



Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

November 20, 2019

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - 4 Absences
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Theresa Coleman-Kaiser- Structure of Sustainability at Michigan Tech
 - Assistant Vice-President for Administration, campus businesses
 - i. How can sustainability be organized and be made visible in a way that benefits the student body.
 1. Good and widespread recycling program.
 2. Curriculum focus.
 3. Awareness of transportation options.
 4. Identification of building design elements that lead to increased usage of electricity.
 5. Support student leadership in sustainability.
 6. Better recycling programs in the residence halls.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - i. Non Motorized Transportation Committee
 - ii. School Wide Email Update
 1. Committee Chairs- let me know what your committee has been up to!
 - iii. Representative Position Available!
 1. 1 IRHC Representative position to fill, 2 next semester when Lauren Spahn goes on Co-Op.
 2. Accepting applications.
 - iv. Husky Hour Discussion- Dayna Browning
 1. Move away from lecture format to interactivity.
 - a. Stress-management.
 - v. Board of Trustees Presentation
 - vi. Holiday Get Together
 1. Bonnie is hosting at her house
 2. December 8th at 1pm
 - vii. USG Involvement Link- Accept the invite!
 - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
 - i. No office Hours with break
 1. Make-ups can be done after break.
 - ii. Committees
 1. List of updated committee memberships.
 - iii. Decorations will be up after Thanksgiving
 - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Advance/Reimbursement of Funds Google Sheets
 1. Blue: approved.
 2. Green: ready for WAM approval.
 3. Yellow: flagged by WAM, needs additional information

- 4. Red: denied.
 - ii. Budget Hearings+SBG Hearings next Semester
 - 1. RSO Budget Meeting: Week 2 of next semester.
 - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
 - i. Slack Access
- VII. Advisor Reports
- Beka Horsch
 - i. Relax during Thanksgiving Break
 - ii. NMU Hockey game on Friday at 7 PM.
 - iii. Husky Lead in Alumni Lounge on Monday after break.
 - iv. Husky Hour on Tuesday and Wednesday in Library East Reading Room.
 - v. Information Session in Wads G17 for Alternative Spring Break.
 - Jessie Stapleton
 - Stefani Vargas Krause
 - Bonnie Gorman
 - i. Eurydice playing at Rosza Center from tonight to Saturday Night.
 - ii. Robert and Teresa Woods donated gallons of wiper fluid available at residence hall desks.
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
- Events (*Lauren Spahn*)
 - Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
 - i. Bylaw updates
 - 1. Half of resolutions are drafted, 5-6 expected.
 - 2. Feedback needed!
 - Political Affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
 - i. Information campaign for politics and political campaigns of different parties.
 - Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Logo, crest, & apparel updates
 - 1. Apparel going to be ready for next semester.
 - ii. Members of the Week
 - 1. Lauren Spahn
 - 2. Kira Millhausen
 - Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
 - i. Library Office Hours
 - 1. Zofia going to meet with event coordinators at the library to continue Library Office Hours.
 - 2. Commencement Feedback Form will not be pursued further because committee is past that point.
 - 3. Fall Break and class waitlist being discussed after meeting.
 - Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Meeting monday at 4 PM next semester.
 - ii. ROE being filled out through SLI, information is reflected on budget spreadsheet.
 - 1. In-house transactions.
- IX. USG Liaison Reports
- Graduate Student Government (*Anna Ellis*)
 - Interfraternity Council (*Colin Schaefer*)
 - i. E-Board Elections: Nick Dabiens, President
 - ii. VP of Community Relations: Leif Olson

- Panhellenic Council (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Extension Exploratory Committee to add another Sorority.
 - ii. Giving Tree from tonight to December 6.
 - iii. E-Board Elections.
- Inter Residence Housing Council (*Lauren Spahn*)
 - i. Bonnie- Director of Housing
 1. Travis Pierce, former director of housing, departed.
 2. New position posted, search committee formed.
 3. Desire to fill position by mid-January.
- Houghton City Council (*Political Affairs representative*)
- Parent's Fund (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
- Senate (*Leif Olson*)
 - i. 4 new proposals for new majors
- Diversity (*Harley Merka*)
 - i. 2020 Election Forum
 - ii. Evaluation of Diversity Literacy Program
 - iii. Childcare
- Student Commission (*Bryce Walbrun, Justin Mentink*)
 - i. Space to make professional clothing sale a permanent fixture.
 - ii. Four-hour loan on battery packs for laptops.
- Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg*)
- JED Campus (*Bonnie*)
 - i. Programming Committee met to review progress.
 1. Good Samaritan provision
 2. Analysis of ACHA survey
 3. Seize the Awkward
 - a. How to deal with difficult or awkward subjects in constructive ways.
- Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
- Other Liaisons

X. Unfinished Business

- United Student Government Conference Legislation
 - i. Title IX Awareness
 1. Discussion
 2. Motion to remove "mandatory and continued Title IX & sexual assault prevention training for Greek life" from the second resolved statement.
 - a. Motion to amend the motion on the table to change "mandatory and continued Title IX & sexual assault prevention training for Greek life" to "continued Title IX & sexual assault prevention training for student organizations".
 - i. Motion amended.
 3. Motion to accept resolution.
 - a. Motion passes.
 - ii. Recycling advocacy
 1. Motion to amend "University of Michigan-Dearborn" to "Michigan Technological University".
 - a. Motion Fails.
 2. Motion to accept resolution.
 - a. Motion passes.

- iii. Food Waste Reduction Program
 - 1. Motion to accept the resolution
 - a. Motion passes.
 - iv. Creation of Student Association of Higher Education Funding (SCHEF).
 - 1. Motion to accept the resolution
 - a. Motion passes.
 - v. Participate in mental health awareness week, possibility of unified week across all campuses.
 - 1. Motion to accept the resolution
 - a. Motion passes.
 - vi. Support continuation and expansion of MI state bottle deposit.
 - 1. Motion to remove the clause regarding putting cans and bottles into municipal recycling streams.
 - a. Motion passes.
 - 2. Motion to accept the amended resolution.
 - a. Motion passes.
 - vii. Advocate for increased access to voting and voter turnout for students.
 - viii. Collaborative mental health resolution, exploring the possibility of Fall Break.
 - ix. Food Pantry, increasing access.
 - Networking and Computing Student Association (*WAM Recommends \$1,800*)
 - i. Money to purchase a UPS to protect against surges and power outages.
 - 1. A large expense is replacing equipment damaged by power surges/outages.
 - ii. 71 people on Involvement Link.
 - iii. 15 people regularly attending meetings.
 - iv. UPS has the potential to save money and continuously produce value.
 - v. Organization has other sources of funding identified.
 - vi. Motion to approve WAM's recommendation.
 - 1. Motion passes.
- XI. New Business
- Course Materials Affordability vs. Affordable Course materials Resolution (Tristan Duelle)
 - i. Overview
 - 1. Climate surrounding course materials on campus
 - a. Overpayment for course materials
 - b. Online homework
 - 2. Methods to address problems
 - Winter Break Bus
 - i. Happening in 3 weeks.
- XII. Open Floor
- Change nomination questions for E-Board
- XIII. Closed Session
- XIV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- XV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
 Zachary Olson
 Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government