

EGCC Student Government Association 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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Special Orders

None.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rogers at 8:06pm EST.

Attendance

Rogers	X	--
Boyer	X	X
White	X	X
Beahn	X	X
De la Cruz Romero	X	X
Kelly	X	X
Montgomery	X	X
Oushana	--	--
Quirarte	X	X
Robinson	X	X
Shipman	--	--
Walker	X	X

Present:

Absent:

Quorum is: 10 Majority is: 7

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on October 11, 2023 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Motion: Boyer Second: Walker

Approved via voice vote.

Officer Reports

Rogers: Attended the special Board of Trustees meeting on 10/19/23, Dr. Crooks invited me to present. Pleased with how it went, good report from attendees watching on Facebook, and email from Dr. Crooks commending the presentation. Update on a project from last year from VP Domagala (currently attending UT), the President's List notification that goes out over the email with a message that had a typo – this has now been corrected. Being a perfectionist it is a little disappointing to get a letter of this stature with a typo.

White: No report.

Boyer: No report, but thanks to Senator Walker and BSU for inviting us to their meeting. We've never had the invite come through until now as a part of SGA and PTK, but its great that we want to show a cohesive unit to administration and school.

Rogers: I applaud Senator Walker for this move in inviting us to the meeting, goes a long way towards the goal of collaboration with student groups – thank you!

Committee Reports

HLC 1: (Quirarte) split into 3 separate groups to get our portion of evidentiary report together. We have a lot of info on student groups (thanks all for being so involved with other groups, it makes it easy!). Compiling different ways we serve communities through groups, capstone programs, etc. Meeting every other Tuesday now instead of once a week.

HLC 2: Student Complaint System Survey - <https://forms.office.com/r/ZmSx6F1F7w> (Boyer, Shipman, Beahn) Met Monday briefly, split into 2 groups (2A – Boyer/Shipman and 2B – Beahn). Survey will be open till Monday 10/30. Getting good feedback regarding error messages, technical issues, finding complaint form. SVP Wanat said that they are going to work on immediately changing the placement of the complaint form to the front page of the student portal, and that fairly soon, the entire format will be changing and go to a Microsoft Forms instead of the other platform that is currently used.

HLC 3 – Teaching & Learning, Quality Resources & Support: (Rogers) Short meeting, Dean Augustine is chair of the committee. 3A is differentiation of learning outcomes in degree programs vs. certificate programs. For example, Business Management w/ Marketing Focus became Business Management w/ Marketing Certificate – when you completed 4 courses in your program that were “specialties” for a focus, you’d get a certificate/badge. There isn’t an administrative member heading it up, but I’m going to assist. They were talking about regular/substantive interaction between students and faculty. Faculty mentioned having Zoom sessions once a week to interact with students and have a more personal experience. In my time, I’ve only had one instructor ever offer this.

HLC 4: (White) Joe Friona is chair, we’ve talked about discrepancies in grading for classes, best teachers to take, told him about different options for student interaction. Mentioned student concerns of material not being up to date, so I posted on Facebook asking if students have any questions/concerns. It was an early morning (6am!) I let the committee know that some material for classes is not updated/current.

HLC 5: *Twyford will follow up to see when this committee meets to make sure students are represented on this group.*

Student Feedback Survey Committee (White)

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/E78853bYxi>

Once approved, will go out on 10/30

Motion: Approve

Made by: Walker

Second: Quirarte

Approved by voice vote, Twyford will send out with October 30 Student Activities newsletter.

Governing Documents Review Committee (Quirarte, Robinson)

Documents were uploaded to Discord and sent via email for review.

Vote requires roll call vote.

Motion: Approve governing documents as amended

Made by: Boyer

Second: Quirarte/Beahn

Approved unanimously, new copies will be sent out and posted to SGA website.

Old Business

1. Review of Student Grievance/Complaint Language

Twyford: New information gained from surveys (student complaint system and SGA feedback survey) will be used to complete infographic.

Motion: Close topic now that it'll be handled under Criteria 2 Report

Made by: Boyer

Seconded: Quirarte

Approved unanimously.

2. Promoting SGA to Students (greater presence, reporting on efforts, working with other student groups)

Walker: I think we took a logical step yesterday to start bringing groups together (at BSU), we need to continue the outreach with other clubs, with our meeting today and meetings in the future to invite other clubs. It was beautiful because people brought their ideas, we had different perspectives and helps strengthen the unit. As a student body we are a unit, and it was eye-opening. I love what we have with different clubs, being on SGA gave me different perspective being on BSU, I think we're on the right trajectory, and we need to keep it going. Let's find reasons to connect and be together, the more we do it, the better we'll be and the stronger we'll become.

