

# EGCC Student Government Association 2023-2024

## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

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### Special Orders

None.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rogers at 8:15pm EST.

### Attendance

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

**Present:**

**Absent:**

Quorum is: 10 Majority is:   

### Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on November 8, 2023 were provided via email from Advisor Twyford for your review prior to this meeting.

**Motion:**      **Second:**

***Approved via voice vote.***

### Officer Reports

**Rogers:** Got President's List email, it is now grammatically correct as opposed to earlier versions of this letter.

**White:** No report.

**Boyer:** No report, will be working on getting Instagram up and running. Please send a photo of yourself and 3 facts about yourself so we can do a Meet the SGA.

(Kboyer4466@student.egcc.edu)

**Rogers:** Looking over SGA website on EGCC page, it hasn't been updated yet with our profiles.

## **Committee Reports**

**HLC 1:** (Quirarte) – No report, next meetings are December 5/12/19

**HLC 2:** Student Complaint System Survey - <https://forms.office.com/r/ZmSx6F1F7w> (Boyer, Shipman, Beahn) -- Plan is to meet again next Monday (12/4, previously scheduled meeting was cancelled), will get an update from SVP Wanat regarding questions and concerns that came from the feedback on that survey.

**HLC 3 – Teaching & Learning, Quality Resources & Support:** (Rogers) – Has been meeting. Daniel Wakefield (lead faculty for Teacher Education) had a recording from HLC (but no longer available), so he sent notes. The main issues with Criteria 3 are regular interaction (scheduled, predictable), syllabus shows when interaction will occur, scalable interaction for 1hr class vs. 3 hr class, instructors are to monitor how students are doing on student request; substantive interaction engaging with teaching and learning: provide direct instruction; assessing and providing feedback on student course work; provide info/responses to questions; facilitate group discussions; other instructional activities provided by institution or accrediting body. Probably in addition to the financials (Criteria 5), this criteria is where most of our issues are since they're academic in nature.

**HLC 4:** (White) – Was emailed today, we meet this Friday.

**HLC 5: *Meetings are Mondays at 1pm***

**Curriculum Committee:** (Rogers) – will update on that at next meeting.

## **Student Feedback Survey Committee (White)**

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

*Was sent out to students with the 10/30 email; new responses since then (5) have been sent to the SGA.*

White: No update.

**Motion:**

**Made by:**

**Second:**

## **Old Business**

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

Walker: Has looked into having Gabryelle getting a flyer together for the college's LinkedIn page, Twyford put together something for BSU so it could be helpful to put one out for SGA. EGCC LinkedIn has 17k followers.

White: Senator Kelly and I discussed doing “best holiday attire” and we’ll have Switchboard hosting the event, we’ll be giving out prizes. We’ll invite faculty to attend as well. With everything with HLC over the last year, this could be a memorable event.

Rogers: I think each of us ought to invite our instructors

Twyford: I was under the understanding it was a mixer for student groups and advisors

Rogers: It might be nice to put the invite out for them to participate.

Kelly: No additional notes.

Twyford: Secretary Boyer and Senator Walker, I'll get the flyer to you both for your club and create a registration form so we have an idea of who plans to attend.

White: Should we invite Dr. Crooks?

Rogers: I think we should, along with SVP Martin, Ty-Juan, it won't hurt to invite them since they have helped us.

White: With it being hosted, make sure you're ready to laugh!

Motion:

Made by:

Seconded:

## 2. Joint Session of SGA/PTK/BSU and other groups

*Joint session of student leadership groups with Dr. Crooks to receive updates, “State of the College” style, on HLC, DOE, etc.*

Rogers: This is going to be in early January, right?

Walker: This isn't the holiday mixer

Rogers: I think we discussed this would be better after the holidays, the mixer event is December 15. We don't even have a tentative date, right?

Twyford: Not yet, our last meeting of the semester is December 13.

Rogers: We definitely want to have a date chosen by then to invite people to attend, including Dr. Crooks and any others. Let's discuss on Discord so Abbie can give suggestions and we can pick a date possibly before our next meeting.

