



Agenda, USG General Body Meeting

December 11, 2019

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Roll Taken
 - 6 Absences
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - Motion to add Reserve Fund for Fencing to New Business
 - i. Motion passes
 - Motion to add Secret Santa after Recognition of Visitors
 - i. Motion passes
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Secret Santa
 - Caleb got Sour Patch Kids from Connor
 - Natalie got a cactus from Garrett
 - Connor got Swedish Fish from Leif
 - Kira got chocolates from Sydney
- VI. Officer Reports
 - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - i. Board of Trustees
 - ii. Thank you for coming to the Holiday Gathering!
 1. Sign the Thank You card after meeting.
 - iii. Great semester, more work to be done!
 - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
 - i. Computers in office are back and updated.
 - ii. Body Retreat
 1. February 1st 9 am to 1 pm
 2. Retreat taking place on campus, location not finalized.
 3. Topics for Discussion
 - a. Inclusion
 - b. Robert's Rules
 - c. Revisiting of goals
 - iii. Office Hours for next semester are up
 1. In the drive next to the old one, in important links too
 - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
 - i. Weekly Update Schedule Change
 1. Going out on the Friday before meeting.
 - ii. Modification to process for adding agenda items
 1. Please add date, time, and location to agenda items if applicable.
- VII. Advisor Reports
 - Beka Horsch
 - i. Hockey vs. Clarkson
 1. Friday at 7:07 PM
 2. Saturday at 6:07 PM
 - ii. Men's and Women's Basketball vs. NMU

1. Sunday starting at 1 PM
 - iii. WWSA Coffee House
 1. Friday at 10 PM
 - iv. Commencement
 1. Saturday
 2. Be careful of out-of-town drivers.
 - v. Diverse Dialogues
 1. Wednesday at 4 PM in MUB Alumni Lounge
 - vi. Film Board Presents: Gremlins
 - vii. Trombone Choir
 1. Thursday at 6 PM
 - viii. Mozart Requiem (Michigan Tech Choirs and Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra)
 1. Saturday at 7:30 PM
 - ix. Good luck on finals
- Stefani Vargas Krause
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
- Events (*Lauren Spahn*)
 - i. Winter Break Bus sold out
 1. Many people on waitlist, email drafted to waitlisters.
 - a. If waitlist grows to substantial size, another bus will be booked.
 2. Look into IRHC supporting resident bus passengers by subsidizing part of the bus cost.
 - Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
 - Political Affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
 - i. Met with Library employees to discuss Voter Registration Action Plan in the Fall.
 1. USG will be involved.
 2. Goal of 80% student registration.
 3. Goal of 50% student voter turnout.
 - Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Apparel
 1. Please fill out the form, even if you do not want apparel.
 - ii. Members of the Week
 1. Natalie Wohlgemuth
 2. Garrett Green
 - Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
 - i. Fall Break
 1. Met with Bonnie to discuss, it is feasible.
 2. Would not lose Thanksgiving time if implemented.
 3. Need to meet with Registrar's Office to discuss changes to the academic calendar.
 - ii. Banweb Waitlist
 1. Instruction Committee willing to support
 - iii. Teaching Evaluations
 1. Meeting with Instruction Committee next semester.
 - Ways and Means (*Zbigniew Bell*)
 - i. Met with Fencing Club
- IX. USG Liaison Reports
- Graduate Student Government (*Anna Ellis*)

