

ASNMU General Assembly Minutes
September 26, 2019
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I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

- a. *Paige Pucelik* – excused absence

III. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **Agenda 09/26/2019**
 - i. *Logan* motioned to approve the consent items
 - 1. *Marissa* second; unanimous

IV. Presentations

a. ***Dr. Alec Lindsay, Chair of Academic Senate***

- i. First a little background on me: I'm a biology professor and this is my 18th year teaching at Northern. I've been on the senate for 10 years and have been chairing it for 3. I really enjoy governance and enjoy it especially when it's shared. I was invited to come speak to you as the Chair of Academic Senate to give you an overview of what The Senate is and what we do.

The faculty here are unionized as the result of a union contract which most are members of. There are two unions, but the majority are on the AAUP. The senate is a great but kind of unusual body resulting from being unionized. The administration agreed to have an Academic Senate to have a hand on all the decisions that have anything to do with academics. What we do is work with various people and organizations (like ASNMU) on:

- a. advising and making recommendations to the PVPAA on matters of faculty-wide concern
- b. communicating items of concern to respective constituencies
- c. informing the academic community of issues under consideration

The Academic Senate may make recommendations to the Association on such matters of academic policy or of general faculty concern as the Senate may choose. Consultation between the Board and Association on such matters shall follow the procedures described in section 1.5.2.

If ASNMU wants the Senate to make a recommendation to the Board, then they would go through a review process and have to eventually be approved. Any actions will come from our committees and we have 11 of them to represent different parts of campus. The actions in question will go to the executive committee for review and committees may be asked to revise or refine certain parts. When the executive committee approves it, it will move to the full senate and the full senate holds the first reading for debate and vote. There's a second reading for debate and vote as well. If actions are approved, they will move to PVPAA. . Recommendations for curriculum or academic program change shall also be submitted to, acted upon, and forwarded to the PVPAA by the Academic Senate.

Anything that we recommend to the Provost, the Provost normally has to implement. If he doesn't, he has to return (in writing) a statement with a serious and compelling reason as to why it won't be implemented. In the past two years, there's only been one thing that the Provost hasn't approved.

Any recommendations that we are going to make can come from an individual faculty member, an academic department, administrators, or ASNMU and we fully encourage you all in doing so. What I think is wise to do politically, is if you want to get an action on something, start the conversations before you make a resolution and present it. It's the best way to ensure that you'll get everyone on board with what you're proposing. Getting help with procedural things ahead of time can also eliminate flaws in presentation and wording and will help things run more smoothly.

As the chair, I really try to be an unqualified umpire who helps things along. I just want to help you maximize effectiveness. Don't ever underestimate the significance of what you can do as ASNMU and as the students in general. I'm always really thankful and hopeful for the actions the students are going to take. We listen to [ASNMU] because you represent the student body. You have a lot of power and we value your role as students representing other students.

Non-members can attend Academic Senate meetings by invitation, but there is an open invitation to all faculty, administration, and students. I really encourage everyone to attend if they are at all interested.

1. Cody: there is a fourth spot open on Senate for an ASNMU representative if anybody is interested.
2. Birdy: if you're interested in serving on Senate, how do you get involved?
 - a. Cody: Paige is in charge of appointments and she can recommend that you be appointed to a committee. If the assembly approves the appointment, then you will be appointed.
3. Carter: I have urged people and leaders of ASNMU to come and talk to Dr. Lindsay when there's a major thing you want passed. The thing to do is to talk to the leadership of Senate so you can get input on how to get things passed by them. Building a bond with the Executive Committee of Senate and having these conversations is essential.
 - a. Alec: I also urge you to come and discuss things. It can be done formally or informally. Just keep the door for conversation open.

V. Public Comment

- a. None

VI. Executive Reports

a. President – *Cody Mayer*

- i. Eco Reps appointed *Paige* and I to their advisory board. They have four executive members as well as the board to help set up strategic plans to further things within their organization.
- ii. We need two students, as well as myself, to sit on the committee that chooses the Winter Commencement Speaker.
 1. *Lana*: can you sit on it if you're graduating this winter?
 - a. *Cody*: absolutely. It's almost preferred.

