

EGCC Student Government Association 2022-2023

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President McCloud at 8:32pm EST.

Special Orders

Election of new Vice President for Online

Senator Cooper elected.

Attendance

Present: McCloud, Richards, Cooper, De la Cruz, Grimes, Hunter, Nickell, Ogle Evans, Ploesser, Rogers, Whitaker

Absent: Morris

Quorum is: __9__ Majority is: __7__

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on November 30, 2022 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve: Richards Second: Nickell

Motion approved via voice vote.

Officer Reports

McCloud: None

Richards: Will email later, did take screenshots of powerpoint

Cooper: None

Committee Reports

CTL: Whitaker – first meeting is next week

President McCloud still has not received invite for BOT meeting.

Old Business

1. HLC/DOE Concerns

Survey Committee created at 9/28/22 meeting: Richards, Cooper, Nickell, Hunter, Rogers

HLC Criteria 3 Members: Nickell, McCloud, Rogers, Richards, Hunter

AVP Brittani Gassner shared a presentation on changes with Academic Advising, will be forwarded to members when it is received.

AVP Gassner shared a presentation on advising, will be included.

Rogers: Criteria 3 met yesterday. Dr. Crooks wanted to know if everyone on the committee knew the college mission, values, etc. Suggests that everyone on the SGA be aware of those.

Motion: Table

Made by: De La Cruz

Seconded: Richards

Student Feedback Survey

Cooper: Where are we on the survey? We have discussed sending out a blurb to those who wanted responses, we were going to divide and conquer.

Nickell: Sent a spreadsheet with the responses, wants to divide these up.

Advisor Twyford will send out assignments

Motion: Table

Made by: Cooper

Seconded: Ogle

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

McCloud: I know we have to stay with the shipping company.

Cooper: I've seen a couple of grumbles on facebook, probably just because of the holidays. Maybe not a major concern, but saw a couple of issues with shipping.

McCloud: Close out topic, not a lot we can do at this point.

Nickell: One of the texts (O'Reilly maybe) can't be printed out and shipped.

Motion: Close

Made by: Rogers

Seconded: Nickell

3. SGA/PTK Collaboration (Cooper)

Senator Cooper facilitated a meeting with PTK Officers on Tuesday, December 6.

Cooper: Met with a number of the PTK leadership. We got a lot of pushback from the PTK officers. I think they misconstrued where we were coming from, instead of a place of assistance. They shut the door on that. Anytime we encounter someone with any questions about PTK, refer them to the PTK leadership. I put in the Discord a list of all of their emails. That is all that we do.

McCloud: We tried to offer help and they said they didn't want help. We can still collaborate with them in some ways, just not sure on what. I think it would be best to close this out.

Richards: It doesn't even seem like they want to collaborate, they just want to do their own thing.

Whitaker: They're their own entity, they're not really part of EGCC. EGCC has a chapter, so that's probably why they're taking the position they are.

Cooper: I don't think that's what it was, and they kind of stated otherwise. Even though they are their own entity, their chapter is made entirely of EGCC students. The SGA collaborating with TRIO, PTK, whatever, that's kind of what they do at other colleges. It was off-putting that they didn't want to collaborate with us, and made it very clear.

Whitaker: You have to have an invite, they run their own show. There are so many chapters involved, they're their own organization, just made up of chapters.

Rogers: I'm a member and I don't get invitations to meetings.

McCloud: I'm a member and honestly wish I wasn't, it'll look good on a resume but that's about it.

Whitaker: I know their scholarships take a lot of paperwork. I get emails every month with meeting dates and times.

McCloud: I went to a meeting and felt that it wasn't for me. VP Richards goes to meetings.

Richards: As for the invites, they send one email every once in a while and they send the meeting links. If you don't get invites, there might be one hidden in your email.

McCloud: It doesn't have anything special with it, it just has the dates and link.

Whitaker: It has about 20 dates going way into the future.

Rogers: Will go back to original invite.

Richards: If anyone needs the email with the weekly meetings, I can forward it.

Ogle: As our organization, would you recommend this organization to others if they want to look into it or not, from your experience?

McCloud: I would just give them Jeremy Taylor's email and send them to him. I've never really participated in it, I went to meetings and I didn't like it, I don't have time to do the PTK Edge things, I didn't get much from it and that's my own fault, but it's just not things I need or want.

Cooper: Everytime its mentioned on the Facebook page, there are multiple saying the \$100 fee is worth it, there's the scholarships and projects. Lots of people are raving about it. I think it's something to look into, but for me I don't think it is something I would do, except for my resume.

McCloud: The scholarships don't pertain to me. I would not spend \$100 on it, but it can be different for every person.

Whitaker: I agree with VP Cooper, its good for your resume. It's a resource for a lot of money, you get what you put into it. There's a lot to go through and can be useful up through your bachelors.

Rogers: I get emails all the time for scholarships for PTK.

Ploesser: I haven't, wasn't very welcoming. NSCS has been more valuable because at least it qualifies for higher GS levels for federal jobs. Since PTK isn't an ACHS honor society, it felt like a waste.

Richards: This is the Collegiate Scholars one, right? I felt like I got less from them than PTK. I wasn't attending much until we adjusted our schedules. It seems like some people get really close, I'm not part of that, just kind of there. It does seem like it does benefit some people.

Ploesser: NSCS certificate plus bachelor's degree qualifies for superior academic achievement ie GS 7 instead of GS 5. If you go the USA Jobs website, you can look up "superior academic achievement" and it'll allow you to start at a higher grade level. You have to be a part of an honor society that is part of ACHS. That's why I felt like I got more out of it than PTK.

Richards: did you get more active or you just signed up for it?

Ploesser: I've attending a couple of things, but I felt like I got my money's worth because I have gotten internships.

Motion: Close

Made by: Rogers

Seconded: Richards

New Business

None.

Gallery Remarks

SVP Martin: No remarks, you all handled yourself well, even in the meeting with PTK. I think you're doing the right things. I will try to make as many meetings as I can. I do want to wish you all continued success and continue to do great work. When you do see something wrong, in Cabinet today, we discussed that when SGA wants things changed, I should be present to help put that into writing to create the procedure/policy. Send me the information ahead of time so I can help champion those things.

McCloud: thanks for being here and we appreciate you!

Announcements

New meeting schedule:

- ~~January 11~~
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 15
- March 29
- April 12
- April 26 (*Winners of 2023-2024 SGA Elections Announced*)
- May 10
- June 2: Grad Fest – Steubenville Campus
- June 3: Commencement

Motivational Quote from Senator Whitaker:

The things you do for yourself are gone, when you are gone. But, the things you do for others remain as your legacy. - Kalu Ndukwe

Nominates Senator Hunter for next meeting's quote.

Closing Remarks from Advisors

- **New Gator Night – Thursday, January 12:** Welcome new students to EGCC and share info about the department, will include a student panel
- **Student Organization Meet & Greet – Thursday, January 19, 9pm:** Virtual student organization fair, each student group will host a break out room for students who are interested in learning more (*McCloud*)

Adjournment

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

Motion: Nickell Seconded by: Grimes

This meeting is adjourned at 9:22pm EST.