

EGCC Student Government Association 2022-2023

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cooper at 8:02pm EST.

Special Orders

None.

Attendance

Present: Richards, Cooper, De la Cruz, Drips, Grimes, Hunter, Nickell, Ogle Evans, Rogers, Whitaker, Wright

Absent: McCloud, York

Quorum is: 9 Majority is: 6

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on February 22, 2023 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve: De La Cruz

Second: Grimes

Motion approved via voice vote.

Officer Reports

McCloud: *Absent*

Richards: No report.

Cooper: No report.

Committee Reports

CTL: Hunter – Brian said he'd listen to concerns and take it back to board meetings. There is an opening if anyone would like to join the committee for the rest of the semester and next year, let Shereice know if you're interested.

Guests:

SVPs Christina Wanat & Robert Roeschenthaler to discuss Student Complaint/Concern Form

Roxanne Bohach, Director of Career Development to discuss Handshake

(Please review the Zoom recording of this meeting to see the presentations on the Student Complaint Form and Career Development)

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

Rogers: Had discussion with committee yesterday, they got a lot of feedback from students on the committee. It was brought up that financial aid dept has an avg response time of 7-10 days if you want to reach AVP Kurt Pawlak. Dr. Crooks didn't like that, and suggested inviting him to an SGA meeting.

Cooper: Love that suggestion.

Drips: Was disappointed with SVPs awareness with the current grievance process. If they don't get it, how can students get it? If students don't have a timeline for responses – not necessarily an acknowledgement or resolution – a 24hr acknowledgment might be reasonable. Students should be treated with respect by college employees. 7-10 days is not a reasonable or professional expectation. I'm hopeful that a system with more oversight will be helpful, but a system is only as good as the operators. If we have a better tool but the same people operate it, who knows.

Rogers: I think Crooks was going to look into that issue. I think we ought to invite AVP Pawlak to the meeting, I can reach out to make the arrangements if everyone agrees.

Hunter: I covered the financial aid issue with the student feedback survey. I CCed Kurt, and heard back from the FA department and said they'd follow up, but I haven't gotten that call.

Rogers: Benefit to students being on HLC committee, they have access to Dr. Crooks.

Drips: Unsure if related, but on Discord, Alli mentioned the possibility of communication to HLC – not the committee but the association.

Richards: I know I'm not the only student going through crap right now. Professors aren't responding and when they are, it's not helpful. Not taking accommodations could just be a misunderstanding but why don't they know the process? There are some instructors who you can tell do not care about the students. I sent one 4-5 messages, only to be told no to my accommodations. I know I'm not the only one with these issues, and I'm frustrated that this is my last semester and dealing with this.

Cooper: And you as an SGA member are in a privileged state because you can go to Abbie or someone higher up in the college. A regular student wouldn't know where to go.

Accommodations might be something that we bring back on the agenda. We might want to bring Dawn Gombar back to ask questions.

Richards: The instructor not taking my accommodations affected my grade, and now I'm going to speak up about it. You can tell that they probably didn't even read the messages. I've considered sending stupid messages just to see if she read it. If I was given the accommodations, there wouldn't be any problems. Unfortunately, I can't do anything but

complain but it's for future students at this point. I have to act super nice the rest of the semester, because a teach could still retaliate at some point. I've considered calling her out.

Ogle: I feel exactly the same. This semester I didn't know what to do. I was stressed, my professor would not respond, there was no support. I sent emails and they never responded, another student and I connected because we didn't know what to do. We studied for the last exam together and tutored each other through the course. We didn't do the survey because we didn't know if he'd retaliate against us. He just put in the final grade recently.

Cooper: Please do the survey, the instructor doesn't see it until after the final grade is posted.

Drips: To clarify about communicating with HLC, do you think it brings value to students if we are unable to resolve a complaint with the administration?

Richards: To be honest, it was more President McCloud than me, but there are issues that are clearly not getting resolved with the HLC committee, and we're both sick of it. We see the issues and nothing changes. She asked for screenshots from my end, she wanted to reach out to someone to HLC. I don't know if she sent them and to who.

Whitaker: these problems have been brought to light with CTL as well- even with the HLC and DOE attention the problems are intensifying with professors

Hunter: When I spoke with Crooks on Tuesday, they made a recommendation that some more difficult courses be extended to 16 weeks instead of 8 weeks. (Science and math in particular). I took quantitative reasoning which was difficult, and complained in the beginning and felt like I was blown off. We had a lot of assignments at the end for earth science. Emailed instructor about course load, she said to just complete the assignment. Crooks said he'd bring it up at exec board meeting. At HLC meeting, I said that it was unfair about assignment load.

Richards: I thought that there were 8 and 16 week versions of every course but just under-advertised.

Cooper: I think they may have them for every course but they're looking at taking some of the more difficult courses that may be better in person as 16wk courses.

Rogers: Crooks and faculty suggested that it would be important for the advisors to know the students they are advising and be prepared to give them good advice about courses they should take and let them know about the heavy work load for 8wk courses. I had questions about FinAid and they handled my questions pretty well. I think if we ask a lot of questions with the advisors when registering, I think that's important to get as much information out of them as possible. Not sure if everyone has the same advisor but I self-register most of the time. I think they hoped the advisors would work that out with the 8 and 16wk courses.

Ogle: That's the thing, not all advisors are knowledgeable about the courses. The advisor I spoke to had no idea about the class, you don't really have an advisor who knows about the course load. When I asked about the 16wk course, she said I had to take it starting in January.

Wright: I don't do the self-registration, but I go to my advisors every time. My last advisor set me up with 8wk courses. To be honest, I know it's difficult, but I hope things change for everyone. 8wk courses for those who want to push through and get done quickly.

Cooper: It's an option but many aren't aware.

Motion: Invite AVP Kurt Pawlak to next meeting

Made by: Rogers

Seconded: Drips et. al.

Student Feedback Survey

Motion: Table

Made by: Rogers

Seconded: Drips

New Business

Advisor Twyford gave update on election process.

Richards: So are there 8 or 6 weeks left to get things done?

Twyford: 8

Richards: I'll be able to work on getting things together.

Drips: I think using Discord is a great way to get things ready. I have some ideas that I'll bring up in the Discord.

Richards: Happy to collaborate.

Gallery Remarks

No gallery.

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 Drips:

It always seems impossible until it's done. – Nelson Mandela

Nominates Senator Grimes for next meeting's quote.

Closing Remarks from Advisors

- SGA Applications for 2023-2024 year are now open! (Due 3/27)

- Friday 3/17 – St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt
- Thursday 3/23 – Women’s History Month Trivia Night

Adjournment

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

Motion: Multiple Seconded by: All!

This meeting is adjourned at 9:30pm EST.