



Emerson College Student Government Association

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NOTICE OF MEETING:

THIS AGENDA will be utilized during the Friday, Oct. 25 Student Government Association General Assembly meeting beginning at 12 p.m. in Walker building, room 417.

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THE SGA SHALL ENGAGE in the following matters once the meeting is called to order:

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 12:04
- II. Approval of minutes from last week.
- III. Introduction of Beth Moriarty.
 - A. Interim Associate Dean of Students
 1. Worked in higher-ed for 37 years.
 2. Bridgewater State University, retired in 2019; since retirement works as an interim. This her 9th interim position.
 - B. Housing.
 - C. Community Standards
 - D. Student Engagement (SEAL)
 1. Worked with SGA at many schools, but never the direct advisor.
- IV. Presentation on ELA by Chad Hagan Myers.
 - A. Assistant Dean of Students at ELA campus.
 1. Housing
 2. Student Programming
 3. Care and Support
 4. National Student Support
 - B. Comes to Boston Campus twice a year to recruit for ELA
 1. Focuses on Juniors applying now.
 - C. If you missed info sessions: virtual coming soon!
 1. 2:00 p.m. November 12th.
 - D. We are not VMA only.
 1. Kyle Gerbovich:
 - a) Lots of stuff for everybody else.
 - b) CSD only exception.
 - c) Schools of Communication or Arts! Lots of BCE, more WLP, and need more Journalism and Marketing!

(1) Many *great* journalism courses.

d) Departments are working to set up cohorts of students to come to ELA for specific purposes.

E. Summer Program

1. Abbreviated, 13 week program.
2. *Only the internship*; four credits.
3. Explore the city without worrying about class.
4. Application is currently open.

F. Questions

1. Students have some issues of safety at ELA (especially women) what is ELA doing to prioritize safety?
 - a) Working hard to get additional security.
 - b) Got approval for on-site additional security.
 - c) We're just one block of LA; when students go into the city, there's not much we can do.
 - d) We work closely with LAPD
 - e) Working on "The Business Improvement District" (Instead of armed officers) to give presentations on how to be safe in the city and how to navigate the city.
2. Are there any social or emotional supports for experiencing harassment?
 - a) Anna Kelly
 - b) Works closely with any harassment or instances on or off campus.
 - c) No counseling center on campus, but two counselors that are open 7 days a week to students.
3. Los Angeles doesn't have great public transportation; are there conversations about how students can get reliable transportation?
 - a) Conversation had every semester for the 5 years.
 - b) It's a huge financial ability; Ubers can be expensive!
 - c) Anna Kelly works with students to find an affordable transportation option.
 - d) Similar program to Emerson Charlie Card program
 - e) We have not found a great solution, but it is at the top of the mind.
4. Does the food pantry still run out incredibly quickly?
 - a) Student Lunch Box partnership (brand new) Non-profit that works with local food pantries, grocery stores, and farmers markets.
 - (1) Fresh fruit, non-perishables, proteins, etc.

- b) Food pantry is completely stocked.
- 5. What is the meal plan?
 - a) We do not have a dining hall. Instead of meal swipes, you get a 1500 meal subsidy program.
 - (1) Most of it goes towards gift cards to local grocery stores
 - (2) You also get money to the restaurant at the bottom floor of the ELA building.
 - (3) ELA Cash; grub hub, and Grub Hub+ account.
- 6. How does the application process work for someone who is graduating a semester early?
 - a) One application cycle for fall and spring.
 - b) Regardless when you graduate, you do the same application; Fall of your Junior year it'll open up.
- 7. What does being a TMP look like at ELA?
 - a) We get a good number of students in TMP; but mostly in the spring semester.
 - b) Offer a number of classes in your major: The chief being the camera classes.
 - c) Brand new courses in casting; with the VP of casting at Sony.
 - d) Business of Acting course.
- 8. There's concern that because there's not many marketing students, there's not many marketing courses. Is there any way to find out what the courses will be before you apply or accept?
 - a) Marketing offerings at ELA:
 - (1) Entertainment Marketing
 - (2) Content Strategy
 - (3) Agency Record
 - b) These courses are almost always offered regardless of marketing majors. We will not stop offering marketing courses because BCE majors are interested.
- 9. What about CSD?
 - a) We've had CSD students in LA to see if we can get more students.
 - b) There's plenty of opportunities in LA for CSD, but LA typically does attract certain majors more than others.
 - c) We're trying to make ELA for everyone though, and making connections.

- d) Going forward, we'll have CSD offerings available.
 - e) The demand comes from the department; if there is interest it's easier for us to build up.
 - (1) The key is collaborating with the departments.
10. What is the process of getting the internships? Does the college assist?
- a) Once you're accepted, you will be emailed from our Internship advisors.
 - b) This is the beginning of your search process; they'll give you leads and resources.
 - c) You are responsible for your own internship, but we will help find opportunities and leads.
 - d) 70% of students have internships when they arrive.
 - (1) This group began looking *early*, right when they heard from their advisors.
 - (2) If you begin early, you'll increase your chances of getting multiple internship offers.
 - e) 30% get internships after two or so weeks.
 - f) Everyone has access to the various resources we provide; among these are workshops on coverage.
 - (1) Chances are you'll have to do script coverage as part of your interview.
 - (2) We'll offer workshops on what that is, and how to do it to succeed in your interview.
11. Would you suggest while we're filling out the application process, or should we wait until the advisors reach out?
- a) Chances are, there won't be that many opportunities posted yet, but you are more than welcome to do so.
12. There are four or eight credit internships available. How do you differentiate between what internships are four, and eight? And how does this interact with course registration?
- a) The credit hours are just based on how many hours you're working on site.
 - (1) 16-ish hours, that is four credits
 - (2) 24-32 is eight credits.
 - b) Course registration happens as you're searching for your internship in the Spring, the Fall is slightly different.

