



## Minutes October 28, 2022

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Present: President Tolman, Vice President Shuttly, Secretary McNowelly, Treasurer Smith, Senator Ewing Thornton, Senator Cruz, Advisor Fiedler, Advisor Sorenson, Advisor Boughton
- III. Contingency Funding Request from TEK Student Organization
  - a. President Tolman presented the funding request from TEK and opened the floor for discussion and/or questions from Senators.
  - b. Secretary McNowelly- Discussed T-shirts and pointed out student activity fees cannot be used to purchase apparel for club members.
  - d. Pathway Coordinator McIntosh provided more details about the TEK organization to be
    - i. They have at least 4 students and believe they can be consistently active once they are able to recruit.
    - ii. Explained the vision is to create this student organization with the IT Pathway students. Pathway students expressed a strong interest.
    - iii. Club has opportunity to give students applicable skills and give them opportunities for professional development.
  - e. Senator McNowelly-Clarified that the group seems to be focused on soft skills, but networking.
    - i. Pathway Coordinator McIntosh confirmed this to be true. Industry partners are really excited about LCCC and see an opportunity to build on that and provide opportunities for students to further collaborate with industry partners.
  - f. Advisor Boughton asked if TEK is tied to a national organization.
    - i. No, the name is based on research of other similar organizations, but there doesn't seem to be a lot of tek groups.
  - g. Advisor Boughton-asked about the group being open to interacting with students. Some information and contact information was provided.

- h. Discussion that due to SAFAC policy and accounting stipulations on how institutional funds can be used, it is important to distinguish funding from going toward non-students or community members. Larger discussion on what is and what isn't appropriate for funding.
- i. Senator Ewing Thornton asked if there were plans for fundraising
  - i. Explained there are plans, gaming culture and aware there is an e-gaming club and an esports team. Students have discussed doing a board game tournament of some kind. Discussion of having industry partners sponsor something like this to help with fundraising.
- j. Treasurer Smith asked if the group does coding
  - i. Pathway Coordinator McIntosh explained they are not a computer science pathway, but they do teach coding in some of their coursework and database management. So, doing something like a code-a-thon activity, but they would most likely focus on things like cyber security.
- k. Secretary Smith

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the email until the day questions were due and did not allow enough time.

4. President Tolman gave Dr. Schaffer updates on what SGA has been discussing.

b. Vice President

i. Met with Vice President of Student Services Dr. Stutz.

1. Main focus of meeting was to brainstorm on ideas on how to increase student awareness and student engagement
2. GEM vs. independent email/student newsletter. Good opportunity to focus on we are SGA, this is what we do, these are the current issues. May take a lot of planning and time to execute and with small numbers, this may be difficult to achieve. Benefits to GEM-reaches students, but also reaches faculty and staff. Also reaches prospective students.
  - a. Talked about events. Dining Services is very interested in helping with things like this with students.
  - b. Athletics events-difficult right now because games are off campus with the renovation. May be an opportunity for SGA to do a shoutout during one of their intermission breaks.
  - c. Word of mouth, presence at SGA desk makes a difference. Use these shifts as an opportunity to talk to students about what SGA is.
  - d. RA posters-opportunity to showcase Senator profiles.
  - e. QR code to link to the SGA website and really start to use the SGA website to showcase the benefits of being Senators. Would be good to balance out current highlight of responsibilities with benefits.
  - f. Vice President Shutty will email out to all senators so they can use the week to think about this and would love to discuss this again next week and come up with a plan
  - g. Advisor Fiedler really likes the idea of partnering with the dining hall to do a meet and greet event or something like that with the Dining Hall.
3. Senator Ewing Thornton suggested advisor web page gets updated as there is a deadline listed and this may be confusing. Advisor Sorenson will get this updated ASAP.

c. Approval of Minutes from 10-21-2022

i. Revisions Presented

1. Senator Ewing Thornton asked that her name be updated in the minutes and SGA documents. Her last name is listed as Thornton and should be listed as Ewing Thornton.
2. IV.6 a correction to specify President Tolman was talking about recruitment from the Ag pathway
3. Indicate Advisor Boughton was absent from last meeting

ii. Vice President Shutty motioned to approve the minutes with proposed revisions



items were expected from SGA and if so a deadline for the action items to ensure SGA is able to meet deadlines and deliver on expectations.

- c. Health Clinic Update-Advisor Sorenson explained he discussed Senator concerns that were presented regarding the Health Clinic from the last meeting and Dr. Miller would be at the next meeting to discuss further with them and present some information.
  - d. Advisor Boughton needs help with an event on engaging international students within the community and classroom. Advisor Boughton is asking for SGA to help with sponsoring or being involved.
    - i. November 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 1:30
    - ii. Advisor Sorenson can create an event in CI and CORQ
    - iii. Looking for Senators to be at the event and speak about the value of having International students on campus.
- VIII. Old Business
- a. Officer Elections
    - i. Secretary – Senator McNowelly – explained she will give her best efforts to fulfill the duties and responsibilities for Secretary, but wanted to remind Senators everyone is under same strain and all aware that we are limited personnel.
      - 1. Senator McNowelly was elected Secretary unanimously
    - ii. Treasurer – Senator Smith – Believes being a treasurer would be a great experience, and interested in seeing what happens behind the scenes with funds.
      - 1. Senator Smith was elected Secretary unanimously
  - b. SGA Committees – Discuss what direction this SGA would like to take.
    - i. Secretary McNowelly makes a motion to focus on one thing and tackle this as a group.
      - 1. Senator Ewing Thornton Sunshine second.
      - 2. Unanimous
    - ii. Vice President Shutty points out that all the ideas presented shouldn't all be tackled, but narrowed down. Overall theme is increasing awareness of SGA to increase engagement.
    - iii. Treasurer Smith agrees that increasing awareness should be a direction.
    - iv. Treasurer Smith makes a motion to suspend the internal committees laid out in the constitution and focus on the goal of increasing awareness of SGA to promote student engagement as a Senate.
      - 1. Secretary McNowelly seconds
      - 2. Unanimous
    - v. Advisor Sorenson suggested Senators think about what they want to execute over the next week, so they can come prepared to discuss at the next meeting to narrow down a plan. The sooner they develop a plan, the sooner they can begin delegating tasks and executing.
- IX. New Business
- a. Motion made by Senator Ewing Thornton to table Student Newsletter item for next meeting due to time.

- ii. Unanimous
- X. Motion made by Treasurer Smith to adjourn meeting
  - a. Secretary McNowelly seconds
  - b. Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

**TABLED**

- a. Student newsletter
  - Student Newsletter
    - i. How frequent?
    - ii. Identifying what information to report out to students.
      - 1. Typed out summaries of what are discussed at committee meetings and meetings with administration.