

# Minutes, USG General Body Meeting

September 30, 2020



Undergraduate  
Student Government  
*At Michigan Tech*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Ojibwa Land Acknowledgement
  - *Michigan Technological University is located within Ojibwa (Chippewa) homelands and ceded-territory established by the [Treaty of 1842](#), the territory of Native American nations in Gakiwe'onaning (Keweenaw Bay), Gete-gitgaaning (Lac Vieux Desert), Mashkii-ziibing (Bad River), Odaawaa-zaaga'iganing (Lac Courte Oreilles), Waaswaaganing (Lac Du Flambeau), Miskwaabikong (Red Cliff), Wezaawaagami-ziibing (St. Croix), and Zaka'aaganing (Sokaogon Mole Lake).*
- IV. Roll Call
  - 1 absent
    - i. Quorum met
- V. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Lauren: Would like to entertain a motion to approve last week's minutes and this week's agenda
    - i. So moved & Second
      1. No discussion
      2. Vote of Consensus
        - a. No opposition
          - i. Motion passes
- VI. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
  - If you'd like to be added to the speakers list put your name in the Zoom chat
- VII. Officer Reports
  - President (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
    - i. [Liaison blurb and open positions](#)
      1. If you're a liaison please fill out the position's information!
      2. If you're interested in taking on a liaison position check out the sheet for openings! If you like one that's open, add your name on the list and email Larkin so she knows
    - ii. Welcome new members!
      1. We're excited to meet you!
  - Vice President (*Lauren Spahn*)
    - i. Welcome new members! Please stay after meeting for 15 minutes for a brief new member orientation
    - ii. Retreat is this Saturday! Please email Lauren if you cannot make it
      1. Retreat will be over Zoom and the link will be added to the invite soon
    - iii. Office Hour Visitor Frequency
      1. Data collection for our visitor frequency
      2. Living office hours document indicated that people visited the most from 11 AM - 3 PM
        - a. Roughly nine people on the document indicated such visitors
        - b. No one commented having a visitor from 8-10 AM either
    - iv. Take a look at the [Missed Office Hour](#) sheet
      1. If you had to miss because of Career Fair, let Lauren know and the hour(s) will be excused
      2. Also lists how many hours you've done along with how many you've missed

- v. Meet Your Org email
    - 1. Drafted up an email that'll go to the officers of all RSOs
      - a. Welcome email expressing interest in the organization as well as some COVID-19 resources
      - b. Will go out at the end of this week/beginning of next week
  - vi. Homecoming Team
    - 1. The deadline for Homecoming registration has ended already but it may be possible to squeeze in a group if interested?
      - a. Really great for team bonding!
      - b. List of events has been sent out by SLI but they are also available on Involvement Link
        - i. Ex. trivia, painting, etc.
    - 2. Lauren: Request a straw poll to see if anyone for sure knows that they'd be interested in making a team
      - a. Zack: Will be on a team already but do recommend that people do consider doing it!
      - b. Lauren: Fun bonding activity! There will be other opportunities as well for bonding
      - c. Larkin: You can also pick and choose the events instead of doing them all! Some are very low pressure, some are more social, and some are more competitive
        - i. Ex. Relay in the Tech Trails
          - 1. Beka: Relay was cancelled but there'll be a virtual 5k called "Pi Mile"
      - d. No interest expressed
- Treasurer (*Harley Merkaj*)
  - i. Make sure to check the USG Ticketing Portal for any new tickets
    - 1. The portal hasn't really been explained for new members so it'll be covered during retreat
      - a. If you're unsure of what to do or have any questions otherwise, let Harley know!
      - b. There'll be a demonstration during retreat where Harley can further clarify specifics, like roles
- Secretary (*Natalie Wohlgemuth*)
  - i. New Agenda Section
    - 1. By Sydney's suggestion, a new section needed to be made as the IRHC position isn't a liaison position
      - a. This section would also be good for position-specific reports as well as encouragement to follow through on projects
    - 2. Email Natalie your thoughts!

