

Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

February 19, 2020



Undergraduate
Student Government
At Michigan Tech

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Officer Reports
 - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
 - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Budget Hearings
 1. Make sure Orgs are signing up for time slots.
 - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
 - i. Election Posters
 1. Talk to Zack if you can help put up election posters.
- VI. Advisor Reports
 - Beka Horsch
 - i. 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!
 - ii. Women's and Men's Basketball
 1. Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 and 7:30 PM
 2. Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 and 3:00 PM
 - iii. Ebony Stewart
 1. Friday, February 21 at 6:00 PM in Rozsa
 - iv. MUB Board Escape Rooms
 1. Friday, February 21 at 6:00 PM
 - v. Prom Night
 1. Saturday, February 22 at 7:00-11:00 PM in MUB Commons
 - vi. Film Board Presents: Frozen 2
 - vii. Blood Drive in Library East Reading Room
 1. Tuesday, February 25 at 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 2. Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 - Stefani Vargas Krause
 - i. Hockey Game at NMU this weekend, free admission for MTU students
 - Bonnie Gorman
- VII. Standing Committee Reports
 - Events (*River Leverage*)
 - i. Evaluating body barn storage space over the weekend
 - ii. Drafting Spring Break Bus message.
 - Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
 - Political Affairs (*Anna Ellis*)
 - Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
 - i. Members of the Week
 - ii. New Nomination Questions
 1. Bring recommendations to the PR Committee.
 - Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)

- i. Inter-Org communication brainstorm
 - ii. Met Mike Johnson about scheduling a Fall Break
 - 1. Option 1: Take time from Thanksgiving Break
 - 2. Option 2: Add 2 days to the beginning of semester.
 - 3. Need to find a way to survey the student body.
 - Ways and Means (*Zbigniew Bell*)
- VIII. USG Liaison Reports
- Graduate Student Government
 - i. Need liaison
 - Interfraternity Council (*Leif Olson*)
 - i. President of IFC and PanHell President discussed Greek Life with President Koubek
 - ii. Potential foosball league for fraternities.
 - Panhellenic Council (*Sydney Dankert*)
 - Inter Residence Housing Council (*Tej Bergin*)
 - i. Secretary position filled.
 - ii. Broomball playoffs started yesterday and will end on Thursday.
 - Houghton City Council
 - i. Need Liaison
 - Parent's Fund (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
 - i. Advertise Parent's Fund as an option for financial assistance to orgs.
 - Senate (*Harley Merkaj*)
 - i. Teacher Evaluations
 - 1. Allowing supervisors to see short-answer questions
 - ii. College of Computing
 - 1. Minor of Financial Technology, Department of Applied Technology
 - Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
 - Student Commission (*Melanie Thomas*)
 - i. Discussed schedule for snow removal, made clarification between areas which the City and University is responsible for clearing.
 - ii. Bathroom hooks for coats/bags are being implemented.
 - iii. Bathroom audit is in progress.
 - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg and Emily Mattson*)
 - i. No report
 - Library Director Search (*Zofia Freiberg*)
 - i. Candidate 2 Presentation: Monday, Feb. 24th at 11 AM in the J. R. Van Pelt & Opie Library, East Reading Room
 - ii. Presentation was recorded and available from Zofia by request (zjfreibe@mtu.edu).
 - JED Campus (*Jordan Craven*)
 - i. Design Thinking Workshop.
 - 1. Brainstorming for mental well-being, will be implemented on campus.
 - Commencement 2.0 (*Connor Weber*)
 - i. Final draft for proposal sent in 1 month ago.
 - H-Stem (*Colleen Toorongian*)
 - HIDE Voting Booth (*Jordan Craven*)
 - i. Presented ideas from last week's meeting to the group.
 - Other Liaisons
 - i. Non-Motorized Transportation Committee Meeting
 - 1. Upcoming Tuesday, 12-1 PM.

2. Contact Melanie.

IX. Unfinished Business

- Mushing Club Opportunity Request
 - i. WAM Recommended: \$800.00
 - ii. Funds are to attend the Iditarod in Alaska.
 - iii. John Nowosad motions to approve WAM's recommendation.
 - 1. Second
 - 2. Larkin Hooker-Moericke motions to amend previous motion to include "up to \$800.00 dependent on external funding".
 - a. Larkin withdraws the motion
 - 3. Larkin Hooker-Moericke motions to amend previous motion to include "up to \$800.00 dependent on external funding with deadline of presenting external funding amount by March 20, 2020".
 - a. Second
 - b. 13 in favor
 - c. 2 opposed
 - d. 1 abstention
 - e. Amendment passes
 - 4. Voting on current motion
 - a. 13 in favor
 - b. 2 opposed
 - c. 1 abstention
 - d. Motion passes

X. New Business

XI. Open Floor

- New nomination Questions
 - i. Jordan Craven motions to strawpoll for increase to word limit for nominee questions.
 - 1. 5 in favor
 - 2. 7 against
 - 3. Does not pass

XII. Closed Session

XIII. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

- Shoutout to Harley for responding USG email
- USG Office number is MUB 113. Documents for USG have been dropped off in the incorrect place
- IFC Broomball Tournament this weekend.
 - i. \$50 entry fee, combined fees go to the winner.

XIV. Adjournment

- Leif Olson motions to adjourn
 - i. Second
 - ii. Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Zachary Olson
Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government