

# Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

February 12, 2020



Undergraduate  
Student Government  
*At Michigan Tech*

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
  - Roll Taken: 5 absent
    - i. Quorum met
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Motion
    - i. Second
    - ii. No Discussion
    - iii. Motion Passes
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Teacher Evaluation Review- Dr. Audrey Mayer
  - Next stage for policy draft is to go to University Senate
  - Guidelines for determining if comments are discriminatory/harassing/etc.
    - i. Possibility to be followed with Academic Conduct & consequences with the student who made the comment
  - Body wants the Supervisors to have access to the comments too
    - i. Information will be included to help students find the proper resources to address concerns
  - Email Dr. Audrey Mayer with additional changes that want to be seen
- VI. Officer Reports
  - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
    - i. Winter Carnival- Thank you!
      1. Thank you to all those who volunteered!
    - ii. Climate Change Letter
      1. Contacted by an individual from Yale in association with their Social Sciences Department
      2. Future discussion to add MTU to the conversation
    - iii. Non Motorized Transportation Email
      1. Email and correction email sent out to the Undergraduate student body
    - iv. Budget Hearings Timeline
      1. Thursday, February 27th to Sunday, March 1st
      2. 5-11 PM for 2/27 & 2/28, 8-11 AM for 2/29 & 3/1
  - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. Transition Materials
      1. Summary of duties, tips-and-tricks, any other points to help provide information to next individual(s) to hold the position
      2. Possible template will be sent out
      3. Can be completed in groups if applicable
  - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - i. No report
  - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
    - i. No report
- VII. Advisor Reports
  - Beka Horsch
    - i. Career Fair

1. Wednesday, February 19th
  - ii. Resume Blitz
    1. Thursday, February 13 at 4-6 PM in DHH
    2. Monday, February 17 at 11 AM - 2 PM in Admin 220
    3. Tuesday, February 18 at 4-5 PM in Library East Reading Room
  - iii. MUB Board: Dodgeball on Saturday, February 15 at 5-9 PM
  - iv. Cards Against Hypnosis on Saturday, February 15 at 10 PM in MUB Ballroom
  - v. Husky Hour on Mindfulness/Destress
    1. Wednesday, February 19 at 4-5 PM in Library East Reading Room
  - vi. Student Leadership Award Nominations Open
    1. <https://www.mtu.edu/student-affairs/interests/awards/>
    2. Nominate yourself or others that you feel are doing a great job!
- Stefani Vargas Krause
    - i. No report
  - Bonnie Gorman
    - i. Semi-annual Professional clothing give-away
      1. Saturday, February 15th 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Harold Meese Center
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
- Events (*River Leverage*)
    - i. Winter Carnival went well
    - ii. River & Tej will look at Body Barn soon to figure out a plan
    - iii. Working on USG Spring Break Bus
  - Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
    - i. No report
  - Political Affairs
    - i. No report
    - ii. Need a new Chair
  - Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
    - i. Members of the Week
      1. Melanie Thomas & Leif Olson
    - ii. Apparel Payment & Pickup with Stefani in MUB 112
      1. Stefani will be out of town so Christine will take the money & you can grab your items that are in the office
        - a. Christine is not available from 12 PM-1 PM
  - Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
    - i. No report
  - Ways and Means (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. New deadline for Organization forms
    - ii. Budget Hearings are soon
- IX. USG Liaison Reports
- Graduate Student Government
    - i. Need Liaison
  - Interfraternity Council (*Leif Olson*)
    - i. New membership coming up so they are hosting a roundtable to prepare
    - ii. Hosting a Broomball Competition on February 29th
      1. Want sixteen teams of six with a \$50 entrance fee
      2. Hoping for winner to donate the \$800 collected from the entrance fee to a cause of their choice

