

# Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

February 26, 2020



Undergraduate  
Student Government  
*At Michigan Tech*

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
  - Roll Taken
  - 3 Absences
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Agenda and Minutes approved
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Officer Reports
  - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
    - i. SBG Action Plan Update
      1. Memo will be sent out at 12 PM tomorrow.
    - ii. Board of Trustees Presentation
      1. Friday at 10 PM
  - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. Dress Code
      1. Continue observing dress code, business casual.
    - ii. Updated Make-up hours
  - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - i. Lunch with Provost and Senate Members
    - ii. Discussed USG and GSG business.
  - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
    - i. No report.
- 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. Social Justice Lecture Series - Fania Davis
      1. Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 PM in Rosza Center
      2. Leading voice on restorative justice.
    - iii. MUB Board: Nick Thomas
      1. Friday, February 28 at 9:00 PM in MUB Ballroom
      2. Alumni, Juggler/Magician
    - iv. Husky Hockey
      1. Saturday, February 29 at 6:07 PM vs. NMU
    - v. Husky Hour at 4 PM in Library East Reading Room
      1. Tuesday, March 3 on Rethinking Failure
      2. Wednesday, March 4 on Motivation and Procrastination
    - vi. 1 Reason Why Not
      1. Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 PM in MUB Ballroom
      2. Suicide awareness and prevention seminar.
  - Stefani Vargas Krause
    - i. Make sure orgs you know begin/continue turning in receipts.
  - Bonnie Gorman
    - i. Mcardle Theatre playing 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'.

ii. Thursday through Saturday 7:30 PM

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- Events (*River Leverage*)
  - i. Spring Break Bus sold out.
  - ii. Body Barn will be evaluated this weekend.
- Judiciary Committee (*Jack Mitchell*)
  - i. E-Board stipend survey will be sent out Week 9.
- Political Affairs
  - i. Chair will be appointed today.
- Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
- Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. Presenting proposal during open floor.
- Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
  - i. Budget Hearing fill-ins needed
    - 1. 5-7 PM Thursday
      - a. Sydney Dankert
    - 2. 10:40 AM - 3 PM Sunday
      - a. Sydney Dankert

VIII. USG Liaison Reports

- Graduate Student Government
  - i. Need liaison
    - 1. Larkin volunteers
- Interfraternity Council (*Leif Olson*)
  - i. Scholarship Panel for Greek Students being prepared
  - ii. Potential bylaw revisions upcoming.
- Panhellenic Council (*Sydney Dankert*)
  - i. Met with President Koubek on Valentine's Day to discuss leadership and professional development from Greek Life
  - ii. Recruitment push.
- Inter Residence Housing Council (*Tej Bergin and Ellie Sempek*)
  - i. Lego Night tomorrow, 8 PM, DHH Ballroom
- Houghton City Council
  - i. Need Liaison
- Parent's Fund (*Zbigniew Bell*)
  - i. Two requests
    - 1. Snowboard Racing Team
    - 2. Precision Drill Team
  - ii. Both requests filled by parents fund.
- Senate (*Harley Merkaj*)
- Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
  - i. Audrey Mayer will attend a future meeting to discuss a USG-maintained babysitting list.
- Student Commission (*Melanie Thomas*)
  - i. Dan Liebau gave overview of plowing schedule.
    - 1. Restroom list on campus being developed.
  - ii. Be patient and nice with facilities!
- Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg and Emily Mattson*)
  - i. No report
- Library Director Search (*Zofia Freiberg*)

- i. Final candidate presented Monday. Email me if you would like a recording of either presentation. Committee is wrapping up and looking over presentation feedback before making final recommendations.
- JED Campus (*Jordan Craven*)
- H-Stem (*Colleen Toorongian*)
- HIDE Voting Booth (*Jordan Craven*)
- Non-Motorized Transportation Committee (*Harley Merkaj*)
  - i. Survey results received
- Experience Tech Fee (*Zbigniew Bell*)
  - i. Still in the process of splitting 3% increase between different vendors.
- Other Liaisons
  - i. Need one for the following committees
    1. Student Health Insurance Committee (Talk to [haguilba@mtu.edu](mailto:haguilba@mtu.edu))
    2. Cultural Events Fund 2pm on 2/27 at CDI

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- Student Event Planning
  - i. Zofia and Student Affairs trying to plan/coordinate an org social.
    1. Idea of a meeting with SBGs this semester to start this process.
    2. Main purpose is to network with student leaders and facilitate collaboration.
- USG Spring Break Bus Chaperone
  - i. Colin Schaefer is the current chaperone.
  - ii. Discussion of having a student riding the bus chaperone the bus.
    1. Need to refund a student who had problems boarding the bus due to a computer error.
    2. Body members feel only a USG member should be chaperoning the bus.
- Zachary close E-Board and At-Large Elections March 3 at 11 PM.
  - i. Second
    1. 23 in favor
    2. 0 opposed
    3. 1 abstention
  - ii. Motion passes.
- Colleen Open Class and College nominations March 4 at 9 AM.
  - i. Second
    1. 23 in favor
    2. 0 opposed
    3. 1 abstention
  - ii. Motion passes
- Opportunity Fund - Snowboard Racing Team Wam Recommended: \$2,500
  - i. Time sensitive due to recently qualifying for national competition in Lake Plaid, NY.
    1. This happened last year because the team does not usually know whether or not they will qualify, WAM does not intend to allow this to be an Opportunity Fund again.
  - ii. Will be funded by Parent's Fund as well.
  - iii. River motions to approve WAM's Recommendation with the stipulation that it cannot be an Opportunity next year.
    1. Second
      - a. 23 in favor

