

EGCC Student Government Association 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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Introduction, Guidelines and Expectations, and Swearing in of Members

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rogers at 8:38pm EST.

Attendance

Rogers	X
Patel	X
Pollock	--
Boyer	X
De la Cruz Romero	X
Drips	X
Garza	--
Hussey	--
Hutcherson	--
Jones	--
Montgomery	X
Shown	X
White	X

Present:

Absent:

Quorum is: 8 Majority is: 7

Reading of the Minutes

No prior minutes for this body. Documents with records of previous initiatives have been sent to all members for review.

Special Orders

Ratification of SGA Constitution and By-Laws for 2023-2024; approval by 2/3 of the body done by roll call vote.

Aye: Boyer, De La Cruz Romero, Montgomery, Shown, White, Patel

Nay: Drips

Present: Rogers

Officer Reports

No officer reports.

Committee Reports

No reports.

Old Business

Review open agenda items from previous body to prepare for next meeting:

1. HLC/DOE Concerns
 - a. Rogers: right now we are in a state of limbo. Things look like they might be working out, but I will say HLC and DOE concerns took up a great deal of our time last year. I was on the HLC Criteria 3 committee and became very familiar with what the issues were, right now we're in pretty good shape with the DOE for the time being. There isn't a lot we can do about it, so I hope we can spend time this year working on more productive things.
 - b. Drips: Agree. I think this agenda item has been on the SGA business for long enough without any substantive output for SGA. If SGA is going to make recommendations about what we can do, then we can keep it as a standing item. If we aren't going to take action, I hope we can close this out so we won't fret about it for the rest of our terms.
 - c. Rogers: Being on HLC committee, I had a lot of interaction with EGCC faculty and administration. The SGA members on that committee gave a lot of input that was appreciated by the admins. If something comes up that we can participate in productively, then we can at that time, but for now, let's deal with new things.
 - d. White: I think we should have had more student involvement, I didn't see a lot of people, and I know people were busy but I hope they got what they needed.
 - e. Rogers: I think you were one of the participants in the online meeting with the HLC.
 - f. White: yes, I was late but was there.
 - g. Rogers: There were only, I believe 6 students on that meeting. That's why I feel communication should be a big focus for us to get more students involved in these things, to create more of a sense of a college community.
2. Student Feedback Survey
 - a. Rogers: This is something I'd like to see continue, we want student involvement and we want to discuss what the student body has to say about everything. I think having a committee for student surveys and feedback would be a good idea.
 - b. De La Cruz Romero: We should continue to get communication from students.
 - c. Drips: I know when I started as a senator mid-way through the term last year, I wasn't sure what it was. I don't know if everyone is familiar with it, and frankly I wasn't involved with it much last year.
 - d. Twyford: Gave background on what the feedback survey was.

- e. Drips: I know from the aspect that I did participate with it, it seemed like a great way for students to reach out when they don't know how to reach out. I think it's a great idea to keep that going so students know they have it as a resource to solve problems they have.

3. Documents Review

- a. Drips: My first priority for this term is getting information out to students about how to better communicate with the college administration. One of the things the feedback survey showed was that students didn't always know how to communicate with college administration. I've been communicating with last year's SGA members and SVPs of the college and other administration, saying "this is what we have to help students" – it's almost like a FAQ of how to communicate with the college. Enough students have communicated difficulty in being heard, and getting questions answered. It's an important part of the mission of SGA to educate students on their rights and responsibilities. To that end, I have a document that I'd like to get some form of posted on the SGA website. Ideally, we can get that on there before the fall semester starts.
- b. White: Is that anybody in EGCC that they are trying to get communication with, or is it teachers who aren't responding, or financial aid, or..?
- c. Drips: Its kind of all of the above. When students are struggling, I'd like to have a single place to start to find answers, whether it has to do with Financial Aid, the registrar, etc, and a lot of last year's members commented that there are a lot of different departments with their own processes. Other things that are called grievances, even discussing it repeatedly with college administrators, there's a lack of clarity on what some of the processes are, the timelines they should be using. I want to make sure students have clarity, and since so many students are reaching out to the SGA about how to get responses, we should make sure the info on how to communicate with the college is out there. I'm happy to share the current draft, constructive or critical, I'd love to hear from each of you. Whatever feedback you have, the more eyes on it, the better. Then at a certain point, we'll need approval from the quorum to have it put up in some manner on the SGA website so it's accessible to students.
- d. Rogers: Question re: SVP Martin – do we have her feedback on that document?
- e. Twyford: Cabinet is reviewing their procedures, etc, and once they are changed, we can make sure those documents align with what the procedures are.
- f. Drips: Glad the college is working on clarifying their own processes and communicating those processes with students as required by EGCC's accreditor and as Senator White mentioned, they take forever to respond, I don't want to wait for the college to create a new procedure before getting info out.
- g. White: I didn't know with the new, current fall class, if we want to attend. I've had to go to second sources about some classes because I wasn't getting responses.
- h. Drips: I think that's a great suggestion, once we get the info published and out to students, we can direct the new students to the resource. It'll hopefully help SGA and the perception of SGA as a helpful body to have that resource out there.

When the document is sent out, you'll see that there is a part that says if you still don't know, reach out to us.

New Business

Rogers: I would like to get everybody on the Discord for SGA. I know little or nothing about how to do it, but I'm on it, and it'll be helpful for us to communicate between meetings and share ideas. I got to know some of my fellow senators much better through it. Otherwise, we're sending emails back and forth. Additionally, I hope that we can form some committees so we can have direction for our efforts between now and next meeting, if anyone has any suggestions as to what those committees should be, please share that. The email went out to everyone, so you can respond there and we can organize committees to focus on different issues.

Gallery Remarks

No gallery.

Announcements

- Reminder to attend the Virtual SGA Training Summit on Tuesday, June 20 starting at 2pm EST; you will receive a link and follow up information for this.
- All members must complete the Collin's Law Anti-Hazing virtual training module before the next SGA meeting. If you've already completed it for another group this past spring, just send the certificate of completion again.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 28 at 8pm EST.

Motivational Quote from President Rogers:

Never never never never give up. – Winston Churchill

Nominates Senator Montgomery to share motivational quote at the next meeting.

Closing Remarks from Advisors

Adjournment

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

Motion: **Seconded by:**

This meeting is adjourned at 9:18pm EST.