- Panhellenic Council (*Sydney Dankert*)
    - i. Discussion about what happened with the Winter Carnival Queen
      1. Conduct issue, crown relinquished to runner-up
      2. Discussion focus on backlash that was taken out on the runner-up, amongst other concerns
  - Inter Residence Housing Council (*Tej Bergin*)
    - i. Recycling Initiative
    - ii. Appointment of new Resident Advocate Ellie Sempek
  - Houghton City Council
    - i. Need Liaison
  - Parent's Fund (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - i. Meeting tomorrow at 9 AM
  - Senate (*Harley Merkaj*)
    - i. Sue Cary talking about budget
    - ii. Bachelor of Science in Human Biology
    - iii. Possible new minors in regards to Finance
  - Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
    - i. No report
  - Student Commission (*Melanie Thomas*)
    - i. No report
  - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg and Emily Mattson*)
    - i. No report
  - Library Director Search (*Zofia Freiberg*)
    - i. Candidate search complete
    - ii. Public Presentations
      1. Candidate 1: Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 11 AM in the J. R. Van Pelt & Opie Library, East Reading Room
      2. Candidate 2: Monday, Feb. 24th at 11 AM in the J. R. Van Pelt & Opie Library, East Reading Room
  - JED Campus (*Jordan Craven*)
    - i. No report
  - Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
    - i. No report
  - H-Stem (*Colleen Toorongian*)
    - i. No report
  - HIDE Voting Booth (*Jordan Craven*)
    - i. Two Options, detailed in Open Floor
  - Other Liaisons
- X. Unfinished Business
- XI. New Business
- Opportunity Request
    - i. Mushing Club
      1. Asking for \$1,535 for Iditarod Race plane tickets
        - a. There to volunteer with helping the injured dogs
      2. WAM Recommended Amount: \$800
      3. Body would like update if Parents Fund will cover the full amount
  - Close USG E-Board Nominations, 11 PM, February 19, 2020.
    - i. Motion

1. Second
  2. No Discussion
  3. Motion Passes
- Motion to Close AT-Large Nominations, 11 PM, February 19, 2020.
    - i. Motion
      1. Second
      2. No Discussion
      3. Motion Passes
  - Open USG E-Board Elections, 9 AM, February 26, 2020.
    - i. Motion changed to “Open USG E-Board and At-Large Representative Elections, 9 AM, February 26, 2020”
      1. Second
      2. No Discussion
      3. Motion Passes
  - Ellie Sempek sworn in for Resident Advocate
    - i. Ellie Sempek was sworn in on Wednesday, February 12, 2020

XII. Open Floor

- Motion by River Leverage to approve up to \$6,000 to fund the USG Spring Break Bus.
  - i. Confirmed to be for one bus
  - ii. Motion
    1. Second
    2. Motion Passes
- Hide Voting Booth two options
  - i. Tap yes and tap no, sent to voting booth
    1. List of amount of “Yes” and “No”
  - ii. Work with Google, tap to ensure that individuals only vote once
    1. Tap in, check to make sure that it’s your first time, tap yes or tap no
    2. Still anonymous
    3. More detailed responses since it would be consolidated by Google
    4. On-screen interface with taps
  - iii. Option one would be good for speed but option two would be good for more data
  - iv. Possible to do both to adapt to the situation
    1. Would need overwhelming support to get option two working
    2. Foreseeable issues with carry-over of information on how to work option two
    3. Start with option one while option two is looked into
  - v. Wanted to be completely anonymous which would conflict with demographic data
    1. Better to be anonymous to get opinion and then look into the demographics
- Improve communication between the E-Boards of all organizations
  - i. Possibility to plan an event to help organizations make connections for collaboration/etc.
  - ii. Brainstorm further for ideas and email Zofia
- Suggestion Box
  - i. Vice President will go over submissions in meeting to make sure that they are properly addressed

XIII. Closed Session

XIV. Announcements/“Remarks for the Good”

- LODE article over the Carnival Queen Issue
- Kimberly Clark Resume Workshop on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:30-11:30 AM in EERC 218

- i. Thank Kimberly Clark for donating to the Cycle Project
  - Make sure organizations are signed up for budget hearings
  - There will be meeting next week
- XV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Pro Temp Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government