



Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

November 13, 2019

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Roll taken
 - 4 Absences
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - Agenda and minutes approved.
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Officer Reports
 - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - i. United Student Government Conference Recap
 1. Title IX Awareness on campus
 2. Recycling advocacy, more implementation
 3. Food waste reduction program, eliminating trays is a big piece
 4. Creation of Student Association of Higher Education Funding (SCHEF).
 - a. Group that only advocates for higher education funding.
 - b. 14 of 15 public universities participating so far.
 5. Participate in mental health awareness week, possibility of unified week across all campuses.
 6. Course materials affordability advocacy and awareness.
 7. Support continuation and expansion of MI state bottle deposit.
 8. Advocate for increased access to voting and voter turnout for students.
 9. Collaborative mental health resolution, exploring the possibility of Fall Break.
 10. Food Pantry, increasing access.
 - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
 - i. Office Hours
 1. Fulfill/make up your office hours.
 2. Location for representation
 - a. List of locations appropriate for college representatives.
 - i. Engineering in MEEM
 - ii. Forestry in Forestry Building
 - iii. College of Arts and Sciences/School of Business in USG office.
 - ii. Office Supplies
 1. Pencil sharpener and new stapler are in office.
 - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Budget
 1. Largest costs are stipends and 1UP trip.
 2. Accessible from “Important Links” in USG shared drive under WAM.
 - ii. Account Use Approval Form
 1. Being implemented by SLI.
 2. Meant for “in-house” transfers, money spent within the university.
 - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
 - i. Meeting Absence Policy
 1. 3 day-advance notice of meeting late arrival/absence.
- VI. Advisor Reports

- Beka Horsch
 - i. Leadershape applications extended to midnight on Sunday.
- Jessie Stapleton
- Stefani Vargas-Krause
- Bonnie Gorman
 - i. Saturday is the last home football game.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- Events (*Lauren Spahn*)
 - i. Saturday break bus sold out.
 - ii. Friday break bus has 16 tickets left.
 - 1. Alumni Board of Directors going to pay the difference so USG breaks even.
 - iii. Mushing Club spot in body barn.
- Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
- Political Affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
 - i. Impeachment forum 12 PM on Friday.
- Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Logo & Apparel
 - 1. Crest being worked on by NMU PR Chair
 - 2. Letterhead being worked on by Stefani.
 - 3. Polos, quarter-zips, beanies.
 - a. Renting system.
 - ii. Social Media & Website
 - 1. Improving and optimizing
 - iii. Members of the Week
 - 1. Anna Ellis
 - 2. Colleen Toorongian
- Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
 - i. Library does not feel that it is the appropriate location for USG office hours.
 - 1. Meeting to discuss.
 - ii. SDC Fitness Center hours
 - 1. Update posted outside of Office.
 - iii. Developing a Class Waitlist
 - 1. No such system works on Banweb.
 - 2. Coordinating with Senate.
- Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Precision Drill Team
 - 1. \$1045.85 Reserve Fund Request, voting tonight.
 - ii. Networking and Computing Student Association
 - 1. WAM will have a recommendation for the next meeting.

VIII. USG Liaison Reports

- Graduate Student Government (*Anna Ellis*)
- Interfraternity Council (*Colin Schaefer*)
 - i. Voting on next years E-Board positions next week
 - ii. Fraternity Man of the Month is Thomas Basala of Triangle
- Panhellenic Council (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Voting on next years E-Board positions next week
 - ii. Giving tree charity event
- Inter Residence Housing Council (*Lauren Spahn*)

- i. Recycling initiative.
 - 1. Grant proposal to buy bins for each dorm room.
 - 2. IRHC donated 450 bins to housing.
 - ii. Broomball website fixed.
 - Houghton City Council (*Political Affairs representative*)
 - Parent's Fund (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - Senate (*Leif Olson*)
 - Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
 - i. Meeting next Tuesday, need volunteer.
 - ii. Meeting may be rescheduled.
 - Student Commission (*Bryce Walbrun, Justin Mentink*)
 - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg*)
 - Director of the Library Search Committee (*Zofia Freiberg*)
 - i. Finalizing job description and ad.
 - ii. Posting job next week.
 - JED Campus (*Garrett Green*)
 - Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
 - i. Changing and tweaking to fill in time.
 - Other Liaisons
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - Precision Drill Team Reserve Fund Request
 - i. WAM Recommends \$1045.85.
 - 1. Replacing 5 performance rifles, 5 straps, 14 gloves, 14 cords.
 - ii. 14 members, 13 in AFROTC.
 - iii. 1 member in the process of joining.
 - iv. Motion to fund WAM's recommendation.
 - 1. Motion passes.
- X. New Business
 - United Student Government Report
 - i. SCHEF (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - 1. Resolution to form SCHEF read. Sent out with Week 12 Update.
 - a. Bylaws and guidelines of SAM are going to be initially developed some time in December/January.
 - ii. Other Legislation
 - Networking and Computing Student Association
 - i. Will be coming in next Week for an opportunity request.
 - Resignation
 - i. Sarah Lindbeck
 - 1. Motion to accept resignation
 - 2. Motion passes.
- XI. Open Floor
 - USG Bonding (*Melanie*)
 - i. Connecting with other body members outside of meeting.
 - ii. Christmas Party/Secret Santa
 - 1. Bonnie volunteers to host at her house.
 - 2. Secretary will arrange Secret Santa next week
 - Appointment of Alternate for Personnel Committee
 - i. Melanie makes a recommendation to appoint Leif Olson

- ii. Motion to accept the recommendation and nominate.
 - 1. Motion passes.
 - Melanie accepting suggestions for improving Husky Hours.
 - Apparel
 - i. Price estimates.
 - ii. Consider turtlenecks and crewnecks.
 - Promote positivity and open discussion at meetings.
 - Spring office hour sign-up will be published after break.
 - One engineering representative in all four engineering building
- XII. Closed Session
- XIII. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- Shoutout to PR for hard work and dedication
 - Shoutout to Lauren for her work on break buses.
 - Shoutout to Bryce, Ziggy and Jack for good work on funding forms.
 - PR taking group photo after meeting.
 - Committee meetings after adjournment
 - i. Student Affairs
 - ii. Political Affairs
 - iii. Events
 - New members should speak to VP about joining a committee.
- XIV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Zachary Olson
Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government