

Minutes

- I. Welcome**
- II. Roll Call Attendance**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Constituency Comments**
- VI. Position Reports**
 - A. Standards**
 - Standards met and talked about leaving two spots open for freshman going into the fall semester
 - They will be continuing to have this conversation on Monday
 - B. Finance**
 - Finance continued their work on the campus improvement project
 - They will be bringing the ideas to GA
 - C. Campus Engagement**
 - Second club approval today
 - They are planning to start discussion about the third event that we are hoping to have
 - D. DEI&B**
 - Tens Across the Board is this Sunday from 7pm-10pm

- Please make sure you are signing up to work the event
- They are also planning on DEI&B dinner for December 5th

E. Institutional Committees

- APC has been talking about a potential mental health day for the Spring semester
- There is hope that every fall semester in the future would have a “mental health day.”
- CC has approved most of the new learning goals, and is working with APC to create a subcommittee to approve courses under the new curriculum

F. AD-HOCs

- N/A

G. Recording Secretary

- Please make sure that you are meeting with your clubs for the ambassador program

H. Director of Communications

- If you need a graphic, please fill out the Google form for Margery! Please make sure you are filing out in a week in advance

I. President

- E-Board had our senior staff meeting this past Friday and we extended an invite to senior staff to come to our next town hall
- The application for our special election is open, and we would love to see as many people apply as possible
- Exec is going to a SGA conference with other SGA's from the Lehigh Valley that will be hosted at Morovian.

VII. New Business

A. Club Approval- See Below for List/Order

- R= Rep; C= Constituent

1. MESA

- C = The purpose of this club is to create a safe space for all Arabs and Middle Eastern Students that celebrates culture, dances, food, music, languages and more.
- C = One of their goals is to teach students on campus about culture while creating a safe space on campus.
- C = They are hoping to be an affinity group on campus!
- C = The majority of their events will be fundraiser events; The hope is to bring a new group for Middle Eastern Students on campus
- R = On their Instagram, they have a post with flags representing countries in the Middle East, however they did not include Israel. Do they intend on including those identities in their club as well?
- C = Their goal is to create a safe space as long as individuals are respectful of one another
- C = We want to maintain a respectful community on campus, given the events that are happening overseas. How do you intend on using this club as a place for students to come together as opposed to creating any more divide?
- C = They will be open to having discourse with other identifying groups on campus, and they want to do this in a civilized manner. It is not a club just for Middle Eastern Students but an opportunity for anyone who wants to, to learn about the Middle East

- C = How will they maintain their statement of inclusion? They do not plan on taking sides, but they want everyone to feel protected at events sponsored by the club
- R = On their Instagram, it says “They stand with Palestine.” They feel as their current stance in Palestine is very dire, but they repeatedly want to maintain a sense of making sure people feel welcomed.
- R = What kind of events do they want to do and what do they anticipate their funding requests to look like?
- C= They want to do some sort of baking event where they would sell Middle Eastern Desserts
- R= They emphasize with the whole situation, however would they feel comfortable including Israel at a later time? Is this an advocacy group or an association?
- C= They feel like they are a club for everyone, and they want people to feel safe. Although people may be upset that Israel was not included, there were other flags that were not included as well
- R= The idea of everyone feeling safe is not presented on their Instagram, which is not what the aspirations of the club are How will they make MESA a safe space?
- C= The situation in Palestine is a dire situation, and they feel it is necessary to shine a light as to what is going on.
- C= They are presenting as the Middle Eastern Student Association, however it doesn’t seem that they reached out to Israeli students. Will they accept Israelis to run on their Eboard?

- C = They did not intend for this club to harm anyone who may identify as Israelis.
- R = They are talking a lot about advocacy for Palestine, as they feel that Palestine does not get enough coverage as it is supposed to. They want to be able to raise awareness.
- C = A major concern that a number of people are having is that this does not feel like it is a Middle Eastern Student Association for all students. It needs to be a space for all Middle Eastern Students, and there is struggle of the group doing advocacy and representation all students
- C= They were planning on making this club before the events of October 7th happened.
- C= The club is not a bad idea, however if they want to welcome everyone, there has to be more welcoming students as to what they potentially may want to accomplish. If Israeli or Jewish people do join, it is important that both sides of the conflict are discussed.
- R = Given that they are all 1st years on campus, how have they had conversations with other people or affinity groups on campus? They have talked with other affinity groups on campus, and some of the club leaders have grown up in Allentown.
- C = This affinity group really needs to educate people for all needs of people on campus. This representation is needed on campus to provide a safe space for students on campus
- After a general poll of SGA, we as a group do not feel comfortable to be able to vote on this this week. The members

have been invited to the Campus Engagement and DEI&B in order to be able to better work out this idea.

2. SOL

- C: Bryan and Shaylle are presenting to SGA about starting a Caribbean and Latin Dance club
- C: So far, there are about 7-8 people who are interested in being a member of this club. They have a lot of interested from word of mouth and see it as an opportunity to do really incredible things for the community
- C: The goal of this affinity group is to provide a space for Latin and Caribbean dance. They are hoping to have performances as apart of their group
- C: They do intend to join the showcases of other dance groups on campus and they anticipate needing budgeting for costumes.
- C: Their average meeting will include dancing, as well as a space for reflection so members of the club can also have the opportunity to learn more about what is going on
- R: Do you plan on having auditions for the group?
- C: For showcases they intend on doing auditions in order to be able to see what the talent levels are in the room?
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- C: As a dancer how do you plan on balancing the dancing aspect, as well as the learning component for people who may not be interested in the showcase?