(1) If you're uncertain how many hours you're able to work, (which probably is the case because you don't know what job you'll have yet) you can take a 16 credit-load with 3 classes and 1 internship, and then you can drop one of the classes.

(2) This is incredibly normal.

13. How often do this internships turn into full-time offers?

- a) It's nice when it does; but don't expect it.
- b) 10% of all internships are paid., don't expect it

14. Cultural interaction

- a) We invite students from multiple other universities to interact with others.
- b) Network opportunities in person as we invite them.
- c) We don't do a lot of partnerships with LA schools; moreso schools with study-away programs.

15. Can you do a directed study instead of an internship?

- a) It's been discussed as an option for students unable to get an internship.
- b) We don't allow this as a "go-to" plan. It's required to do an internship.
- c) The Comedic Arts Juniors when they come don't do internships

16. The Comedic Arts are required to go Junior Year

- a) Other programs, we'd love to have cohorts of students come, but it's not up to us- it's up to the departments.

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V. Introductions

A. Leo Boccock

- 1. Deputy of Sustainability Senator, filling in for Grey.
- 2. Would have dinner with his Grandfather.
- 3. VMA major; worked with Engagement Lab, sad that it's gone. Trying to make up for that.

VI. Volunteers for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

A. Interdepartmental

B. 8 members

C. Selected by the student government

D. Meets regularly, every couple of months. Next is November 19th.

- 1. Tuesdays 2-4
- 2. If you're upset at the time, talk to them and maybe they'll move it.

- E. Makes decisions on proposals
 - F. Increase knowledge of undergraduate curriculum
 - G. Diverse perspectives on changes
 - H. Provide the administration on college-wide feedback
 - I. Reviews all new courses and programs, along with changes.
 - J. Interested Parties
 - 1. Email Olivia if you are interested.
- VII. Presentation from Georgia on bylaw.
- A. Motion: Bylaws amended,
 - 1. Write-in candidates go through conduct checks
 - 2. Chief Justice emails them to see if they're interested within 48 hours.
 - 3. Should no more than one candidate express interest, the position are appointed.
 - 4. If more than one candidate shows interest, the IA board selects a best candidate.
 - B. Angus Motion: Amend Georgia's Motion
 - 1. Add "if no balloted candidate receives majority of the vote"
 - 2. Accepted
 - C. Angus Motion:
 - 1. Should multiple write-in candidates express interest, the one with the most votes wins.
 - 2. If there is a tie, IA board will discuss and select the best candidate.
 - 3. If a write-in candidate didn't pass
 - 4. PASSED
- VIII. Project Proposal Presentations.
- A. LIANE: CSD SENATOR (Communication Science Disorders)
 - 1. Wants to throw a mixer for CSD to connect.
 - a) At the mixer
 - (1) Informal with some food
 - (2) different panels on course selections
 - (3) Raffles
 - (4) Truman
 - b) Tentative venues
 - (1) Bordy Theatre
 - (2) 172 Tremont Basement
 - (3) Walker Loft

- (4) Healing and Advocacy
- c) CSD is such a small major, and there are so many opportunities for CSD to branch out.
- d) There are new majors, minors, and clubs;
 - (1) such as Art, Health, and Society Majors.
 - (2) We also have a Death & Hearing Loss Major.
 - (3) We have so many clubs as well.
- e) This is open for undergrad and postgrad students to introduce themselves and look for internships.
 - (1) New connection with hospitals around the area; need to advertise.
- f) Does CSD have many classes together? How do you anticipate spreading the word?
 - (1) Thinking about flyers.
 - (2) Suggestion: reaching out to CSD head to do mass-email.
 - (3) Suggestion: ask professors to advertise the event to their students.

B. HENRY: BIG REPRESENTATIVE (Boston Intercollegiate Government)

1. Context
 - a) Representing Emerson to external body. (17 school college)
2. Overview
 - a) Town Hall and Collegiate Community
 - b) Discuss students political feelings of the next President.
 - c) Aim to have leaders within the Town Hall (All elected levels)
 - d) Addressing everyday needs & concerns.
 - e) Held at campus venue.
 - (1) Bill Bordy
 - (2) Cutler Majestic Theatre
 - f) Planning stages– want a stacked line up of speakers.
3. Goals
 - a) Court leaders from all elected levels of Government
 - b) Need Ayanna Pressley
 - (1) Everyone else hopefully falls in line after we get her lol.
 - (2) If you can't get her, look for Markey or Warren.
 - c) Probably not the Mayor
 - d) Reason to get all levels:

(1) MUST be accountable, can't pawn off to other levels of government.

e) Looking for large capacity for students.

f) RIGID message discipline.

(1) Focused on Students & their priorities, and how the next presidential candidate will affect them.

g) Need *LOTS* of food.

h) Need security.

i) Free from political agitators.

(1) Monitoring different political groups, looking for only civic engagement– not any bad faith.

(2) Specific to Boston-area students.

C. IF YOU NEED HELP SUBMITTING A PROJECT PROPOSAL:

1. Email Nandan or Kayla for assistance.

IX. Open Forum.

A. Sports

1. Potential dodgeball game.

2. Potential field day event.

3. Volleyball Game

a) November 8th, 4:30 - 6:30.

B. Henry Vlogs D.C.

1. For SGA takeover.

2. Reach out to Josue, Bry & Nandan.

C. Oath Ceremony Pictures

1. Riley sent a folder

2. Katie sent a folder

3. Will be sent out soon with accreditations.

X. Adjournment.

A. 1:51