given Instagram login information.

Domagala: Nothing to report.

Richards: Nothing to report.

Sanders: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Domagala: No updates from my committee.

McCloud: Social media committee – as said earlier we made a new IG account. Tik Tok was also brought up, as well as possibly making a Facebook profile for SGA so that the profile could join the EGCC Students and Friends Page.

Hulse: I did make a TikTok: EGCCGators. Will send out login information through email.

McCloud: Discussed a Meet the SGA event – will need to occur soon as August is nearly over. Also discussed the “Spooky Bracelets” event for October.

Richards: I believe that would be a good idea.

McCloud: What dates would be best?

Morris: I think the dates we were considering were the end of September, beginning of October for Meet the SGA.

McCloud: I would like to do the Spooky Bracelets before October

Domagala: Do we have a date for the Meet the SGA?

McCloud: Let's decide on a date by the next meeting. I was planning to hold a gift card drawing for attendees who attend the Meet the SGA event,

Cooper: The Meet the SGA event – is this like the New Gator Night?

McCloud: Yes. Just to make students aware and more comfortable with the SGA.

Cooper: Worried that students would come in to air their grievances, will need to keep it structured. Can tell students to email questions and concerns to us instead of discussing these things during the meeting.

McCloud: Yes. Students at New Gator Night interested in SGA were concerned with the state of the college, HLC, etc. Coffee Chat with Dr Crooks was popular in the past. We might want to do one through SGA with Dr Crooks.

Cooper: Perhaps we can table that until we have more definite answers.

McCloud: I appreciate that sentiment.

Zhao: This [creating content on TikTok, Instagram] would create an opportunity to get involved, but also is a lot of responsibility.

McCloud: Running the social media pages would be an optional commitment

Rogers: Is there something we could put on every week in the weekly "This Week at EGCC Email"

Cooper: That's an excellent idea.

McCloud: Not sure what we could put, but the Student Activities team may have an idea.

Twyford: Perhaps after the meeting, you [McCloud, Domagala, Richards] could all brainstorm 3 big topics from the meeting and make a blurb noting what the SGA is discussing.

Cooper: "Here's what we're working on for you"

McCloud: This would be a good plan, but voiced concerns that the students may not receive it well.

Cooper: Thinks that students will be very interested in hearing from us and what we are discussing.

McCloud: Will create an email/text group with all interested SGA members to discuss this further.

Richards: Typically, what is pricing for bracelets per student Re: Spooky Bracelet event.

Twyford: It varies, but shipping will also need to be taken into account. There is budget available for purchasing supplies and shipping. Goal would be approximately less than \$5 per bracelet for cost of materials (outside of shipping costs)

Old Business

1. HLC Concerns

Students who had interest in joining the committee for HLC Criteria 3 (Nickell, McCloud, Rogers, Richards, Hunter) have been passed along to Denise Gunsur.

McCloud: I was in meeting (Tuesday 8/23) and in attendance were Dr Crooks, faculty, and others. They voiced that they wanted more instructor and student interaction. Nickell and Richards also attended. From the HLC Criteria 3 meeting's minutes: Staff will have weekly meetings to discuss HLC progress.

Richards: Goal is to ensure that students are getting a quality educational experience – certificate is worth something.

Nickell: I have attended 2 of the Criterion 3 meetings. From my understanding, they are putting in writing the policies and procedures required by the HLC.

McCloud: Content was confusing and difficult to understand.

Nickell: At the first meeting I attended, they actually asked me specific questions about my experience, to get a student perspective.

McCloud: From what I saw in the meeting, I feel pretty confident about this criterion. Evidence is to be submitted to the Criterion 3 committee for the November review by HLC

Twyford: What must be submitted before next visit early next spring is a teach-out plan. This was required by HLC due to probationary status, but now DoE is also requiring one. It is a worst-case-scenario plan for if the college did have a closure. It would be working with other colleges to accept existing credits and then transition to a plan to complete your degree. HLC originally required a hypothetical plan. Now with the DoE, they are requiring us to have actual agreements in place with these other colleges.

