1. Opening Roll Call
   1. 19 Senators present. Quorum reached. Senate in session at 6:45 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. Minutes approved.
4. Guest Speaker
   1. None scheduled.
5. Constituent’s Forum
   1. No comments.
6. Special Order Speeches
   1. None scheduled.
7. Executive Reports
   1. Student Body President Morton: Attended black alumni meeting and university budget meeting. Met with faculty senate president. Attended faculty senate meeting. Attended Eastern Idol. Introduced Cory Booker during rally. Attended debate watch party. Went to and spoke at dining services grand opening. Co-planned screening of “13th.” Helping to plan “EmpowHER to run.” Planning Black Student Commission 10-Point-Plan meeting. Wrote a letter to Faculty Senate demanding that they release a statement in support of the 10-point plan.
   2. President of the Senate Starr: Scheduled appointments for free legal services. Updated website (photos, minutes, etc.). Met with Senator Thompson and J-D regarding Senate Resolutions 103-09 and 10. Met with Chartwells rep regarding dining employee training practices. Assisted in training of new senators. Attended university budget committee. Met with Todd Omar regarding university budget. Coordinated events with EPO. Worked with BSU about appeal process. Drew up options for low-income meal plans. Booked rooms for 10-point plan commission. Appeared on ETV on behalf of student government, as well as Eagle Radio. Coordinated funding for senate retreat. Ordered supplies, name tags, etc. alongside other daily administrative tasks.
   3. Speaker of the Senate Corace: Approved absences of Senators Smith and Dorce. Gave new senators bylaw quiz. Finalized senate retreat (Sunday, October 30th from 4-6). Issued an absence a senator who failed to attend 10/6 senator meeting. Provided potential senators with application materials. In IA meeting, trained new senators and voted on/issued the absence.
   4. Judicial Sergeant Richardson: Conducted one-on-one trainings with new senators. Attended debate watch party. Wrote bylaws test for new senators.
   5. Director of Communications Kindred: Please contact Director Kindred directly if you would like a copy of her report.
   6. Director of Business and Finance Snyder: During B&F meeting, awarded funds to One Way at EMU, Poetry Society, Club Softball, Club Hockey, MESA, and BSU.
   7. Director of Governmental Affairs Somerville: Submitted final voter registration forms to city clerk. Planned final debate watch party. Has been working with Russ Orwell to host a forum sponsored by the RTA. Planning upcoming GOTV events. Attended last week’s PAC meeting. Working on getting guest speakers from BLM. Met with an independent candidate for county prosecutor-- planning possible meet-and-greet. Hosting a “history of third party voting” event that includes a screening of the documentary “13th.”
   8. Director of Political Action Koli: Has been continuing to plan Mental Health Awareness Week. Planning “Send Silence Packing” event. Headed last week’s PAC meeting. Planning next semester’s Sexual Assault Prevention Week. Working with Director Somerville to show screening of “13th” and possibly getting speakers from BLM to come to campus.
   9. Director of Student Services Moore: Cleaned up office space. Headed last week’s student services committee meeting. Planning on distributing a student survey. Planning an SG “walk around campus” to figure out which areas of campus need better lighting. In early stages of planning a mural with DCI. Working on “Adopt a Family”-- trying to find contacts.
   10. Director of Sustainability VanLandingham: Worked with other members of student gov to collect over 40 lbs of recycling after homecoming football game. Met with Leigh Greden. Present to a class about sustainability commission. Has been serving as a liaison between Chartwells and physical plan. Thanks to sustainability commission, all residential halls now collect box tops.
   11. Director of Philanthropy Atwater: Has been sending members of SG different volunteer opportunities. Thanks to Director Atwater’s efforts, $300 from President Morton’s discretionary fund will be allocated to Ypsilanti Middle School for one of their field trips.
8. Old Business
   1. No old business.
9. New Business
   1. FY17-029 FUnding Request Appeal (BSU): (Background-- BSU requested approximately $1100 from B&F committee; was awarded $800. Are appealing for the full amount.) Treasurer Crutcher of the BSU spoke on behalf of her organization, citing the fact that the BSU has not requested funds from SG in over a year.
      1. Director Snyder spoke on behalf of B&F committee, citing the committee’s concerns that BSU had not fundraised enough.
      2. Discussion: Senator J-D asked Treasurer Crutcher how much money they were receiving from Community and Government Relations and whether they had met with EPO yet. President Morton answered. Delegate Bausley spoke in favor of the event, praising it as “an investment in the student body.” Senator Lucas echoed Delegate Bausley’s sentiments, as did Senator Fofana. Senator J-D asked whether or not the event would be able to happen without the full amount; the answer was no. Senator Fofana asked how much money was in their X-fund; answer = $300. Senator Garcia said that student government “might as well completely fund the event” since it seemed like a good investment in the student body. Delegate Bausley emphasized the urgency of allocating the full funds to BSU, since the event is happening soon. Director Snyder reminded everyone that it takes three full weeks (from the date of being awarded) for funds to be processed. Treasurer Crutcher said that there would be a table for any members of student government who wanted to attend.
