Eastern Michigan University
Senate Meeting
October 20th, 2020
Agenda

A meeting held in open session at 6:30 p.m., Zoom Voice/Video Call

A. **Opening Roll Call**- All members present, excluding Senator Tyus.
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**-
   Dr. Leigh Greden
        Order from Washtenaw County: COVID-19 related
        The Department of Health issued a 2 week stay-at-home order for all undergrad students on UM campus.
        EMU's case counts are in better shape than UM's case counts as of now.

   Dr. Perry C. Francis
        Understand our role within the boundaries of the University
        Help manage and maintain a Student Government that is responsive to the students and the taxpayers of the State of Michigan
        Do what is in the best interest of the student body (majority and minority) to ensure everyone gets a fair stake
        Keep in mind what you say in public- you are a representative of Student Government until you resign.
        Email him at any time
E. **Special Order Speeches** *(Open to all people sitting w/ Senate: 3-minute limit/person)*
   Senator Kochman
        Welcomes new Senate and executive board members.
        Looking forward to the work being done this year in Student Government
F. **Executive Reports**
    1. Student Body President
       a. We hired our new Eboard positions
       b. Getting Senate and Eboard to sign the Office and Policies Form, the Confidentiality, and Bylaws and Constitutional affidavits
       c. Colton and I had meetings (DCI Director Steve Bryant, EMU Foundation, Student Government advisors Leigh and Dr. Francis, VP of Student Affairs Calvin Phillips and the Administrative Secretary of Student Affairs Michele Rich, introduced ourselves to the Student Affairs Committee)
       d. Have Senate and Eboard send me their preferred name and pronouns
    2. President of the Senate
       a. Meetings with administrators
           -Leigh Greden and Dr. Francis, our Student Government Advisors
           -Calvin Phillips, VP of Student Affairs :Spoke with him about allocations, keeping students safe and protecting students rights during potential protests
           -Michele Rich, Secretary of Student Affairs: Payroll, ordering supplies for the office
           -Introduced ourselves to the Student Affairs committee

           -Met with Steve Bryant: talked about lobbying with other Student Governments at the State Capitol, holding a diversity training session, fears about

           -EMU Foundation: Talked with Matt about the Student Emergency Fund, advertising for Giving Tuesday, incentives for student donations to the Fund. On December 1st.

     b. Transition meetings with Ethan, Hajer, and Mohammed
     c. Put together Google Drive: Bylaws, constitution, forms to sign, executive reports, student resources, training document
     d. Rough draft of EMU student resource guide: Feel free to add anything that you think should be included, but it won't be the official position of Student Government

3. Speaker of the Senate
     a. None
4. Parliamentarian of the Senate
     a. None
5. Director of Business and Finance
     a. Welcomes new members in Student Government
     b. Budget Report
         i. Live budget on the shared google drive
         ii. Only line item that increased was Allocations
     c. Summertime activities
         i. Stay in contact with the organization and allocations of funds
         ii. Worked with Luis and Colton
         iii. Finished old budget and helped create the new budget
     d. Will assist Executive Board or Senators until December graduation

G. Old Business
1. None

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

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Excited for the opportunity to work with Student Government and getting involved

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Interested in joining Student Government and grateful for the opportunity

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

1. Swearing-in senators (oath of office)
     a. Swearing in 9 Senators

2. Paperwork and required forms
     a. Office and Policy packet, Affidavit form, and Confidentiality Agreement form need to be signed
     b. Can be signed electronically through Adobe
     c. President Romero will be in the Student Government office all day tomorrow (10/21) to sign forms in person (10am-4pm)
     d. Message President Romero to make other arrangements

3. Electing a new Speaker of the Senate
     a. Move into 10 minute recess.
     b. Move into nominations.
     c. Senator Kochman nominates Senator Azar
         i. Senator Azar accepts
     d. Senator Fox nominates Senator Fox.
     e. Senator Azar speech.
     f. Questioning of Senator Azar

        i.   Senator Bly: Is this your first year in the Senate?
              1.   Answer: Last year was first year as a Senator
        ii.   Senator Milkovich: How much experience do you have in leadership prior to last year?
              1.   Answer: Captain of Forensics at EMU.

g. Senator Fox speech.

h. Questioning of Senator Fox
        i.   Senator Bly: How many years in the Senate?
              1.   Answer: Three years
        ii.   Senator Bly: Other leadership roles?
              1.   Answer: Eboard of Hillel. ROTC.

i. Move into discussion.

j. Motion to end discussion.

k. Motion to call to previous question.

l. Vote ends in a tie (4 votes for Senator Azar, 4 votes for Senator Fox)

m. President of the Senate Ray to break the tie.

n. Senator Azar is the new Speaker of the Senate.

4. Electing a new Parliamentarian

a. Move into nominations.

b. Senator Bly nominates Senator Fox.
        i.   Senator Fox accepts

c. Senator Azar nominates Senator Kochman.
        i.   Senator Kochman accepts

d. Senator Fox speech.

e. Questioning of Senator Fox
        i.   President Romero: Willing to remove ability to vote from position?
              1.   Answer: Yes. More of a mentorship role. More productive when the Parliamentarian does not vote.
        ii.   Senator Bly: Are you able to work with all people and disregard any bias?
              1.   Answer: Yes, can work with a wide variety of people. Experience in the past in ROTC and has been on campus for four years.
        iii.   Senator Bly: Any adaptations to the Parliamentarian's role that you want to change?
              1.   Answer: Reaching out to other Senators more consistently.

f. Senator Kochman speech.

g. Questioning of Senator Kochman
        i.   Senator Milkovich: What organization were you the President of?
              1.   Answer: EMU College Democrats. Wants to keep politics out of Student Government.
        ii.   Senator Bly: Are you able to work with all people and disregard any bias?
              1.   Answer: Yes. Has experience with diverse situations.
        iii.   Senator Bly: How many years in Student Government?
              1.   Answer: This year is the second year.
        iv.   Senator Bly: Any adaptations to the Parliamentarian's role that you want to change?
              1.   Answer: Aspires to have many qualities of the last Parliamentarian. Questions decision to cast votes.

> > > v.   Senator Fox: How will you make this position unique to you?
> > > > 1. Answer: Refrain from voting. Seek to be more of a mentor. Pushing for advocacy of the students. Helping others to find their voice.
> > h. Move into discussion.
> > i. Motion to call to previous question.
> > j. Vote ended in a tie (4 for Senator Kochman, 4 for Senator Fox)
> > k. President of the Senate Ray to break the tie.
> > l. Senator Kochman is the new Parliamentarian of the Senate.

J. Delegate Reports
> 1. None (we have no delegates currently)

K. Gallery Comments *(open to e-board and faculty)*

> **Myles Campbell**- Director of Business & Finance
> > Congratulations to the new Speaker of the Senate and Parliamentarian.
> > This year will be challenging but looking forward to this year with everyone.

> **Donacal Clemons-** Director of Diversity and Community Outreach
> > Advocate for all students of the EMU community

> **Joci McMichael-** Director of Internal Relations
> > Introduction and excited to serve in Student Government for the first year

L. Closing Discussion- None

M. Closing Roll Call- All members present excluding Senator Stevens and Senator Tyus.

N. Adjournment- Adjourned at 8:49pm

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