McCloud: Are those articulation agreements?

Twyford: Yes.

McCloud: I did see that WVU (local to me) has an articulation agreement with EGCC currently.

McCloud: From sources I have seen, we have been violating Title IX regulations. I also want to discuss the Heightened Cash Monitoring.

Morris: Are the schools in the Teach Out Plan located in Ohio? Are they online?

Twyford: There were some in Ohio and some were out of state. I will find a list and send it to you all.

Motion: Table

Made by: Cooper

Seconded: Rogers

2. Preferred Name/Name in Use Status Update

McCloud: This has been resolved. Per SVP Karla Martin via email: IT has created the internal build for preferred name. Registration is still working out a few issues, but it is created and will be put in place soon.

Motion: Close

Made by: Richards

Seconded: Rogers

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

McCloud: Would members be open to tabling

Motion: Table
Made by: Morris
Seconded: Hulse

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

Dr. Crooks had been invited to attend the July 21 meeting that became a special meeting to discuss the Department of Education concerns. He will need to be reinvited if this topic is still on the table.

McCloud: We need to reinvite Dr Crooks. I can bring it up to him at the next Criterion 3 meeting.

Motion: Table
Made by: Domagala
Seconded: Richards

5. Accessibility/Accommodations

Director of Accessibility Dawn Gombar and Coordinator Alisha Alls had been invited to attend when this meeting was originally scheduled for August 18. They will need to be reinvited if this topic is still on the table.

McCloud: Do we want to reinvite them?

Hulse: Yes, as it is important and needs addressed.

McCloud: We will invite them before the next meeting. Ashlea Kennedy to send invite and see availability.

Motion: Table
Made by: Domagala
Seconded: Morris, Rogers

New Business

McCloud: Shared link to publicly available HLC letter. Also, at last meeting there were promises made by cabinet that we would be updated by the end of August and we have not heard anything back.

Cooper: Can we request a formal update?

Twyford: Yes. We will facilitate contact between SGA and Martin, Geoghegan, and cabinet.

McCloud: Last update was not very informative. Webpage has not been updated since the end of July.

Hulse: Can we invite Dr Crooks to our meeting instead of talking to him during the HLC Criterion meeting?

McCloud: Yes, I will invite Dr Crooks.

Cooper: There have been Facebook posts and students reaching out complaining about the Spring 2022 graduation re: lack of regalia, lack of organization, no medals, too many in attendance, ceremony too long. Can we discuss this at the next meeting?

McCloud: This is a good point. The person overseeing the last graduation left suddenly. We should discuss this.

Announcements

New meeting schedule:

- August 24
- September 7
- September 21
- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 16
- November 30
- December 14 (Finals Week)

McCloud: No announcements.

Asako Kinase-Leggett: Game show night tomorrow evening.

Closing Remarks from Advisors

Kinase-Leggett: EGCC 101 workshop is advising next Wednesday.

Kennedy: EGCC September Yard Sale needs volunteers.

Twyford: I know there is a lot happening right now between the start of the semester, HLC, DoE, and other things. In between meetings, it's easy to lose steam. Please read agendas and minutes so you can come to the meetings prepared and ready to go. Perhaps a separate meeting with Geoghegan separate from our SGA meeting would be best, so that the current SGA issues do not get overtaken by HLC, DoE, etc. Don't just rely on these meetings for your news. I will be returning from maternity leave in about 2 weeks. You guys are doing great. Last year's SGA team had a hard time at first, but as time went on they got more comfortable and got some great work done.

Sanders: It would be helpful to learn how to draft professional emails, engage and network. Are there any resources for this?

Kennedy: Will send out resources for professional email drafting, email signature lines, etc.

Adjournment

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

Motion: Rogers

Seconded by: Sanders

This meeting is adjourned at 9:17pm EST. ***Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 7 at 8pm EST.***