



# Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

November 6, 2019

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
  - Roll taken
  - 3 absences
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Approved
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Officer Reports
  - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
    - i. Appointment of new members, 1 each
      1. College of Sciences and Arts
      2. IRHC
      3. At-Large
    - ii. 1UP Absence
    - iii. SVSU Conference
      1. Committee Co-Chair
        - a. Student Concerns Committee
          - i. Campus safety
          - ii. Food insecurity
          - iii. Mental health
        2. Representation
      - iv. Non-Motorized Transportation Committee
      - v. SAM Conversation
        1. Resolution at SVSU to reform SAM
      - vi. Backwards Planning for Next Semester
      - vii. External Conversations I am Currently Involved In
        1. Call with LSSU and NMU to discuss SAM
        2. Call with committee co-chair at SVSU to discuss committee work.
        3. Call with Tyler Ziel to discuss Statewide Advocacy.
    - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
      - i. Mac is up
      - ii. Office Supplies are coming
        1. Pencil sharpener
        2. Stapler
        3. Binders
      - iii. Coffee is back
    - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
      - i. 1UP Report
- VI. Advisor Reports
  - Beka Horsch
    - i. Film Board Showing Spiderman Far From Home
    - ii. Husky Hours on Tuesday and Thursday in Library East Reading Room
  - Jessie Stapleton

- Stefani Vargas-Krause
  - i. Projects discussed at 1UP
    - 1. NMU Period Project
      - a. Restrooms being stocked with feminine hygiene products.

#### VII. Standing Committee Reports

- Events (*Lauren Spahn*)
  - i. Ticket Sales for buses opened on Tuesday.
  - ii. 23 tickets left on Friday.
  - iii. 3 tickets left on Saturday.
- Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
  - i. E-Board stipend survey results discussion in closed session.
- Political affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
  - i. Coordination with Audrey Mayer about impeachment panel.
    - 1. Moderated panel with speakers.
- Public relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
  - i. Members of the Week
    - 1. Jack Mitchell
    - 2. Justin Mentink
  - ii. Group photo next week
  - iii. Logo, looking into artists.
    - 1. Local businesses
      - a. \$300-\$400
    - 2. PR Chair of NMU offered to make one
    - 3. CPM has a graphic designer.
- Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. Library Office Hours
    - 1. Still looking for volunteers.
  - ii. Changes to teacher evaluations
  - iii. Communication with fitness center about 24-hour access.
    - 1. How Quad Core access policy applies to off-campus students.
  - iv. Fall Break.
- Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
  - i. SPS
    - 1. Requested \$1571.13 for Swivl Robot
      - a. WAM recommends \$0 because one can be rented through the Physics department.
  - ii. Networking and Computing Student Association
    - 1. Reserve Fund Request of \$2808.99
      - a. WAM requested more information but the org did not attend the meeting.
  - iii. Precision Drill Team
    - 1. Reserve Fund Request of \$2,609.60.
    - 2. WAM recommends \$1045.85 to replace broken equipment.

#### VIII. USG Liaison Reports

- Graduate Student Government (*Anna Ellis*)
  - i. 3-Minute Thesis.
- Interfraternity Council (*Colin Schaefer*)
  - i. E-Board nominations open

- Panhellenic Council (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
  - i. E-Board nominations open.
- Inter Residence Housing Council (*Lauren Spahn*)
  - i. New showerheads installed in Wads.
    - 1. 20% reduction in water use.
  - ii. Broomball
    - 1. Lacking players
      - a. 1700 players this year.
      - b. 2500 players last year.
      - c. If you want to play, get in touch!
      - d. Possible email to student body about late registration
    - 2. Cocoa Shack
    - 3. Polos
- Houghton City Council (*Political Affairs representative*)
- Parent's Fund Leo Stelmaszek
  - i. Allocated \$600 to NoBECChE for national competition.
- Senate (*Leif Olson*)
  - i. H-Stem Installation
    - 1. Search for additional funding.
  - ii. Benefits
    - 1. Increase funding for their own benefits
- H-Stem Committee (*Colleen Toorongian*)
  - i. Mass-timber construction.
  - ii. Architect has been chosen.
  - iii. Open-concept.
- Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
- Student Commission (*Bryce Walbrun, Justin Mentink*)
- Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg*)
- Director of the Library Search Committee (*Zofia Freiberg*)
- JED Campus (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. Jason Wickstrom on committee to search for drug sources in UP
    - 1. Area drug trends
      - a. High profit selling drugs in Western UP area
      - b. Meth
      - c. Prescription drugs
      - d. Cocaine use going up in the area
      - e. Despite recreational marijuana drug test policies at companies still apply.
- Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
  - i. Ideas
    - 1. Live performance of Pomp and Circumstance
    - 2. Show Major, minor, leadership, co-ops, etc.
    - 3. Personalization
    - 4. Use of technology
    - 5. Honorary degrees
  - ii. Determination of what is feasible
- Other Liaisons

IX. Unfinished Business

- QPR (*Melanie*)
    - i. Voluntary group training next semester
  - Society of Physics Students (\$0)
    - i. No motion opposing, \$0 allocated.
  - Networking and Computing Student Association
    - i. Requested money for UPS.
    - ii. Did not meet with WAM, WAM has no recommendation.
- X. New Business
- Precision Drill Team (\$1,045.85)
    - i. 14 Sets of gloves, cords, and rifle straps.
    - ii. 5 New performance rifles.
- XI. Open Floor
- SAM Discussion
    - i. Need to work out travel details
    - ii. UP schools left SAM due to opposing the removal of money from corrections budget
      1. Questions on whether or not this should have been a priority.
    - iii. Need to ensure all schools have equal power
    - iv. Idea of teleconferencing
    - v. Some type of organization needed to act as an advocate for the student body
    - vi. Unanimous vote policy
      1. Can prevent action from being taken.
    - vii. Lines of communication opened up
    - viii. Meeting as needed
    - ix. Smaller conferences could lose potential power
    - x. Need to be taken seriously by the state legislators
    - xi. Straw Poll on interest in joining SAM
      1. 18 in favor
      2. 3 opposed
      3. 4 not sure
    - xii. Straw Poll on requiring unanimous votes in SAM
      1. 3 in favor of unanimity
      2. 12 in favor of a different voting scheme
  - NMU Project Period
    - i. NMU provides \$400 worth of feminine hygiene products a month to students
      1. Possible partnerships with Kimberly Clark or Period Alliance nonprofit
      2. Lauren Spahn has contacts who have been involved in similar initiatives
      3. Hamar House offers them already, this increases access.
  - Precision Drill Team (\$1,045.85)
    - i. Motion to approve WAM's recommendation
  - Appointment of New Members
    - i. College of Arts and Sciences
      1. River Leversee
    - ii. At-Large
      1. Tristan Duelle
    - iii. IRHC
      1. Tej Bergin
    - iv. All appointments approved, members sworn in.
  - Funding

- i. NMU does not fund travel
    - ii. LSSU funds local Greeks
  - Mentorship program
    - i. Implementing within USG
- XII. Closed Session
  - Eboard Stipend Discussion
    - i. Discuss
- XIII. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
  - Congrats to Anna for winning Forestry national Quiz Bowl
  - Shoutout to Lauren for organizing break bus
  - Shoutout to Bryce for his work on the Period Initiative
  - Cups for 1UP attendees
- XIV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,  
Zachary Olson  
Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government