

Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

January 22, 2020



Undergraduate
Student Government
At Michigan Tech

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Roll taken.
 - i. Suggestions for Website
 1. Office Hours
 2. Agendas
 3. More photos
 4. Digital sign-up waiver for bus online
 5. Graphics
 6. Updated event dates
 7. Updated class years and committee assignments.
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - Agenda and minutes approved.
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. HIDE Justin Surveying Project
 - Voting booth website
 - i. Project started a few years ago in collaboration with USG.
 1. Flask Web App.
 2. Surveying student opinions.
 3. Quick and efficient polling on large events.
 4. Admin end for USG - we can create questions.
 5. Multiple questions
 6. Need a USG Representative to develop the app with and meet one-on-one.
 - a. Jordan Craven volunteers to work with HIDE.
 7. Completion time depends on how much functionality USG wants.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - i. Mitch's Misfits Statement
 1. Sent out on Monday with Melanie's update.
 - ii. E-Board Update
 1. Follow up on Course Materials Resolution
 - a. Email to be sent to the officials mentioned in the resolution
 2. Constitution Review Conversation
 - a. May not be able to vote on constitution this semester due to timeline.
 - iii. Hockey Game- President's Suite (01/24)
 1. Email Heather to RSVP
 - iv. Board of Trustees Presentation
 1. Presenting in 3 weeks.
 2. Submitting material in 2 weeks.
 - a. Presenting draft of presentation to body next Wednesday.
 - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
 - i. Body Retreat
 1. February 1st, 9 AM-1 PM
 2. Mandatory
 3. Let Ziggy know if you can't make it.

- ii. Office Hours
 1. Schedule office hours.
 2. Make up missed office hours.
 - iii. Committee Positions
 1. Some committees are overflowing and some are underfilled.
 2. Looking at redistribution of members.
 - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. CFO Ms. Kerry Financial Information Session Monday, April 6th 2020 Fisher 135 5-6 PM.
 1. Sue Kerry and Leo will present on where their student bill is going.
 2. 1 hour for Q&A.
 3. Chance to talk to constituents.
 - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
 - i. Please fill out the general information survey!
- VII. Advisor Reports
 - Beka Horsch
 - i. HuskyLead: Get It Together
 1. Presented by Stefani Vargas Krause
 2. Thursday, January 23; 5-6 PM in MUB Alumni Lounge A
 - ii. Huskies Hockey Friday and Saturday vs. Ferris State
 1. Friday at 7:07 PM (Hope to see you in the Suite)
 2. Saturday at 6:07 PM
 - iii. Stalking Awareness Month Round Table
 1. Monday, January 27 at 6-7:30 PM
 2. MUB Alumni Lounge A
 - iv. Husky Hour from 4-5 PM in Library East Reading Room
 1. Tuesday, January 28 on Healthy Living
 2. Wednesday, January 29 on Motivation
 - v. Jazz Cabaret: Backstage at the Rozsa
 1. Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25 at 7:30 PM
 - Jessie Stapleton
 - Stefani Vargas Krause
 - Bonnie Gorman
 - i. Board of Trustees will NOT be at hockey game this weekend.
 - ii. Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Sunday 7-9 PM.
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
 - Events (*River Leverage*)
 - i. Events Committee after meeting.
 - Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
 - i. Moving constitution update timeline.
 - ii. Establishment of Constitution Task Force Committee.
 1. Ensure constitution up to date on BOT Policy.
 2. Collect possible revisions this semester.
 3. Advertise with PR next semester.
 - Political Affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
 - i. Spoke with Diversity, appointment with Audrey Mayer scheduled later.
 - Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Members of the Week
 1. Harley Merkaj