## VIII. Advisor Reports

- Beka Horsch
  - i. DIY Garden Globes
    - 1. Thursday, October 1 at 6PM. Will be held outside
    - 2. Take home & complete on your own time setup
  - ii. Comedian Jasmine Ellis
    - 1. Saturday, October 3 at 9PM on [Zoom](#)
  - iii. Homecoming Events

1. Monday, October 5: Shirt Swap at 2PM
    - a. On Monday the 5th in the MUB Circle
    - b. Will be an exchange of a shirt for donation for a homecoming t-shirt
  2. Tuesday, October 6: Take and Paint at 2PM
    - a. Paint by numbers that'll be a grab & go to do on your own time
    - b. Good quality format and they're actual canvases!
  3. Tuesday October 6: Minute to Win It at 6PM on Walker Lawn
  4. Wednesday, October 7: Trivia Night at 7PM on [Zoom](#)
    - a. Sign in to get a score/actively participate
  5. Friday, October 9: CitySolveU at 4PM [online](#)
    - a. Sign in to get score/actively participate
- iv. HuskyLead: How to have Experiences Employers are Looking For
1. Tuesday, October 6 at 6PM on [Zoom](#)
  2. Help with learning the tips to meeting with companies
- Stefani Vargas Krause
    - i. RSO reregistration and mandatory officer training closes this Friday at 5 PM
      1. Please complete them! The information will benefit your organization
    - ii. Highly encourage participating in team bonding through Homecoming!
  - Bonnie Gorman
    - i. A survey to graduating seniors in regards to the Winter Commencement was sent out. There was also a meeting to further discuss ideas and about 18 students joined
      1. Will take the input to administration to figure out what to do

IX. Representative Reports

- Lauren: Know that this is a new category so you may not have anything to report but we encourage you to report if you do! Otherwise make sure that you start thinking about this section of reports
- Residential/IRHC
- College of Engineering (*Bryce Walbrun & Justin Mentik & Tej Bergin & Brendan Osentoski*)
  - i. No report
- College of Science and Arts (*Karina Madigan*)
  - i. No report
- College of Forest Resources & Environmental Science
- College of Business
- College of Computing (*Darren Hutchinson*)
  - i. Reached out to the College of Computing Advisor and Dean. Haven't heard from the Dean yet but the Advisor did respond positively. The email was about setting up a line of communication between Darren as a USG representative, administration, and the students of the College of Computing to have as a resource
- At-Large (*Sydney Dankert & Jake McDowell*)
  - i. No report
- Fourth Year (*Zbigniew Bell & Tristan Duelge & Joe Barbercheck*)
  - i. Ziggy: No report
- Third Year (*Zofia Freiberg & Zachary Olson*)
  - i. No report
- Second Year (*Jordan Craven, Conny Yang, Bianca Schuck*)
  - i. No report
- First Year