Walker: I think we're in a good place for setting this up. More people would be more inclined to join in mid-January, you don't want to go too far out from the start of the semester, but not too soon to the holiday/start of the semester.

Rogers: Yes, not right at the beginning of the semester, everyone will be getting settled into their courses.

Boyer: I know we're going through a lot of changes with PTK this spring, I know membership will drop drastically. It'll be important to get the students who are more engaged, it might help to get members of the other clubs who will be there.

Rogers: Let's jump on Discord and share thoughts, get this organized. I think this would be an important event for the SGA to promote and stage.

Motion:

Made by:  
Seconded:

## **New Business**

No new business.

Shipman: Over the thanksgiving holiday, many of us are trying to do all of the holiday responsibilities in addition to the coursework that we have. Is there something that SGA can do bring attention to this concern?

Rogers: Great concern, we had that issue, too. You'd think that on a holiday like Thanksgiving, this could be brought to the attention of Dr. Crooks being President (and technically still SVPAAs). Put off the Wednesday or Thursday discussions so they don't need to be turned in that day. It can disrupt the schedule of the course, but a day for Thanksgiving, make the post due Friday instead of Thursday. I think we should bring that up and see what the administration's thoughts are on that.

White: I don't know if you've seen under Student Forms, there is one called "Test Your Faith" but it doesn't list Thanksgiving in there. This form asks students to indicate holidays or observations of faith or religion that they would like to be able to recognize for accommodations for assignments.

Boyer: I'm not sure if who responds on the EGCC Facebook page (its social media coordinator Gabryelle Walsh), but I asked about holidays off for employees and students. Employees have Wednesday at 5pm Est onward off, but students do not have this time off unless it is at the instructor's discretion. My other college emailed all students saying that assignments were being pushed back to Saturday and Sunday instead of Thursday and Friday.

Robinson: One of my instructors pushed the assignment back to Tuesday because of the holiday, but it's been the only one.

Walker: Do we see a lot of universities/community colleges giving that time off? I don't know if its advantageous to do it that way, but sometimes having those examples can help apply pressure to show that others are doing it. I've not had any time off, and it seems like the workload can be heavier during the holidays. Having numbers and statistics can help make our case.

Rogers: Can be helpful to have data to back that up. Thanksgiving isn't particularly designated as a religious holiday but it certainly has some spiritual aspects that people benefit from. If this is something we can accomplish and get the school to address, it would certainly increase our recognition and credibility with the student body – it wouldn't hurt since maybe only half of the student body even know we have an SGA. Dr. Crooks is very responsive to students, and this would be a good thing to do.

Walker: This would be a good topic to bring up at the joint session with Dr. Crooks.

Shipman: I think this could bring some more positive feelings, after seeing bitter comments about employees having time off but not students, this might ease some of those feelings.

Walker: The stronger the unit, the greater the rise (motto for BSU)

Rogers: I can volunteer to take on the responsibility of talking with administration.

## Gallery Remarks

### Announcements and HLC/DOE Updates

*College community received the focus report from the IAC (Institutional Actions Council) of the HLC, outlined that they are mostly focused on issues regarding our financial status and reporting.*

*Various news reports from local (Steubenville/Youngstown) media outlets.*

- <https://www.heraldstaronline.com/news/local-news/2023/11/association-no-confidence-in-egcc-leaders/>
- <https://www.wfmj.com/story/50106400/eastern-gateway-community-college-probation-extended>

### **Motivational Quote from Senator Robinson:**

*“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I Am Possible.”*

*Nominates VP White to share motivational quote at the next meeting.*

*(Kelly/Shipman/Beahn have not shared quotes yet)*

### Closing Remarks from Advisors

- Need to confirm who is completing their time at EGCC at the end of the semester
- Finish strong! Follow through!
- Honor your capacity.
- Student Group Holiday Mixer – Friday, December 15 at 8pm EST



## Adjournment

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

**Motion:**                      **Seconded by:**

This meeting is adjourned at 9:17pm EST.

