



# Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

October 16, 2019

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
  - Roll taken
- III. Approval of Agenda and last meeting Minutes
  - Approved
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Officer Reports
  - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
    - i. Board of Trustees Presentation
      1. Presented last Friday, went well
    - ii. Academic Affairs Committee
      1. Student representation on audit and finance committee, current and future treasurer will be involved.
    - iii. President Koubek
      1. President will be coming to a future meeting to talk about University's goals and get input.
    - iv. 1UP Conference
      1. Locked in names and meals
      2. AirBnB booked.
      3. 1 group staying, one group leaving.
    - v. SVSU Conference
      1. 4 delegates allowed at Open Floor Meeting, need names by October 20th
        - a. Melanie, Colin, Zack interested.
        - b. More than 4 people may come, but only 4 can sit/speak at the open floor meeting.
    - vi. Non Motorized Transport Committee Liaison
      1. October 17, 5-6pm Library Cafe
        - a. In search of liaison.
    - vii. Communication with Constituents
      1. Plans will be presented.
    - viii. Search Committee- Director of Library
      1. Zofia volunteered.
  - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. Office Hours
      1. Fill the sheet in correctly.
    - ii. Meet Your Org
      1. Please sign up for 8 orgs from the org list, send out your email message to them.
    - iii. Body Retreat Survey
      1. Survey coming out after meeting.
  - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - i. Ask any questions about filling out the forms
  - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
- VI. Advisor Reports

- Beka Horsch
- Bonnie Gorman
  - i. October 19, Make a Difference Day
  - ii. October 21, Social Justice Lecture Series, Olga Custodia
  - iii. Husky Hour, October 22, Midterm Reboot
- Jessie Stapleton
- Stefani Vargas Krause
  - i. Leadershape Applications open until November 11.
  - ii. Film board showing Into the Spiderverse
- Standing Committee Reports
- Events (*Lauren Spahn*)
  - i. Tailgate was last week.
  - ii. Was successful, but could have been advertised better.
  - iii. Current project is Thanksgiving Bus
- Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
  - i. Proposal to bylaw revision in unfinished business
- Political affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
  - i. PA committee members should attend Houghton City Council meetings.
- Public relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
  - i. Logo
    - 1. Logo competition, idea.
    - 2. Broomball tried that and it was successful.
    - 3. Student Org Logo and UMC guidelines must be followed.
- Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. Fill out the library office hours form.
  - ii. Looking into having teacher evaluations open during finals week.
  - iii. Looking into live feed of guests in dining hall and SDC.
- Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
  - i. Opportunity Fund Request

#### VII. USG Liaison Reports

- Graduate Student Government (*Anna Ellis*)
- Interfraternity Council (*Colin Schaefer*)
  - i. New member orientation last monday, over 100 new members attended
- Panhellenic Council (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
  - i. Many members want to split up the weekends.
- Inter-Residence Housing Council (*Lauren Spahn*)
  - i. IRHC allocated money to Stage Revue and Queens.
  - ii. Safe House preparations, registration open.
  - iii. Broomball is building rinks this weekend.
- Houghton City Council
  - i. Liaison needed
  - ii. 5:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesday of the month
  - iii. Political Affairs interested in having a member attend.
- Parent's Fund (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
- Senate
  - i. Liaison needed
  - ii. Every other week before USG
- Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)

- i. Need attendee for October 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Admin 404.
    - Student Commissions (*Bryce Walbrun and Justin Mentink*)
      - i. Working on outreach
    - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg*)
    - JED Campus (*Garrett Green*)
    - Commencement Committee (*Connor Weber*)
      - i. President and Provost are interested in grad student commencement Friday before ceremony.
      - ii. Grad students still involved in main ceremony.
      - iii. Family member tickets only valid for one of the 2 events.
      - iv. Simplifies programming and shortens the ceremony.
      - v. No major benefits for undergraduates,
    - Other Liaisons
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- Human Factors & Ergonomics Society Opportunity Fund Request (WAM Recommendation \$264.00)
    - i. Motion to approve WAM recommendation.
      - 1. Motion passes.
  - Report on Reaching out to Constituents
    - i. 1st Year
      - 1. Reaching out across different orgs.
      - 2. Many First-Years are not interested.
      - 3. Focus on getting names/pictures/majors of representatives published.
    - ii. 2nd Year
      - 1. Figuring out how to get email list based on years at tech and not credit standing.
      - 2. Housing.
    - iii. 3rd Year
      - 1. Off campus.
      - 2. No clear answer on what to reach out about, 3rd year is a transition period.
      - 3. Start with an email.
      - 4. 3rd Year at Library office hours.
    - iv. 4th Year
      - 1. 4th-year email chain.
        - a. Specific issues, career fair etc.
      - 2. Online social media polls/groups.
    - v. College of Engineering
      - 1. Reach out to Dean of Engineering, work with department chairs.
    - vi. College of Arts and Sciences
      - 1. Restructuring.
      - 2. H-Stem complex, input from students.
    - vii. School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences
      - 1. School of Forestry is far away.
      - 2. Forestry students do not interact with other majors often.
      - 3. Google survey.
    - viii. School of Business
      - 1. Rep should have a booth at Intro to Business Drop-In Night.
    - ix. At-Large

- x. IRHC
        - 1. Fill other liaison positions, advertising.
    - College of Computing Representation
      - i. Bylaw Proposal
        - 1. Replace “one School of Technology Representative” with “one School of Computing Representative” in bylaws.
        - 2. Motion to approve bylaw revisions.
          - a. Motion passes.
    - USG Constitution Discussion
      - i. Reallocation of Representatives
        - 1. One week waiting period to appoint the new College of Computing Representative.
- IX. New Business
- X. Open Floor
  - Input/opinions about commencement
    - i. Does not solve hotel issue.
    - ii. Does not make undergraduate experience more enjoyable.
    - iii. Google form with commencement ceremony question being sent out.
    - iv. Makes it harder for Pep Band to crash the event if commencement is split up among colleges.
    - v. Ticketing to ensure that undergrads can have more people at the larger commencement ceremony.
    - vi. Graduate students may not be happy.
  - Resignation of Member from College of Arts and Sciences Representative position
    - i. Harley Merkaj
    - ii. Resignation approved
- XI. Closed Session
- XII. Announcements/”Remarks for the Good”
  - Shoutouts of the Week
- XIII. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Zachary Olson  
 Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government