      3. Senator J-D moved to award the amount in full. Motion seconded.
      4. Vote of 17-0-2. Funding request awarded in full.
   2. Sen. Res. 103-09 Approval of Funds: Senator Thompson, one of the authors of the resolution, spoke about the importance of student senators having their own business cards. Senator J-D echoed his sentiments; assured senate and gallery that this would not negatively impact senate resolution funds.
      1. Discussion: Senator Tharp asked if there would be enough money to give everyone in the senate business cards. Senator J-D said yes. Senator Tharp also asked what other uses the funds could go towards.
      2. Senator Lucas asked Senator J-D to clarify what would be printed on the business cards. Senator J-D yielded to VP Starr.
      3. Senator J-D added further commentary in favor of senator business cards.
      4. Speaker Corace disagreed with Senator J-D. “This money is meant to be used for STUDENTS.”
      5. Senator Deljevic echoed Speaker Corace’s business cards. “This isn’t our money to use; it’s the student’s money to use.”
      6. Senator J-D responded to Speaker Corace; argued that it would indirectly benefit the student body for senators to have business cards because they would “be easier to contact.”
      7. Director Snyder argued that since all E-board members have business cards, SG is already easily reachable.
      8. Senator Deljevic echoed his previous sentiments.
      9. Senator Leapheart echoed Speaker Corace’s sentiments. “I don’t see the point of spending senate resolution funds on something that only benefits of me.”
      10. Delegate Peeler asked Senator J-D to clarify the minimum amount of business cards that must be purchased. Answer = 250.
      11. Senator Thompson echoed his previous sentiments. “Business cards will make us all look more professional.”
      12. Senator J-D: “I would note that if we are spending money on students, perhaps we should not plan a Senate retreat that will cost $14-16 per person.”
      13. Senator Randall asked the Senate to consider whether or not they would use 250 business cards over the course of the school year.
      14. Motion to call the question by Senator J-D. Seconded. Objection by Speaker Corace.
      15. Vote of 14-7. Objection passes. Still in discussion.
      16. Speaker Corace clarified that funds for senate retreat comes from a separate account. Advocated for importance of senate retreat in bringing members together to form positive relationships.
      17. Senator Garcia stated that he was conflicted. Stated that he would be voting no “for now.”
      18. Motion to call the question. Seconded.
      19. Vote 2-18. Resolution 103-09 fails.
   3. Sen. Res. 103-10 (Award Senator Emeritus)
      1. Senator J-D, co-author of the bill, spoke in favor of its passing. Senator Thompson echoed his sentiments.
      2. Discussion: President Morton wanted clarification on what the “senator emeritus” status entailed. No further discussion.
      3. Vote 20-0-0. Sen. 103-10 passes.
   4. Provisional Senator Walters
      1. Full name Justin Walters. Marketing major. Member of BSU and Poetry Society. Wants to work towards creating better race relations on campus.
      2. Senator J-D asked to describe 3 things Justin wants to accomplish on campus as a senator. (Answer: increase campus engagement, stop cultural appropriation on campus, increase number of job fairs and other employment opportunities)
      3. First choice committee = PAC. Second choice = B&F.
      4. Senator Johnson asked how Justin would manage his time between SG and his other commitments.
      5. Discussion: Speaker Corace spoke in favor of Justin’s application. Delegate Bausley knows Justin personally and spoke to his intelligence and dedication. Senator Randall echoed his sentiments, as did Senator Lucas and Senator Johnson.
      6. Vote 19-0-1. Provisional Senator Walters confirmed.
   5. Provisional Senator Hines
      1. As a senator, wants to address campus issues such as lack of parking and accessible printing.
      2. First choice committee = student services.
      3. Senator Randall asked if she was involved in anything else on campus. Answer = NAACP.
      4. Discussion: Speaker Corace noted that “provisional senator Hines brought forth some great, fresh ideas.”
      5. Senator Lucas spoke in favor of Ms. Hines, as did Senator J-D and Senator Wurster. Director Moore wanted to speak, but Director J-D objected. Vote 3-17-0. Objection fails.
      6. Director Moore knows Ms. Hines personally and spoke to her passion, creativity, and dedication.
      7. Unanimous vote in favor. Provisional Senator Hines is confirmed.
10. Gallery Comments
    1. President Morton encouraged Senators to put forth more resolutions and avoid internal conflict. “I would like to see us work more for our students. Our focus is on them, not arguing internally.”
11. Open Discussion
    1. Senator Lucas: Wanted to know how soon new senators would be receiving their nametags.
    2. Senator J-D: “Our adviser, Leigh Greden, wanted me to note that there is a bus pass subsidized by EMU parking.” Cost = $40.
12. Closing roll call
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.