

ASNMU General Assembly Minutes

August 29, 2019

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I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm

II. Roll Call

- a. *Dhruv Patel* – absent; excused
- b. *Rich Hamilton* – absent; unexcused

III. Public Comment

- a. None

IV. Approval of Consent Items

a. Agenda 08/29/2019

- i. No opposition

V. Executive Reports

a. President – *Cody Mayer*

- i. Welcome back everyone! I know I can talk awhile and I'll try and be quick but I got a number of things I want everyone to be aware of.
- ii. We will be creating a Fall operating budget this semester and Greg will be communicating with Emma and our committee Chairs as well as EBoard to create this semesters operating budget. I won't get to in depth with this but wanted everyone to be aware of this.
- iii. Possible organization restructuring
- iv. Green Fund talks and Indigenous peoples day and election day updates
- v. EBoard as a whole will be working less on individual projects with reps, not completely but less. We will be working a lot more on with the Administration, faculty, finances, strategy, and implantation of policy, which is good! That means we trust you all to handle working with one another to create legislation.
- vi. Secretary of State Student university reps for voting committee. I want to do this but with the National Guard I can't guarantee I will be able to, let me know if you're interested.
- vii. Also something I want to share, the Administration has appointed me to the NMU Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee.

- viii. Haunted House, last year we partnered with the NMU Student veteran Association and the local USCG post. The cost of admission was one can food item and all the food was donated to the NMU Food Pantry and the Ishpeming Food Pantry. This year the proposed cost for admission will be \$5 and a can food item, the will be using the entire maritime museum as the haunted house, food will go to the NMU Food party and the proceeds for to the maritime museum, all they need from us is marketing assistance.
- ix. Homecoming, possible involvement and interest in us joining in homecoming efforts. Ill update everyone when I get more info.
- x. I will also be reaching out to get a new J chair appointed have enough applicants to possibly fill the bench.

b. Vice President – *Paige Pucelik*

- i. You all need to find a university committee if you haven't already. I'd like you all to have one by the end of September which gives you a month to do so. Come to me when you find one you would like to join. The senate is sending me a list of all their committees and student positions that are available which I will send to everyone when I get it.
- ii. We have 66 applications for the General Assembly. 16 of the students who applied are still interested so we will start scheduling interviews after the appointments committee meets. We currently have 11 positions open on the GA so we may have a full assembly and Judiciary Branch as there are some applicants for J.
- iii. Need to meet with student affairs after the meeting

c. Treasurer – *Greg Mihalopoulos*

- i. ASNMU operated on \$2,000 this summer. The money was graciously provided by the NMU foundation.
- ii. Various promo materials were purchased. These included: phone wallets, stickers, and laptop covers. We also purchased a gown rack. Out of our budget we spent \$618.12. This leaves \$1,381.88. However, this amount does not carry forward to the new academic year.
- iii. Speaking of the new academic year, once we receive the 10 day numbers I will be able to give specific answers on the subject of our 2019 budget. Thank you for your time. I yield my time to the chair

d. Chair of the Assembly – Emma Drever

- i. While I finish formulating the office hours binder, please email me with a summary of the office hours you did this week. If you have not already, make sure you email ASNMU@NMU.edu the office hours you have set, so that Becca may put them on the website. Also, if there are items for the agenda / if you will be absent or late, please let me know with at least 24 hours' notice. That means by 7pm on Wednesday.
- ii. Moving forward, as I said when I accepted the chair position, I am excited to continue to come together as an assembly and act on behalf of the students we serve, and I hope you join me in that enthusiasm. As we unify to be the best advocates we can be, I expect everyone on the assembly and e-board to act respectfully towards each other and the work we do at all times. I do not tolerate disrespect, and we cannot and will not work with its presence. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of workplace camaraderie as well as reverence for the monumental responsibility we have to our fellow students.

That being said, I look forward to what we will accomplish this year.

VI. Resignations

a. Dhruv Patel – College of Business Representative

- i. Letter (from D. Patel) read by *Emma Drever*: "Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as [College of] Business Representative [from] ASNMU. I want to thank you all for the experience and projects I got to work and help out on. As the new year approaches, I don't believe I'd be able to support ASNMU at my full potential. My last day with ASNMU will be April 22, 2019."

1. *Lana* motioned to approve the resignation

a. *Jake* second; unanimous

b. Rich Hamilton – Off Campus Representative

- i. Letter (from *R. Hamilton*) read by *Emma Drever*: "Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation as an Off-Campus Representative as of 8/29/19. I have recently come across an opportunity to begin a new student group with the Dean of Students Office to aid in fostering friendships between students and empowering them to achieve high standards. After careful consideration, I realize that it would be a disservice to

decline. It has been a pleasure working with all of you over the last 2 years making our Northern a better place. I wish you all the best of luck on your future endeavors.”

1. *Lana* motioned to approve the resignation

a. *Marissa* second; unanimous

VII. Special Reports

a. Summer – *Logan Hartz*

- i. Lobby day is October 2nd, I sent a memo a few weeks ago so everyone should be up to speed. We are going to need to make a decision soon as to whether or not we are going to go down and participate. Tyler Ziel from UMich is leading the lobby day initiative. He is also the one trying to put SAM back together and if anyone can do it, it's him. There is a chance that the government may be shut down on oct 1st. If that's the case, there is no reason to go down. Deanna Hemmila, the governmental affairs advisor for President Erickson and the board thinks it's a possibility. So it is something we need to keep in mind when we decide as an assembly whether to go down or not.
- ii. Nov 2nd is our one UP conference and we got a lot done over the summer. We have all of our speakers confirmed. They are Sara Cambensy, Jay Gage, and Erik Maillard. They are all great speakers and have UP connections. Erik used to hold Cody's position and actually helped start the one up conference when he was here. We have the ballroom secured and everything is going really well with the planning. I will be looking to create an ad-hoc committee here soon to get some of the details nailed down, once we get some of our new members.
- iii. Nov 9th is the United Conference at Sag State. This is going to be a really good opportunity to make connections with the other 14 schools especially if we don't end up going down for the lobby day on October 2nd. That being said I'd like at least all of the leadership to go down. Both MTU and LSSU are going down, and so it would be good if we were there also.

VIII. Good of the Order

- a. *Emma*: look out for an email from me. I will be holding a meeting about parliamentary procedure in early September. Also, ASNMU in the past has sponsored efforts regarding mental health and we have made a lot of progress. There's a fundraising walk on September 14th and I'm captaining a team for it and I'd love to see some of you there. This would be another good way to continue to sponsor mental health efforts.

IX. Public Comment

a. None

X. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned @ 7:16 p.m.