X. Standing Committee Reports

- Events (*Darren Hutchinson*)
  - i. No report
  - ii. Question: In regards to the Homecoming committee, would this need help from Events to plan?
    1. Lauren: Not necessarily as it wouldn't be a set committee, just a group signing up if interested
- Judiciary (*Sydney Dankert*)
  - i. Agenda changes
    1. Working on striking IRHC from the liaison position classification in the Bylaws
      - a. When critiquing the agenda changes, keep in mind that IRHC will need a spot on the agenda as they will be taken out of the liaison section
    2. Note: Everyone can put "No report" in the agenda ahead of time so it can be skipped to save some time in meeting
  - ii. Constitution and Bylaw revisions
    1. If any new members are interested let Sydney know that you want to join!
- Political Affairs (*Zachary Olson*)
  - i. Hello new members!
  - ii. Met with Governor Whitmer to represent students at a panel discussion with local leaders. Discussed the following topics:
    1. Student Debt
    2. "Skills Gap" in workforce
    3. COVID-19 Regulation Compliance on Campus
      - a. Was asked about how the compliance is going within MTU and responded that the campus is doing really well!
  - iii. Potential grant?
    1. Would be for \$1000 to do events with
      - a. Let Zack know about any event ideas
  - iv. Introduction of Resolution in Open Floor
    1. "A Resolution on Mandatory Attendance and the Collection of Homework, Projects, Quizzes, and Exams on Election Day"
      - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QKd33zt1Z1QytlqUITaQd7FRMkajVZ64E8Li3-Bnk8g/edit?usp=sharing>
      - b. Hope to create a recess similar to the Career Fair recess or potentially a University holiday as a long term goal
  - v. New members, if interested in joining Political Affairs let Zack know
    1. If on the committee you'd be able to be a part of many great events, like the upcoming panel where you'd also have a good chance of meeting the candidates!
- Public Relations (*Jordan Craven*)
  - i. Jake: Reporting for Jordan
    1. Socials:
      - a. Instagram- 339 followers (+11)
      - b. Twitter- 259 followers (+1)
      - c. Facebook- 115 followers (+3)
    2. Working full force on the new website! The cost will be discussed in Open Floor
    3. USG Banner Update
      - a. Bianca is leading the initiative
        - i. Created three different banner design options

- 1. Committee decided on one
        - ii. Jordan sent the designs to E-Board though they're also available in the Public Relations folder in the USG drive
      - 4. New members, if you're interested in joining contact Jordan!
    - Student Affairs (*Zofia Freiberg*)
      - i. Library study room reservation times
        - 1. Since the University is no longer on Tech Time that means that classes start on the hour and the current transition time for the study rooms makes it hard to get to a class in time
          - a. Looking into changing the transition time for study room reservations to better accommodate the new schedule
      - ii. Dining hall waste
        - 1. Largely looking into the CPN Enterprise's initiatives but are unsure of what the next steps should be. Would like advice from Bonnie, Beka, or Stefani on what to do?
          - a. Currently are listening to what they've been trying to do but couldn't accomplish due to pushback. Need advice on what USG could do to help. Let Zofia know!
      - iii. New members, if you like to work with student issues/ideas/problems/concerns, let Zofia know!
        - 1. Zofia: Note that Student Affairs is personally her favorite part about USG
    - Ways and Means (*Harley Merkaj*)
      - i. No report
- XI. USG Liaison Reports
  - Graduate Student Government (*Shardul Tiwari*)
    - i. No report
  - Interfraternity Council (Bianca Schuck)
    - i. No report
  - Panhellenic Council (*Zachary Olson*)
    - i. IFC & Panhellenic Council had a joint meeting Dean of Students Bonnie and President Koubek
      - 1. Discussed housing issues while in the pandemic as well as rationale behind the decision to go virtual
  - Houghton City Council (*Jake McDowell*)
    - i. No report
      - 1. Next meeting will be on October 7th
  - Parent's Fund (*Zbigniew Bell*)
    - i. No report
  - Senate (*Harley Merkaj*)
    - i. Sunday Rally
      - 1. Senate task force being created to look at this particular event and the larger issue at hand
        - a. Had to leave early due to a meeting but Stefani was able to stay for the rest of the meeting
          - i. Stefani: Senate approved a committee that started last year for equity and inclusion on campus
          - ii. Will be part of the above committee and they requested that representatives from USG sit on the committee

