

# Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

March 25, 2020



Undergraduate  
Student Government  
*At Michigan Tech*

- I. Roll Call
  - Roll Taken
  - 5 Absences
  - Quorum
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Zachary Olson moves to approve agenda and minutes
    - i. Second
    - ii. Motion passes
- III. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- IV. Officer Reports
  - President (*Melanie Thomas*)
    - i. Spring 2020 Commencement Petition
      1. Petition circulating advocating for the postponement of Spring 2020 Commencement
      2. Bonnie sent out survey to graduating seniors for opinions on commencement solutions.
    - ii. Transition
      1. Transition document shared with Larkin, meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
  - Vice President (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. Please ask for a spot on the speaker's list in the public chat.
    - ii. Zoom meeting professionalism
      1. Please do not allow inappropriate images/activities to appear on screen during Zoom meetings.
  - Treasurer (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - i. Hand over
      1. Met with Harley yesterday regarding check requests and budget hearing information.
    - ii. New Online Form Process
      1. WAM is handling all budgetary forms from RSOs internally.
      2. Viewable under “Important Links” for regular body members.
  - Secretary (*Zachary Olson*)
    - i. Transition
      1. Gave Natalie tutorial on booking rooms, sending out weekly update, etc.
      2. More meetings planned after new body members are sworn in.
- V. Advisor Reports
  - Beka Horsch
    - i. Continue checking email for information related to succeeding during university online classes.
  - Stefani Vargas Krause
  - Bonnie Gorman
- VI. Standing Committee Reports
  - Events (*River Leverage*)
    - i. Creating form for storage space in the Body Barn.
  - Judiciary Committee (*Sydney Dankert*)

- i. Stipends will be voted on at this meeting.
  - Political Affairs (*Sydney Dankert*)
  - Public Relations (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
    - i. Updates to the website.
    - ii. Reach out if there is anything you want posted on social media.
  - Student Affairs (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - Ways and Means (*Leo Stelmaszek*)
    - i. Please remember to answer questions in USG email.
- VII. USG Liaison Reports
  - Graduate Student Government
  - Interfraternity Council (*Leif Olson*)
    - i. Round table for scholarship chairpersons.
    - ii. Most events have been cancelled.
  - Panhellenic Council (*Sydney Dankert*)
  - Inter Residence Housing Council (*Tej Bergin and Ellie Sempek*)
    - i. Discussion in progress regarding repayment of Quad-Core membership fee.
  - Houghton City Council (*Melanie Thomas*)
  - Parent's Fund (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. Decision to be made on Mushing Club to be made next week.
  - Senate (*Harley Merkaj*)
    - i. Bachelor of Sciences in Robotics and Mechatronics
    - ii. Pass/Fail Senate resolution passed with amendment to make Pass/Fail classes count towards degree requirements.
      - 1. USG resolution presented at meeting.
  - Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
  - Student Commission (*Melanie Thomas*)
  - Friends of the Library (*Zofia Freiberg and Emily Mattson*)
  - JED Campus (*Jordan Craven*)
  - H-Stem (*Colleen Toorongian*)
  - HIDE Voting Booth (*Jordan Craven*)
    - i. Meeting planned tentatively for this week.
    - ii. Timeline will likely be pushed back.
  - Non-Motorized Transportation Committee (*Melanie Thomas*)
  - Experience Tech Fee (*Melanie Thomas*)
  - Other Liaisons
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - Pass/Fail: Internal USG Resolution, attached at the end of the minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TwwEP269DjdV14zHYvNNMG4K48nLe8q7nVUuHi8jiGE/edit>
  - Rowing: Opp Fund Request
    - i. Requested: \$5000.00
      - 1. Funds for a new two-person boat.
    - ii. Recommended: \$2500.00
    - iii. Tej Bergin moves to approve WAM's recommendation
      - 1. Second
      - 2. Consensus
      - 3. Motion passes
  - RSO Final Budget Recommendations

- i. \$342,194.94 allocated after appeals.
        - 1. Increased SAE from \$2000.00 to \$2250
        - 2. Increased RSA from \$0.00 to \$800.00
        - 3. SMLS increased from \$0.00 to \$1100.00
      - ii. Earmarks were used to determine whether or not individual RSO budgets should increase/decrease
      - iii. Tej moves to approve WAM's final RSO budget recommendations
        - 1. Second
        - 2. Consensus
        - 3. Motion passes
- IX. New Business
- Dev Ops: Opp Fund Request
    - i. Requested \$1029.40
      - 1. For electronic and networking equipment.
    - ii. Recommend \$1029.40
    - iii. To be voted on next week.
    - iv. Opportunity fund is in "Forms" under "Important Links"
    - v. Conditions of WAM approval include removing these items from next year's budget to not include items bought with this fund.
- X. Open Floor
- Wellness Podcast Topics
    - i. Whitney Boroski seeking suggestions for topics on wellness topics.
    - ii. Suggestions
      - 1. Workout routines
      - 2. Positive news
      - 3. Time management
      - 4. Recipes
      - 5. Adjusting to change
      - 6. Motivation
  - E-Board Stipend Comments
    - i. Melanie
      - 1. Flaws expressed in self-evaluation.
      - 2. Melanie has tried to be a good voice.
      - 3. Focus on the greater good
    - ii. Zbigniew Bell
      - 1. Opinions on performance in self-evaluation letter.
      - 2. Thank you for being patient and understanding.
    - iii. Zachary Olson
      - 1. Worked on getting minutes back to members promptly, and posted online.
      - 2. Worked hard on elections.
      - 3. Passionate about Student Government.
    - iv. Leo Stelmaszek
      - 1. Budget Hearings
      - 2. CFO meeting planned for student assembly, fell through.
      - 3. Thank you to everyone who helped with financial work for WAM.
- XI. Closed Session
- E-Board Stipend Recommendations
- XII. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

- Larkin
  - i. Student Affairs meeting after this meeting.
- Melanie
  - i. Student Insurance Committee met to finalize proposals, will be sent to body for feedback by the end of the week
  - ii. Big win on the Senate resolution, good job!
- Zack
  - i. Good job to everyone who took part in emergency resolution meeting
- Leo
  - i. Need to talk to Beka and Stefani after the meeting
- Natalie
  - i. PR should publicize the resolution.
- Ziggy
  - i. Thank you for adapting to Zoom meeting.
  - ii. Thank you to Sydney for handling stipend conversation.

XIII. Adjournment

- Zachary Olson moves to adjourn
  - i. Second
  - ii. Consensus
  - iii. Motion passes
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Zachary Olson  
Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government