

EGCC Student Government Association 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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Special Orders

Swearing in of Senator Beahn.

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Present: Rogers, Boyer, White, Beahn, Kelly, Montgomery, Quirarte, Robinson, Shipman, Walker

Absent: De la Cruz Romero, Oushana, Shown

Quorum is: 10 Majority is: 8

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on September 13, 2023 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

Motion: Boyer **Second:** Quirarte

Approved via voice vote.

Officer Reports

Rogers: Welcome Joshua, great that we have an intl member of the SGA.

White: None

Boyer: No report, welcome Senator Beahn. Would like to have the minutes out by the end of this week for all to review for next meeting.

Advisor Twyford will resend Discord info to make sure all have it, put link in the chat.

Committee Reports

Student Feedback Survey (Boyer, White)

When can this survey go out? Start of Fall 4th 8 weeks (10/23).

Rogers: Were there new questions to be added? If not, send it out. We can add to it.

White: We are adding "will you be staying at EGCC for Spring 2024?" and "Are you receiving scholarships? How are you paying for the Spring 2024 semester?"

Rogers: Make the second new question optional, with a "rather not say" option.

Governing Documents Review Committee

Documents were uploaded to Discord for members to review, as well as sent in previous meeting's email.

Rogers: As I said at the previous meeting, changes proposed were (IMO) were a foot in the door to overhaul the SGA constitution and I don't know the exact motivation. I don't think it's very important. I think we ought to have a governing documents review committee, if someone wants to step forward and take that on, but all that is, is the duplicity of language in the by-laws and constitution of the SGA. If anything, it clarifies that one document reinforces the other. Did anyone see anything that needed to be eliminated? I saw some things that were duplicated, like the requirements for serving on the SGA – they may have appeared in both documents, but not all of the requirements are in both documents. To me, there is nothing in either of the documents that really needs to be changed unless we have a new review committee take a look at things and see if there is anything that really needs it. It was more of a foot in the door to stir up trouble if you ask me. Would anybody like to be on that committee? It could stand a review.

Robinson: Would it be reviewing it as a whole?

Rogers: You'd be reviewing the document to see what changes may need to be made, you can collaborate with someone else on the Senate or the officers. Does anybody who has read these proposed changes feel that anything about it is necessary?

Boyer: No

Robinson: I didn't see anything that needed changes at this point, but I'm new.

Montgomery: You matter just like we do.

Rogers: I can appoint you chair of that committee

Committee is Robinson and Quirarte (will work together via Discord).

Old Business

1. Review of Student Grievance/Complaint Language

Rogers: The Cabinet approved that language.

Twyford: I dropped the ball on getting with Senator Robinson to review the infographic for complaints and will reach out this week.

Rogers: The infographic is easier to understand than the language in the complaint procedure. As SGA, it's our responsibility to help educate students about the procedures and their rights due to them. If you're on social media, let others know that you're open to suggestions from students.

Shipman: Once they fill out the form, who reviews it and how it is handled?

Twyford: *explains the procedure*

Rogers: Something that Twyford had posted to Discord with the grievance/complaints. I can say with some degree of certainty, that probably no one will have a chance to speak to Rebecca Steckman. She came to our SGA meeting and gave us a rundown of how FCB works. I sent something to FinAid directly to her and got a quick response.

Motion: Table

Made by: Boyer

Seconded: Montgomery/Walker

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

Rogers: Important topic, I'd like to hear what all would have to say on this, any ideas. I'd like for us to be represented at the various student group meetings, and some of our members will take that responsibility. It's very enlightening to go to meetings, I go to PTK meetings and listen while Sec. Boyer runs her meeting. There's quite a bit of interaction, and we can get to know fellow students better this way. I would hope that you'd try to attend some of these meetings and let them know you're there representing SGA, and that you're there to help.

Boyer: Suggests adding "Ed's Corner" to update PTK on SGA's activities

Rogers: Wouldn't mind saying hello and introducing himself, and if we have any updates I can share them.

Twyford: Mention the "Big 3" for Student Activities newsletters

Boyer: PTK Fellowship activities once a month, we could host an event and give info. Get the student group presidents together to figure out an event to host together. Trivia, game nights, etc.

Rogers: I'm for that, any way that anyone wants to promote the college community and bring the people together. Every event I've been to has been fun, so – why not?

Quirarte: I agree, it's not like we can run into each other on campus, so it's a really great idea.

Rogers: Let's share any other thoughts or ideas we have on Discord. I think we have enough time to get something together before Halloween, it shouldn't be that challenging. I've talked about the CKI (Collegiate Kiwanis Intl), and at our Kiwanis meeting yesterday, we had a Key Club advisor from a local chapter who provided information. Focused on helping children and those in need. I have a contact for the college's Kiwanis representative. If you have any ideas for interacting with clubs, or community service projects – let's talk about it on Discord.

Twyford: Relayed activities that her office is doing for Halloween. (Pumpkin carving 10/31 and Dia de los Muertos Paint & Snack 11/1)

Rogers: If anyone can go on meetings for Book Club or IT Club, and introduce yourselves and offer assistance, that would be great.

Quirarte: I'm a member of the Book Club, so I'll make my presence known.

Walker: President of the BSU

Beahn: Member of the BSU and can bring it up.

Boyer: Can make an appearance at the next IT Club meeting.

Rogers: We got kind of a late start this year, but we have plenty of time to get into these things. I urge all of you who will be continuing with the school to stick with the SGA. Run again, carry on the impact, hopefully some of you can carry that forward. I think by the end of the school year, we'll be pretty well organized and have an agenda that can carry over to next year.

Suggestion to create an SGA Facebook page.

Motion: Table

Made by: Quirarte

Seconded: Walker

New Business

None.

Gallery Remarks

None.

Announcements and HLC/DOE Updates

Request from President Crooks: Need a member to serve on the Criterion 5 and review of Assumed Practices/Federal Compliance Committee for HLC

Boyer is interested in filling this role, also White.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11 at 8pm EST.

White: Next week, I'll be spotlighted with TRIO Scholars with my quote and they'll share my SGA position, if anyone wants info about TRIO Scholars let me know!

Motivational Quote from Senator Quirarte:

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain

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

Closing Remarks from Advisors

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.

Adjournment

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

Motion: Quirarte Seconded by: Robinson/White

This meeting is adjourned at 9:17pm 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)