iii. Current plan is to discuss the Sunday rally and the issues around it

- Diversity (*Harley Merkaj*)
  - i. No report
- Student Commission (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke & Lauren Spahn*)
  - i. Food Access & proposal for delivery service
    - 1. From SLI's standpoint, volunteer delivery service can be implemented. Next step is to reach out to HuskyFAN to iron out all the details
  - ii. Project Cycle
    - 1. Suggestions on what to do with the liners included: purchasing a dispenser or using Ziplock bags
    - 2. Next step is to explore the above options and reach out to HuskyFAN to see if we're able to swap with their stock?
- Fall Flex Academics (*Zofia Freiberg*)
  - i. Brief introduction of the committee: working group out of the Flex Taskforce focussed on discussing the hybrid situation and the resulting academic experience for students
    - 1. Discussing how to end out the semester
    - 2. If anyone has any thoughts/etc about their academic experience with the hybrid model, let Zofia know
      - a. Currently the only student on the committee so Zofia is looking to get more student input to bring to the meetings
- H-Stem (*Karina Madigan*)
  - i. No report
- HIDE Voting Booth (*Jordan Craven*)
- Non-Motorized Transportation Committee (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. No report
- Experience Tech Fee (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. No report
- Student Insurance (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. No report
- Tech Forward Initiative on Sustainability & Resilience (*Zofia Freiberg*)
  - i. Announcement of Sustainable Futures Institute Dissolution
    - 1. Focus on improving sustainability on campus
- Inter Residence Housing Council
- Friends of the Library
  - i. No report
- JED Campus
- Tech Forward Initiative on Health & Quality of Life
- Other Liaisons

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

- Title IX Project (*Karina Madigan*)
  - i. [krmadiga@mtu.edu](mailto:krmadiga@mtu.edu)
  - ii. For the past month she's been working on a project to revise some of Title IV and Public Safety policies & procedures
    - 1. Process is hard on students and extremely stressful to go through. Changes need to be made to improve the procedures
    - 2. Working with Stefani to make a list of recommendations for changes

3. Reached out to Kristie to sit in on a mock reporting process to completely understand the procedure to further assess recommendations of change
  - a. Kristie really liked the idea! We're welcome to have more body members join the discussion
    - i. Let Karina know if interested! Do so the sooner the better as her report is planned to go out in the next few weeks
- Swearing in New Members (*Larkin Hooker-Moericke*)
  - i. First Year Representatives: Nadia Stauffer, Allie Moffie, and Ian Clark
    1. Larkin: Could everyone start with a brief introduction of themselves?
      - a. Nadia: First year student, Environmental Engineering major, and involved in CREW & Women's Rugby
      - b. Allie: Civil Engineering major and on the Track team
      - c. Ian: Environmental Engineering major, on the Football team and plan to join Intersivity
    - ii. Larkin: Would like to appoint Mia Fairchild for the College of Sciences and Arts Representative position
      1. Could you also start with a brief introduction?
        - a. Mia: Second year student, Exercise Science major, in Army ROTC and a part of Saint Al's
      2. Sydney: Motion to approve Larkin's appointment of Mia to the College of Sciences and Arts Representative position
        - a. Second
          - i. No discussion
          - ii. 13 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstain
            1. Motion passes
              - a. Lauren: Congratulations Mia!
    - iii. Larkin: Would like to appoint Ethan Gerds for the College of Business Representative position
      1. Start with a brief intro?
        - a. Ethan: First year student but came in with a lot of transfer credits so also at Sophomore status, in the Sailing Club and Ultimate Frisbee, and a Finance major
      2. Sydney: Motion to approve Larkin's appointment of Ethan to the College of Business Representative position
        - a. Second
          - i. No discussion
          - ii. 14 aye, 0 nay, 2 abstain
            1. Motion passes
              - a. Lauren: Congratulations Ethan!
      - iv. Swearing-In Ceremony
        1. Nadia Stauffer, Allie Moffit, Ian Clark, Mia Fairchild, and Ethan Gerds were sworn in
          - a. Larkin: Thank you and congratulations!
          - b. Lauren: Congratulations!
          - c. Harley, Karina, and Bonnie: Echo the congratulations
    - Budget Basics "Dump"
      - i. Brief introduction to WaM: WaM handles the financial requests for USG and after meeting with the organization of the request, WaM makes a recommendation to bring