- C: Workshops and Performances would be separate so that students can decide how strict of a commitment they have to the club.
- C: It is not a group just for dancers as they want to encourage and promote discourse for things happening within the Latin and Caribbean communities
- R: They are hoping to become an affinity group in the same way Poised Ivy and Mayhem Step Team.
- CLUB: APPROVED

3. Voguress

- C=Voguress is a fashion club for students to be able to express their creativity.
- C: They are creating a space for people to be creative with their clothing, doing fashion shows and inviting designers as well as showcasing cultural aspects of fashion.
- C=They want to also do little thrifting trips and upcycle some of the clothing that they get
- C: They feel it is important to appreciate cultural clothing and NOT appropriate it
- C: So far, they did a google form with 20 plus people who were interested in the club. They are expecting \$500-\$700 for the thrifting trips, and if they were to invite any potential famous designers.
- C: They want to incorporate Asian fashion, and would like to everyone as long as they feel comfortable?
- R: Would they potentially be interested in collaborating with ENACT with their clothing spot?

- C: Yes, they are definitely interested in collaborating with ENACT. One of the club leaders is hoping to donate some of their clothing directly to the club itself
- R: Did you mention where you intend on getting the funding for the designers?
- C: They would love to host a little get together to launch the club and hopefully receive funding from SGA and other outside resources.
- C: The name came from “Vogue” which is a popular name in the fashion industry, and “Progress”, the idea of progressing is about becoming a better version of themselves
- R: For their “launch event”, they are hoping to involve as many people as possible, while recognizing that they cannot necessarily charge an “entry fee.”
- R: There are so many great ideas, but what is the concrete mission of what they are trying to achieve? What is their approach about inviting people of all cultures?
- C: Their main mission is to have a creative fashion club to learn more about design and upcycling clothes.
- C: They want to incorporate all types of dance for anyone who may be interested in joining
- **THE VOTE PASSES**
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4. Harry Potter Club

- C: Aaron is presenting to potentially the Harry Potter Club
- C: So far, interest is through only word of mouth, but he has heard many people who are interested in Harry Potter

- C: If the club gets voted in, he wants to put flyers around campus
- C: The mission statement is for students on campus to learn and discuss Harry Potter on campus
- C: In terms of anticipated expenses, they are thinking of using it for mainly food
- C: Some events they want to do are watching Harry Potter movies, making Harry Potter Food, and potentially making a trip to the Harry Potter Store in New York City
- C: There is no current official space on campus for clubs to explore Harry Potter, and the goal is for students who are interested in Harry Potter to come together
- R: How will the leader of the club manage both the Pokemon club as well as Harry Potter?
- C: He is planning to still be in a leadership role in both clubs
- R: What will meetings look like?
- C: The people who are interested in will help shape the club and the kind of events that will happen
- R: What is the leadership structure so far?
- C: They do not have any leadership position right now?
- R: Why apply for a club and not just have people hang out and discuss Harry Potter?
- C: It would be good to have the ability to use 25 Live so that they can have the same spaces as other Muhlenberg clubs on campus
- **VOTE: PASSES**

5. Badminton Club

- C; The Badminton club is a place for people to simply play Badminton.
- C; As of now, they have 39 names who have expressed interest via a Google form.
- C; The anticipated expense are rackets, ball, as well as nets and other necessities which they anticipate might be around \$500.
- C: They are looking for funding from SGA but can supplement from fundraising if needed
- C: They are typically thinking of playing for an 1.5-2 hrs each week, and they are hoping to meet in the Green or the grass area near Moyer
- C: If people are interested in competing, they are willing to host tournaments
- C: The badminton club wants to
- KRIS IS VERY GOOD AT BADMINTON
- R: Have they contacted the LSC yet about using their spaces?
- C: They can book space in LSC via 25 Live if they are interested in using the space for the club
- R: How do they plan on teaching people who may not have the same skill level?
- C: They are opening to have an open relaxed environment where people can show up and learn with each other
- R: Do they plan on eventually trying to become an intramural sport?
- C: As of now no, but they are exploring the possibilities in the future
- **THE VOTE PASSES**

B. Campus Improvement Discussion

- Finance has been coming with some ideas for a potential campus improvement project this year
- Some of their ideas are: Gazebo, Central Firepit, Closed Caption Machine
- Their top tier ideas are: Ice machine for dorms and bethlehem bus on the weekend
 - The theater department does already have a closed caption machine
- Evans Idea: The idea behind the Bethlehem Bus is to have a bus that would go to Bethelhem so students could potentially have another social life opportunity.
 - This is a great idea, and Bethelhem is such a popular spot for students on campus
 - Having a bus would be great for safety reasons as it would allow students to go to Bethelhem and experience the fun atmosphere
 - If we are going to Bethelhem for fun, how would the school feel about students going on the bus?
 1. This is obviously in the brainstorming stages, and it would need to be run by the college for Liability reasons
- Would the ice machine and printers in the dorms be more convenient?
- Yo Kai(Ramen machine) express seems cool and it would be another food option for students, but it could be expensive
 - There is a potential issue with the machine as if we buy the machine, Sodexo would need to be the ones who are responsible for the uptake of the food

- Providing filtered water stations in every residence halls could be a good idea for student know that they are drinking water that taste ok!
- With the ice machine, there is concern as to who would be stocking in? How would the logistics work for this? Can we get an ice machine that we continuously produce ice
- If people are curious about the Bethlehem bus idea, contact Aidan as she is apart of the social committee working group
- Providing printers in residence halls could be more accessible for students

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VIII. Adjournment