- i. Nathan Ford elected as President for next year.
 - Interfraternity Council (*Colin Schaefer*)
 - i. Leif will take over next semester.
 - Panhellenic Council (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - Inter Residence Housing Council (*Lauren Spahn*)
 - Houghton City Council (*Political Affairs representative*)
 - i. May need to designate a new member.
 - Parent's Fund (*Stefani Vargas Krause*)
 - i. Request for Women's Leadership Conference to attend a conference approved.
 - Senate (*Leif Olson*)
 - i. Graduate Certificates being created
 - ii. Transportation Service has had a huge surplus in funding.
 - iii. Investigating increasing contribution to employee retirement plans.
 - Diversity (*Harley Merka*)
 - i. Supervisor Diversity Training being investigated
 - ii. Search for VP of Diversity
 - iii. Have not looked at Childcare
 - iv. Splitting up diversity council into several groups.
 - Student Commission (*Bryce Walbrun, Justin Mentink*)
 - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg*)
 - JED Campus (*Garrett Green*)
 - i. Meeting next semester
 - Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
 - Other Liaisons
- X. Unfinished Business
 - Affordable course Materials Resolution
 - i. Motion to discuss the resolution
 1. Motion to table the motion until the end of Unfinished Business.
 - a. Motion withdrawn.
 2. Motion to take a five-minute recess to read the resolution and discuss.
 - a. Motion passes.
 3. Discussion
 - a. Revisit campus-wide laptop requirement
 - i. All-campus laptop mission to give each student a laptop is being investigated.
 - ii. USG should take a stance.
 - b. \$300 hard limit may be hard to accomplish
 - i. Dollar amount supplied by President and CFO.
 - ii. It is against Michigan State Law to raise tuition if textbook prices went down.
 4. Motion to Approve the Resolution
 - a. 20 in favor
 - b. 1 against
 - c. 1 abstention
 - i. Motion Passes
 - Bylaws and Constitution proposals
 - i. Article V Section I
 1. Motion to accept revisions to Bonnie's Title and title of office

- a. Motion Passes
 - ii. Article V Section IV
 - 1. Discussion of allowing Cultural Food Events to be funded through opportunity fund requests.
 - a. Opens up more questions involving defining cultural food.
 - iii. Article XI Section I
 - 1. Motion to put president in charge of committee chair appointments and VP in charge of other committee appointments.
 - a. Motion passes
 - 2. Motion to change the previous motion to say add
 - a. Motion to strike the previous motion.
 - 3. Motion to add Point 2 to bylaws
 - a. Motion passes.
 - iv. Article XI Section II
 - 1. Motion to put Political Affairs in charge of SCHEF and other external representation.
 - v. Article XIII Section I
 - 1. Change representation to reflect current colleges
 - 2. Motion to change 9 to 10 in proposed revision.
 - a. Motion passes
 - vi. Article III Section 5
 - 1. Motion to Amend representatives from 9 to 10 in constitution.
 - a. Motion passes
 - vii. Article VII Section 3
 - 1. Motion to amend college representative area office hour to be optional
 - a. Motion to amend motion to specify correct article and section.
 - i. Motion passes.
 - b. Motion passes.
 - viii. Article IX Section 3
 - 1. Motion to change VP of Student Affairs and Advancement to chief Student Affairs Officer.
 - a. Motion passes
 - Events Chair and Body Barn Member (Melanie Thomas)
 - i. Appointment of Events Chair
 - 1. Motion to accept appointment of John Nowosad to position
 - a. Motion rescinded.
 - ii. Body Barn manager.
 - 1. Tej Bergin interested
 - USG Winter Break Bus+Chaperone
 - i. Chaperones needed
 - 1. Interested members should talk to Melanie by Friday.
- XI. New Business
 - Reserve Fund
 - i. Fencing Club
 - 1. Requested \$600.
 - 2. WAM recommends \$603.14.
- XII. Open Floor
 - Resignation

- i. Lauren Spahn
 - ii. Co-Op next semester.
 - iii. Resigning from IRHC liaison position and Events chair.
 - iv. Motion to accept the resignation.
 - 1. Motion passes.
 - Appointment of Designated Alternate to take minutes
 - i. Motion to approve appointment of Natalie Wohlgemuth.
 - 1. Motion rescinded.
 - Need to change Board of Control to Board of Trustees.
 - Appointment of Events Chair
 - i. Someone will be appointed next semester.
- XIII. Closed Session
- XIV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
 - Shoutout to Tristan, Larkin, Garrett and Stefani for work on Course Materials resolution.
 - Sign thank-you card before end of meetings.
 - Lights fell down in office.
 - SAC meeting.
 - Stephanie has been contacted.
- XV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Zachary Olson
Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government