- to the body for voting. WaM also handles budget hearings
    - ii. [Important Links](#)
      - 1. Links for approving requests provided in document
    - iii. [Allocation Process](#)
      - 1. How does a student org. get money from USG?
        - a. This details the process
    - iv. [Website - Student Org Funding](#)
      - 1. Discusses student org. funding
      - 2. More org-oriented but could also be helpful to us
    - v. [Student Activity Fee](#)
      - 1. Excellent graphic by Stefani!
      - 2. Super helpful to all students & members!
    - vi. Harley: In addition, the 2020/2021 USG budget spreadsheet can be found in the USG drive
      - 1. Tracks our total expenditures
      - 2. A lot of committees had questions over their budgets
        - a. Reference numbers on the budget aren't set in stone
          - i. USG is an SBG so the budget items acts more like a general guideline for us to follow so money can be moved around easily
      - 3. Any questions, let Harley know!
- Website compare and contrast
  - i. [Old website](#) v. New website
  - ii. Billing cycle:
    - 1. Every 3 years: \$306 (8.50/month)
    - 2. Every 2 years: \$228 (9.50/month)
    - 3. Every year: \$138 ( 11.50/ month)
    - 4. Monthly : \$28
  - iii. Bianca: Jordan has been handling the costs but Bianca is the Webmaster so she knows some details about the billing but not as much as Jordan does
    - 1. Making a new body website google form that includes bio. information for the website
    - 2. Website is coming along nicely, for any questions reach out to Bianca
- Weekend reaction and plan for action
  - Tej: Discuss event that took place this weekend and how it affected many communities
    - Personal experience: The Trump rally took place on Sunday when he went shopping. Was unaware of the rally while trying to get back home but got stuck in the traffic. Once home, he biked back to join the protestors where he experienced a lot of hate speech plus hard candy was thrown at him
      - Not shocking/unexpected to this hate speech in general but was unexpected to feel so overwhelmingly unsafe here in Houghton
      - We can't let that happen as the Undergraduate Student Government. Our purpose is to be here for the students so we need to act to support them
    - Looking for support form body on some action items:
      - Would like to work with CDI to create a space for long-term discussions about diversity to ensure its impact on campus. Have reached out to the CDI staff asking for times/spaces to host these



- discussions roughly twice a month
  - Would like to create a Google survey for the students to see the different places on campus where students don't feel safe to see what can be done to help
  - Any questions/etc please reach out to Tej
  - Larkin may also make an anonymous form for the body to fill out and address
- Zack: This is not the first time he's heard about the terrible treatment that occurred during the rally
  - Have also heard accounts of sexual harassment/direct threats of violence
    - One individual could file a police report in regards to this but this should still be addressed by us/the community
    - Do acknowledge that the event got out of hand and the University didn't anticipate it to happen
  - We need to denounce hate speech and potentially write a resolution to request that the University takes away this group's privileges to use campus property again
- Larkin:
  - Thank you to Tej for sharing
  - E-Board has met & discussed what we can do
    - Messages from University leaders -- Larkin is looking into as the USG president
    - The minorities on campus expressed that they want a good way to report instances where they feel unsafe -- The Dean of Students webpage has a report a concern page with a spot for nearly any concern
      - Would be a good resource to spread awareness about
      - USG can try to advertise this resource better within ourselves
        - Add onto documents, websites, Banweb, the Instructor Feedback form, etc.
    - Listening sessions with the minority groups to be able to sit down and hear what they have to say so we know better where to help
  - Reminders: USG must remember to remain non-partisan. The Trump rally was okay but the issue was with the turn in the event with the hate speech/harassment/etc.
    - Any concerns over the message, know that it won't be political. The focus will be on inclusion/respect/safety for all students on campus
- Sydney:
  - A lot of people in the community were also affected so it'd be good to extend resources with the CDI to the community
  - Warning: We will get backlash from the message but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't do it or that it isn't important to send. Please mentally prepare yourselves for any backlash
- Darren:
  - I'm sorry to Tej that you had to experience something so horrible
- Zack:
  - There was a new law out? It specified group size restrictions in light of the pandemic. It was a ban of large parties yet the parada had more than 300 cars, making the event illegal. Due to this the University should have the right to

