

EGCC Student Government Association 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

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Swearing in of Members

Victoria Garza, Senator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rogers at 7:11pm CST.

Attendance

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

Present:

Absent:

Quorum is: 10 Majority is: 6

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on June 14, 2023 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Rogers: Amend previous meeting minutes to reflect that simple majority of votes was required to approve the Constitution and By-Laws during the June 14, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Amend previous meeting minutes

Made by: Boyer

Second: Montgomery

Aye: Patel, Boyer, Garza, Montgomery, White, Rogers

Nay: Drips

Motion carries.

Officer Reports

Rogers: No report

Patel: No report

Committee Reports

No committee reports.

Old Business

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

1. HLC/DOE Concerns
 - a. Twyford: FA FAQ Night Update
 - b. Garza: Can you email it over?
 - c. Twyford: Will reply to the meeting email with the recording link.
 - d. Rogers: Might want to leave the HLC/DOE concerns open for the time being. We know more now than we did yesterday. I think we should give it a little bit of time, its kind of a waiting situation here now. Maybe we can table that and move on to better activities to pursue.
 - e. Drips: If any time in the future if we want to propose an action in relation to these concerns, we can always propose that action. I have no doubt that any of us will forget about HLC/DOE concerns. I don't know about the utility of this agenda item open.
 - f. Twyford: Maybe setting this as an "administrator report" and taking it out of Old Business would be more productive
 - g. Boyer: This may be more constructive, administrators may know more, and there might not be any updates for a month.
 - h. Rogers: Would someone like to propose an action on it

Motion: Add HLC/DOE Concerns under Announcements if there are any updates.

Made by: Boyer

Second: Montgomery

Motion carries.

2. Student Feedback Survey

Rogers: We should form a student survey committee because I think its important that we stay in touch with the students and feel the pulse of the student body.

Drips: Would any officers care to share a status report on student feedback survey?

Rogers: I don't have that info in front of me at this point. That's why I'd like to form a committee to review what we've done and formulate new surveys, and we certainly have a lot to survey at this point. If someone were to make a motion to form such a committee that it might be a productive move. Or does anyone want to volunteer to be on that committee?

Boyer: I would, that sounds like something that we need.

White: Would like to volunteer to be a part of that committee.

Motion: Create Student Feedback Committee

Made by: Boyer

Second: Drips

Motion carries. Twyford/Rogers will send most up-to-date responses to Spring Student Feedback Survey.

3. Documents Review

- a. Rogers: What do you think of the idea of having the information presented as a flow chart?
- b. Drips: I think that's something that Twyford has indicated that after SGA approves the language, the department has the software to make the info more digestible. As long as the language is contained within the presentation, I don't think, or have any particular interest about the presentation – I just want to make sure the language is available for students to access.
- c. Rogers: A flow chart would be an attention grabber, but we want to make sure the information is complete. Where do we stand with SVP Martin and is senior leadership on board with the language?
- d. Twyford: No updates, will follow up with her to hopefully get the approval of senior administration.
- e. Rogers: If we, as SGA, are in agreement and approve of the document, and the senior leadership is set with it, can we move forward?
- f. Twyford: It would seem so.
- g. Drips: To provide context, I had a meeting with SVPs Martin and Wanat and Advisor Twyford about the document. I think its important for the SGA to speak with a voice to represent the students. I don't want to further delay getting good quality info out to students on the basis of administrative response times, which is core of the problem of what this document speaks to. They expressed the concerns, those were addressed.
- h. VP Young-Bright – Let's get in touch with SVPs Martin and Wanat to move forward.
- i. Rogers: Rather than take action on it right now, we move as expeditiously as possible to get administration to approve it and bring it to the floor at the next meeting and go through reapproving. Has everybody read it? If you haven't, I urge everyone to read it, I think it could give the students a better voice and maybe eliminate some of the frustration we hear students expressing.
- j. Drips – I think when the administration sees that the SGA speaks with a voice for the students, I think it sends a signal of strength in representing the students. It says we're our own body, we can speak our own language and stand up for the students. I'd like to make a motion that we adopt the language as is, so that we can communicate the approved language to the administration.

Motion:
Made by: Drips
Second: Garza

Boyer: What is the advantage of doing this now instead of having another meeting?

Drips: Timeliness. The administration isn't acting in a timely manner. They said we're going to take care of this, but we never heard back. I don't think waiting to hear back from their response is going to help.

Boyer: I think without them seeing the change they asked for, *get from recording*. I understand you're about timeliness and this is your thing, but if we give them a chance before the next meeting, it might give a better relationship with the administration. We can give them a date to respond, and let them know that if we don't have a response by that date, we will go ahead and vote on it.

Motion: Give administration until July 11 to go over reworded language, and we will vote on it during the July 12 meeting

Made by: Boyer
Second: Montgomery
Motion carries.

New Business

Drips: Something on the mind of a lot of students is the recent communication about the negotiated end of the FCB and Gateway Guarantee. Something we might want to consider is making a statement to the student body about this. I think that the announcement and the communication left important details obscured, and I think that it may be helpful to make a statement.

Rogers: I certainly feel that as the SGA, we all should be knowledgeable about this subject and we should also encourage the student body to hang tight. It doesn't look to me that this will end well in the long run. There's a possibility, however slight, there will be a transition period and people currently enrolled will have a grace period through fall. If we're lucky enough to have that, I think that'll be the end of it. I encourage all of you to give this some thought. I personally and I think all of us would like to hear each other's thinking on this issue. I'd remind the membership we do have the Discord site. Senator Drips, Senator Boyer, and myself, and one or two others are on there. Everyone should join that site so we can parlay between meetings so we can set up an agenda between meetings and other business we want to move forward. Please get on Discord, I'll always respond.

Drips: I think that the governing documents of SGA (Constitution and By-Laws) in substantial ways are self-limiting documents. In a couple of ways, they restrict rather than empower the SGA, I think they sort of obscure the actual power structure the SGA represents or is a part of. I think those documents could use improvements and clarification to better represent the student body. I'd like to make a motion to create a document review committee to prepare a proposal to the SGA in a month or so.

Rogers: As I understand it, you'd like to motion for the SGA to form a By-Laws Committee to review?

Drips: To review the governing documents to propose modifications to better serve the student body and SGA itself.

Motion: Create Governing Documents Review Committee (*Drips, Garza*)

Made by: Drips

Second: Garza

Motion carries.

Rogers: Use the Discord! :D

White: Will we be reintroducing the SGA at the start of the Fall Semester?

Twyford: Yes!

Gallery Remarks

VP Young-Bright: This is my first time on the SGA meeting. I think you're making good progress on SGA. Some issues you're tackling to better the student body is a good start. Continue on moving forward, challenging new ideas for the student body. Use Discord outside of here to get things done. That's the way to get these new ideas to the senior administration. You're a group of senators and a body at large that represents the students. When you're talking to students, bring it back to each other. Administration is here for you guys to listen to your concerns. We're going through trying times at EGCC, but we will make it through it. Work with your fellow colleagues.

Announcements

- ***All members must complete the Collin's Law Anti-Hazing virtual training module.*** If you've already completed it for another group this past spring, just send the certificate of completion again.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12 at 8pm EST.

Motivational Quote from Senator Montgomery:

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." – St. Francis of Assisi

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

Closing Remarks from Advisors

Adjournment

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

Motion: White Seconded by: Boyer

This meeting is adjourned at 8:23pm CST.