Rogers: Senator Beahn, you've been at many of the events the last several weeks – your comments?

Beahn: Being with BSU was great last night with our meeting, I see that our number is increasing, we started reaching out to recruit new members. It was a good time to meet new people in the meeting.

Rogers: I thank you for your efforts to join in, I know the time difference can create some logistical problems for you but we all appreciate you being with us.

White: Suggestion – PTK did a card making event last year, maybe we should do something like that for the holidays online?

Rogers: Why don't you take the lead for that and come up with an idea? Anyone who has ideas can come up with them on Discord, it would be appropriate.

Boyer: Wanted to thank all for attending the PTK meeting, but I do want to mention that PTK meetings are closed to just members and administrators due to PTK HQ requirements. We do have great representation among all the groups and overlap with leadership in clubs. Ed spoke at PTK and it was great. I run the PTK card and gift exchange and I think its another way to bring us together as a cohesive group.

Rogers: We're getting close to November so I encourage everyone to come up with holiday ideas we can promote and participate in. We may be able to work with several of the organizations like we did last night, or just the SGA, but get on Discord and let us know what you think.

White: It'd be interesting to have the BSU talk about holidays they celebrate, or have a discussion on other holidays.

Walker: That one would be interesting, we'd need to poll members. I don't know a lot about Kwanzaa or Islam, just an understanding, but as far as religious beliefs go, I think a lot of the members are Christians. But it may be a good idea to look into something like that for more awareness. In a Christian-dominated society, other religious celebrations can be overlooked.

Rogers: Julian Walker (Director of Equitable Initiatives) may have some interest in educating groups about that.

Robinson: At my job doing the holidays different nationalities bring in a dish to represent their culture.

Twyford: I can share some ideas that Ashlea and I have brainstormed, too

Rogers: Maybe have a different dish for different holidays from Thyme in Your Kitchen

Motion: Table

Made by: Quirarte

Seconded: White

Approved unanimously.

New Business

Twyford: I know there had been some discussion about holding a joint session of multiple student groups.

Rogers: It would be a good idea to start planning it and pencil in something.

Walker: Last night, Karla did a masterful job talking about accreditation and probation. It's something we could benefit from in a joint session from Dr. Crooks if we can get that meeting. It's something that could rally the troops and get people wanting to come to the joint session.

Rogers: I think having Dr. Crooks would make a great headliner and would get attention, encourage people to attend that meeting. SVP Martin and VP Young-Bright would also be good guests for that meeting. Any other suggestions for a meeting like that?

Walker: We could call it a “coffee-side chat” with Dr. Crooks, invite SVP Martin and anyone else.

Rogers: I think that we ought to have something to put on the calendar by our next meeting, it doesn’t have to be before the holidays, it might be better to hold it after the holidays.

White: I think having a new meeting about financial aid before Spring 2024 would be good. I spoke with Shannon Cooper and Brenda Maillis about updates for financial aid.

Rogers: I agree, we should have a financial aid representative at a meeting.

Rogers: Let’s have a sense of urgency about this and plan to have this type of meeting before the end of the semester.

Motion: Table

Made by: Montgomery

Second: Quirarte

Approved unanimously.

Gallery Remarks

None.

Announcements and HLC/DOE Updates

None currently.

Motivational Quote from Senator Montgomery:

We need to taste our words before we dish them out.

Nominates Senator De La Cruz Romero to share motivational quote at the next meeting.

Closing Remarks from Advisors

Adjournment

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

Motion: Boyer

Seconded by: Robinson/Walker

This meeting is adjourned at 9:16pm EST.

Open house for students - meet & greet
eSports



STANDING ITEMS:
Review of document revisions
Student Feedback Survey

EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



2023-2024

Dr. Crooks' Vision
**Creativity
Scholarship
Success**

CKI - College Kiwanis Intl chapter
More involvement w/ existing clubs -- collaboration, officers attending our meetings to share updates, may get ideas about how to direct efforts
Virtual events hosted or sponsored by SGA (game night, cooking class)



Bring trust back to the student body, have students look at us as leaders of the school, and show them that it's ok and we're here for the right reasons. If we can be the peers they can look to, it'll be huge for us.



- 80% of students getting an A, B, or C
- Excellent persistence from term to term, and retention from year to year, ultimately completion

Accessibility Services

- Be involved with college committee

Online student services

Getting more student involvement
Have SGA attend other clubs
Delivery time of college textbooks
Honor society for persons with disabilities (do research on this)