- revoke their privileges to utilizing our spaces
  - Tej:
    - Thank you, Darren
    - Sydney, that's a great idea. Will look into it
  - Jordan:
    - Thank you Tej. Want to let you know that we as a body, we stand with you during this difficult time
  - Tristan:
    - Was this promoted by a student org or was campus-based?
      - Bonnie: No, it was an outside organization
  - Zofia:
    - There were working groups this past summer led by Kelly, the director of the CDI, working on a campaign centered around community. The graphics could be good to include in Larkins email
    - Tej, it could be good to reach out to this working group to revitalise the project? You'd be a really good voice to add to the group as your ideas align well
      - Tej: Will look into, that'd be really great!
  - Mia:
    - Wondering how this was related to MTU?
      - Tej: From a student's perspective it relates to the students as we are a part of the community, plus it was on campus property, so it affected students both on and off campus
      - Bonnie: MTU is a public institution so we need to allow outside orgs to use our facilities. The group did go through the full process and was allowed due to the initial indicated size which was much smaller but the event ended up turning into something much larger
  - Lauren: Thank you Tej for bringing this to the body and for sharing your experiences
- Sydney: Jordan is here now, can she speak on the website more?
  - Jordan: Yes, Public Relations is looking into switching to Wix and after looking at the billing cycle options there were four of potential for us. Want to see how long we want to have the website for? Also, will show the website so far if Larkin could pull it up?
    - Larkin: Haven't gotten into the website yet, how does it work?
      - Harley: Sign in with USG email and select "preview"
    - Website preview: it needs more pictures but Public Relations is just focused on the skeleton for now until able to get the approval to go all in
      - Larkin: Where do the Student Feedback form responses go?
        - Jordan: Go to the USG email and are saved to a table on Wix
      - Jordan: Most pages aren't complete but want to note that there will also be access to our governing documents!
    - Old website comparison: Is old and hard to navigate. Wanted something newer as it'd be easier to work with compared to Wordpress
  - Bianca: Question, in the form E-Board had mentioned not wanting meeting minutes? Do you still want them on there or no?
    - Harley: Will discuss at the next E-Board meeting
    - Zack: The website looks great so far! The price can be scary but it's worth it as we need the update
      - We also do need to include the meeting minutes

- Harley: Note that Wordpress has been an issue for us for a while. We have run into so many issues from the start. The transition to Wix will hopefully modernize the website and solve the issues we were previously having
  - Note to Public Relations: able to go to “media” to save pictures that have already been used on the website if they’re needed for the new website to save time!
- Jordan:
  - How long should we have the billing cycle be for? Personally recommend every two years which can be addressed down the line
    - Larkin: Wix is really falling behind and can see that we’d need to switch to a new website in the next three years. Good to go ahead with the change now!
    - Zack: \$306 for 3 years sounds like a lot but we need the change and it’d save some money. Hope that we can get this resolved for future members to utilize further
    - Sydney: Recommend the two-year package. USG has high body turnover so it’d be important for Jordan to be able to pass on responsibilities for the website to ensure that the next in line can keep on top of everything
  - Jordan: Would like to motion to allocate up to \$250 for the Wix website for the next two years
    - Second
      - No discussion
      - 15 aye, 0 nay, 3 abstain
        - Motion passes
    - Jordan: Thank you!

#### XIV. Open Floor

- Larkin: Question posed to Larkin from the Academic Affairs Committee of the BoT to address during their next meeting: “What one issue requires more attention from the Board from the perspective of your organization? Elaborate.”
  - i. Zofia: When do you need this answer by?
    - 1. Larkin: Meeting is next week Thursday so we have one week and a day
  - ii. Justin: Could you send out a Google form for this to allow more time to think of an answer?
    - 1. Larkin: Yes! Will make a form and send it out
  - iii. Zofia: Is this something that we could put on our social media as well to get more student input?
    - 1. Larkin: Yes! Up to PR Committee
    - 2. Jake: Pr can definitely do that! Could make it so the answers would go straight to direct message to encourage more people to respond as having to sign in through Google to access a form is discouraging
    - 3. Jordan: Yep! Note that we’ll definitely get a lot of comments in regards to the rally that happened this weekend
  - iv. Zofia: Can you bring this up again during the next meeting?
    - 1. Larkin: Yes! Thank you everyone for the feedback!
- Zack: “A Resolution on Mandatory Attendance and the Collection of Homework, Projects, Quizzes, and Exams on Election Day”
  - i. Point of Clarification for new members: we’re discussing this proposal now to allow