- 2. Tej Bergin
 - ii. Orders submitted for quarter-zips and beanies.
 - iii. Polos will be done later.
 - Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
 - i. Project Period
 - 1. Working with Women's Leadership Council
 - ii. Disciplinary action for reviews that violate code of conduct.
 - iii. Live tracking of SDC usage, IT ticket submitted.
 - Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Budget Hearing Meeting
 - 1. Good turnout.
- IX. USG Liaison Reports
 - Graduate Student Government (*Anna Ellis*)
 - i. Increasing health insurance subsidies to be a more competitive grad school.
 - Interfraternity Council (*Leif Olson*)
 - i. Action plan and committee assignments for the semester.
 - Panhellenic Council (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Need Liaison
 - ii. Reese Wagner, VP of Recruitment and Operations.
 - iii. VP of Recruitment Programming open.
 - Inter Residence Housing Council (*Tej Bergin*)
 - i. No one in line for Resident Advocate position.
 - Houghton City Council
 - i. Meijer will make a decision if they will open a store in Houghton in March
 - ii. Vereida Group and Houghton analyzing costs for waterfront development.
 - iii. Car accidents are down.
 - Parent's Fund (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - Senate (*Harley Merkaj*)
 - i. Mockups of H-Stem building shown.
 - ii. Website to be available by Monday.
 - Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
 - i. Looking to split into 3 Diversity Councils
 - 1. Staff
 - 2. Faculty
 - 3. Students
 - ii. Wants USG's help to find members for student council.
 - Student Commission
 - i. Melanie volunteers to be liaison
 - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg and Emily Mattson*)
 - i. Book sale for Winter Carnival
 - JED Campus
 - i. Need liaison
 - ii. Fridays at 9 AM.
 - iii. Talk to Melanie
 - Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
 - i. Final proposal submitted to Provost
 - ii. Will start advertising to student body soon.
 - H-Stem (*Colleen Toorongian*)

- i. Attached to Chemsci
 - ii. Mostly open lab space
 - iii. “Irresistible Stairs” to promote walking.
 - iv. Gender neutral restrooms planned throughout building.
 - Other Liaisons
- X. Unfinished Business
- WAM Member Body Vote
 - i. 4-5 PM on Mondays.
 - ii. John Nowosad nominates John Nowosad
 - 1. John Nowosad withdraws his nomination.
 - iii. Coleen Toorongian nominates Harley Merkaj
 - iv. John Nowosad motions to appoint Harley Merkaj to WAM.
 - 1. Second
 - a. 22 in favor.
 - b. 0 opposed
 - c. 2 abstention
 - 2. Motion passes
 - 3. Harley Merkaj appointed to WAM.
- XI. New Business
- Blue Key (Winter Carnival Comedian) Opp Fund Request
 - i. Requesting \$4569.68
 - ii. Will be giving a recommendation next week after meeting with WAM.
 - Boxing Club at Michigan Tech
 - i. Requesting \$880
 - ii. Do not have a budget.
 - iii. Request for time-sensitive safety equipment
 - SBG Review Recommendations
 - i. Meetings were Jan. 20 and 21.
 - ii. Film Board
 - 1. SBG status shall be retained contingent on fulfilling action plan developed jointly between SBG Review Committee and Film Board.
 - iii. MUB Board
 - 1. SBG status shall be retained
 - iv. Pep Band
 - 1. SBG status shall be denied.
 - v. SLS
 - 1. SBG status shall be retained.
 - vi. Lode
 - 1. SBG status shall be denied.
 - vii. WMTU
 - 1. SBG status shall be retained contingent on fulfilling action plan developed jointly between SBG Review Committee and WMTU.
 - viii. Will be made available to the body.
 - Polo Allocation
 - i. Cost dependent on what sizes are purchased.
 - ii. Cost for 30 polos estimated at \$500.
 - iii. Leif motions to allocate \$550 to polos
 - 1. Second

2. Bryce motions to amend the motion to say up to \$550 for polos.
 - a. Second
 - i. 22 in favor
 - ii. 1 opposed
 - iii. 1 abstentions
 - b. Motion passes
 3. 23 in favor.
 4. 0 opposed
 5. 1 abstentions
 - iv. Motion passes.
- XII. Open Floor
- Chili Van and Crosswalk
 - i. Sign-up to be sent out with minutes on Friday.
 1. Awaiting more information.
 - Stamp
 - i. Custom USG Stamp for \$35.00.
 1. Need to allocate money from PR.
 2. John Nowosad motions to allocate up to \$35 for USG stamp from PR.
 - a. Second
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. 23 in favor.
 - iii. 0 opposed.
 - iv. 1 abstention.
 - b. Motion passes.
 - Colleen Toorongian motions to allocate \$500.00 for Chili Van Donation.
 - i. Second
 1. 23 in favor.
 2. 0 opposed.
 3. 1 abstention.
 - Point of information means REQUEST for information.
 - Point of clarification means TO GIVE information.
- XIII. Closed Session
- XIV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- Purpose of this Section (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - i. Talk about events and things you want people to know about.
 - ii. Anything you want!
 - iii. OXE Sorority Mocktail Party 1-3 PM Winter Carnival.
 - iv. Dana Anderson (OXE) running for Winter Carnival Queen.
 - v. SAC should discuss option to book rooms in SDC that don't require filling out email.
 - vi. Good job to Natalie on the Logo!
 - vii. Interest in USG Broomball team.
- XV. Adjournment
- Sydney Dankert motions to adjourn.
 - i. Motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zachary Olson
Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government