

Eastern Michigan University  
Senate Meeting  
November 19th, 2019  
Agenda

A meeting held in open session at 6:30 p.m., 300 Student Center

**A. Opening Roll Call-** All members present.

**B. Approval of Minutes-** Moved and seconded without objection, motion carries.

**C. Approval of Agenda-** Moved and seconded without objection, motion carries.

**D. Guest Speakers**

**1. Amy Finkenbine:** LGBT Program Coordinator for DCI.

- The role of the LGBT center and what her job is.
- Talked about Dominique Jackson's visit to EMU.
- Talked about Outtober events. Described the Center as a community bridge.
- Talked about how it is easier to change your name on State IDs, and how the center is helping to educate people on this.
- Trans day of Remembrance tomorrow and upcoming winter event.
- They will also be holding their lavender event.
- Finkenbine took questions from the Senate regarding the upcoming events.
- Senator Hollings inquired about the physical location of the office of the LGBT resource senator.

**E. Special Order Speeches** (*Open to all people sitting w/ Senate: 3-minute limit/person*)

Senator Osborn: Talked about how SWOOPS needs help as Price Hall goes through changes. SWOOPS needs more space, they are also reaching out to housing issues on campus.

Senator Ray: Talked about meeting with the director of Caps, proposed helping with getting more counselors as we do not meet the internationally proposed ratios. Also, asked for help funding to help fund after-hours emergency resource center and other projects. Ray commented that helping them could bring positive change to the University.

Senator Osborn: Talked about the issues with the Physical Center and Maintenance and the fact that many orders are going unfulfilled.

**F. Executive Reports**

A. Student Body President

1. Hired a new Director of Diversity and Community Outreach, Kyra Mitchell
2. Delivered SG's recommendations for use of donor money to the Provost
  - a. Student Government input will be key in guiding significant amounts of the \$1.5 million from GameAbove
3. Attended United Student Governments Conference at SVSU

- b. Thank you to everyone who attended, we had some great conversations about ideas for communications, allocations, ideas about student rights and more.

4. Helped with last minute details for the Sleep Out for Homelessness, happening **tonight at 7 pm on the DPS lawn.**

5. Hajer and I and Senator Ray will be speaking, come show solidarity.

6. Recorded a project video for the Student Emergency Fund Crowdfunding page

7. Met with International Student Association and other stakeholders to begin planning “Around the World in One Day.” This is a revival of an SG collaboration started during the Payne administration designed to raise the visibility of our international community among domestic students.

8. Various other meetings and university functions

9. Various management and administrative tasks

10. Discretionary spending: \$500 to the school of social work to support the Sleep Out for Homelessness Event

11. Announcements:

12. If you want to go to the Sexual Assault Prevention Summit at EMU, fill out the registration link in the Groupchat. Message me and I can resend it to you.

13. At the next Board meeting, I plan to address **library hours, Fall Break/Midterm Week, and insisting upon hitting fundraising targets for athletics facility (no more tuition money for athletics buildings). Resolutions in any of those areas would be useful.**

#### B. President of the Senate

- 1) Interviews for DCO position
- 2) Student Government Conference
- 3) Exit Interview with Fadwa
- 4) Met with Calvin
- 5) Met with Honors Dean
- 6) Met with Doris Fields: Student Emergency Letter
- 7) Continued AAHF planning
- 8) Provided quotes for Homelessness event
- 9) Guest Speaker reach out
- 10) Around the World with ISA reach out
- 11) Thank You Drive Event Planning
- 12) Other: attended committee meetings, meeting with executive board members, senate agenda, email correspondence, office meetings.

#### C. Speaker of the Senate

1. Monthly Requirements

- a. Reviewed and sent feedback for October requirements
- b. Monthly Requirements for November was sent out on the 5th of November

- i. Requirements are due November 2nd at 5:00 PM
2. Working on resolution with minor tweaks to the Bylaws
3. Held IA last Tuesday, the 15th
4. Multiple absences voted on
5. Board of Regents meeting December 13th

D. Parliamentarian of the Senate

1. I assisted Senators with resolutions
2. Attended my weekly office hours.
3. Re-evaluated my training schedule for the rest of the year.

E. Director of Business and Finance

1. Budget Reports:
  - 1) Student Organization: **\$31,580.41**
  - 2) Club Sports: **\$31,979.75**
2. Attended University Budget Council on Monday
3. Attended the United Student Government
4. Met with Event Planning to discuss ways to better the money disbursement process
5. Administrative roles

**G. Constituent's Forum** (*Open to currently enrolled students: 1hr/total*) \*\*

- Ariana Khan spoke about LGBT community- a reminder about Trans-day of Remembrance day.
- Working with ISA on a tea time event that used to be held on campus.
- Looking at rebooting QUEST for Winter 2020 and going forward.

**H. New Business** (*Each item of Business: 45 minute default\*\*; amend restricted from 10-90*)

**1.Res.106.10:** Establish a Fundraising Match For Student Contributions to the EMU Student Emergency Fund on GivingTRU Day

- President Smith Spoke on how this resolution on a matching fund up to 15,000 dollars for crowdfunding event, which will be done over 30 days.
- Explained the details of the resolutions. Stated these funds fit within the operational funds for this year. Considers 15,000 a fair expectation.
- Move into questioning
- Senator's ask President Smith any relevant questions they have.
- Move into discussion.
- Senator Suchowesky notes his support of the resolution.
- Senator Hollings notes that if we are not able to raise the \$15,000, there is no reason that we should not still donate the \$15,000 if we have that available to us.
- Parliamentarian Swartzinski notes that a second resolution could be written if we do not raise the maximum \$15,000.
- Senator Galluzzo notes his support for the structure of the resolution.

- Move to previous question.
- Vote ending in 18 yes's and 1 no from Senator Dame.

**2.Election Commissioner Assignment:** Jaylen Taylor

- Comments from Jaylen Taylor on why she would like to be election commissioner
- Served on the election committee two years ago.
- Event planning experience.
- Senators have an opportunity to question Jaylen Taylor.
- Move into discussion.
- Parliamentarian Swartzinski and Senator Scott note their support for Jaylen Taylor.
- Comments from Senator Hollings.
- Move to call to question.
- Motion for unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Jaylen Taylor has been appointed as election commissioner.

**I. Gallery Comments**

1. None.

**J. Closing Discussion**

1. Senator Hollings notes excitement for food and housing insecurity commission. Suggests doing more events surrounding food and housing insecurity.
2. Parliamentarian Swartzinski makes note of GVSU legislation and suggests senators reflect on what we feel is worth doing to better our campus.
3. Senator Ray reminds senators he is still planning room reservations for ad-hoc committee.

**K. Closing Roll Call-** All members present.

**L. Adjournment-** Adjourned at 7:22pm.

*\*\* Majority vote may change the limit, see SG Bylaws*