enough time before moving to a vote at a different meeting

- ii. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QKd33zt1Z1QyIqUITaQd7FRMkajVZ64E8Li3-Bnk8g/edit?usp=sharing>
- iii. Urge that the University should implement a policy to have a recess on Election Day for the foreseeable future
  1. Larkin: Note that even for Career Fair, forbidding all assignments isn't allowed according to the University Senate. In actuality, only assignments classified as a major part of a grade are forbidden. Would you consider adjusting this request in your proposal?
    - a. Zack: If this is the case on what the policy actually is, am willing to revise proposal to reflect this
  2. Sydney: Under the impression that the University supports voting for staff already, question the last resolution?
    - a. Bonnie: Can't shed light on this
    - b. Beka: Unaware of any official statement. Note that advisors are usually lenient about accommodating for this
  3. Zack: Bringing up the proposal now to get a gauge of how the body feels about it?
    - a. Brendan: This year is a special case but most people usually do mail in ballots up here anyway? Willing to support but unsure of how applicable this would be?
      - i. Zack: In terms of how necessary it'd be, it'd be a good chance for people to even turn in their ballot in person. Same-day voter registration is allowed in Michigan so theoretically someone could decide to register and vote the day of. This would help at least a couple people out which would be a success
    - b. Joe: Personally mails ballots in but the time could also be beneficial to allowing individuals time to research the candidates more
  4. Zofia: Do like the resolution in general but have confusion with the second "whereas" statement. Would be good to revisit the efficacy of the second whereas statement
  5. Natalie: As it was with the Career Fair recess, the time had to be worked out to determine where the time for the recess would be pulled from. We're only allowed a set amount of time off so the time would have to come from somewhere. Have you looked into this yet?
    - a. Zack: Haven't looked into it yet as planning on taking a different approach for this proposal. Want to start with reducing assignments for the day of, then get a recess if possible, and potentially a holiday as a stretch goal. First want the commitment of USG and Senate before looking into more specifics
      - i. Harley: It's really important to have the logistics planned out beforehand. If brought to the University Senate without a lot of logistics planned out they most likely won't approve it
      - ii. Bonnie: Be careful how much you include so it doesn't seem like too much of a request. May be best to start with what you really want and save anything beyond for another time to be addressed

6. Beka: Note that it's every four years for the general election but every two years for midterm elections. This would need to be addressed as well

XV. Closed Session

XVI. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

- Lauren: New members, please stay on the Zoom call after meeting adjourns for new member orientation!
  - i. Shout out to Jake and the rest of the PR Committee for the form they drafted for the MTU org. spotlight for our instagram story!
- Zack: Thank you to everyone for your input on the resolution! Excited to see this go forward
  - i. Note that Political Affairs meets on Thursday's from 1-2 PM. If interested in joining, email Zack at [zaolson@mtu.edu](mailto:zaolson@mtu.edu)
- Jordan: If any new members want to join Public Relations, the committee typically meets after the general body meeting. The committee works on social media/posters/etc so if any of those are of interest, reach out to Jordan at [jrcraven@mtu.edu](mailto:jrcraven@mtu.edu) to join!

XVII. Adjournment

- Lauren: Would like to entertain a motion to adjourn meeting
  - i. So Moved & Second
    1. No discussion
    2. Vote of Consensus
      - a. No opposition
        - i. Motion passes
          1. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Government