- iii. The Marquette County government reached out. They're working on their 40 year master plan and so they had a survey sent out that's open until the end of the year. They only had about 100 'youth' take the survey and they want to get more youth involved. There may be a student wide email sent out, but if you have any ideas about how we could work on that with them, let me know.
 - iv. The Flexible Aid Fund (which the green and gold gala will fund) is a fund that is in place to help students who experience an unexpected event and have to consider dropping out of school because of it. There will probably be a student wide email sent out to inform students about that.
- b. Treasurer – *Greg Mihalopoulos***
- i. The SFC carryforward from last semester is \$60,599.45. This gives the SFC discretionary fund \$75,811.83 in total allocation for this semester. There will be an email going out to the heads of all student organizations before the next general assembly meeting explaining how to access these funds.
 - ii. ASNMU has \$17,295.44, including the carryover.
 - iii. I would like to additionally caution this assembly against thinking of this fact as a goal to reach. Last year, ASNMU ran a deficit of \$3,935.86. The only reason that this organization has managed to remain financially solvent is because of significant carryforward that good stewardship of our funds in the past has allowed us. To put this number in perspective, the amount of money that we have left over is around 7 bike share programs. Alternatively, it could also be 25 Grad Closets. I look forward to seeing what the bright minds in this assembly will do with this information.
- c. Chair of the Assembly – *Emma Drever***
- i. There is the Representative Service Binder (it is a 2 inch green binder with foam letters on the front) is in the office and you will need to fill this out throughout the week and be sure to sign it at the bottom.
 - ii. There will be parliamentary procedure information in the future but I have duties as a student to take care of right now and we are students first.
 - iii. We are going to be looking at ordering updated name plates for some representatives.
 - iv. In the coming weeks, probably around October 10th, I will be sending out the Mental Health Needs Survey. I've been advised to collect two years of data before presenting the information to administration and the Mental Health Task Force. This is my second year working on this so that information will get processed this year and presented at some point.

VII. New Business

a. Committee Update

i. Student Affairs – *Lana Wilson*

- 1. I've had ideas flowing for the career closet and have been discussing options with many people. For the new reps, the Career Closet is for students to pick out one full business professional or business casual outfit each semester. Right now, I'm thinking of having the Closet open during Food Pantry hours and the head of the Food Pantry is open to this idea. During the second week of career week, it will be open on Wednesday from 5-7pm as well as the following Friday from 2-4pm.

b. Appointments

i. External Affairs – *Logan Hartz*

1. We need people to help plan this conference and both of these students are great people to help with this process. I'm very excited to have them on External Affairs.
 - a. *Bethany Beavers*
 - b. *Zora Binert*

c. Committee Charge

i. One U.P. Conference Planning – Logan Hartz

1. Logan: "On behalf of the External Affairs committee, I request the ASNMU General Assembly approve this charge in creating an Ad Hoc committee for the 2019 One U.P. Conference, which Northern will host.
The purpose of this committee will be to plan the conference and make decisions on matters pertaining to that cause.
The Committee shall consist of One Representative from Student Affairs, One Representative from Academic Affairs, One member of the Executive board, and other representatives or members of the university which the committee sees fit to add for additional counsel.
The Committee shall take charge September 27th, 2019, and dissolve November 8th, 2019.
The Committee will, from time to time, report to the General Assembly on their progress on the planning of the conference until its dissolve."
2. Logan: We talked to see if this was necessary and it's not, but I want it to go through so that we can bring outside council in to help plan. It's been three years since NMU last held the 1UP conference and I have never planned a conference before. This is an opportunity to team up with the great individuals we have, both in ASNMU and out, to maximize use of our resources. The committee would be able to reach out to other people to help with this process and, in turn, help it flow more smoothly. I'm looking forward to having *Noah* (from CSE) as council and also to have other people come in and present on what they might think is beneficial for this conference.
 - a. *Marissa*: how many ASNMU members were you hoping to have sit on this committee?
 - i. Logan: I would like at least 1 from Student Affairs and 1 from Academic Affairs just to have bases covered. Everyone on external affairs at the moment is on Academic affairs. *Zora* is a non-voting member so she would be considered "additional council". Ideally, I'd also like to have someone from the Executive Board sit on it or at least to keep in touch with to keep E. Board in the loop. Anybody who would like to participate can be a part of this, but if everyone wants to join, we will be partial to the actual External Affairs members in terms of time commitment and such when planning meetings.
3. *Lana* motioned to approve the committee charge
 - a. *Jake* second; unanimous

VIII. Public Comment

- a. None

IX. Good of the Order

- a. *birdy*: for the master plan of the community, I don't know if the community has a budget or funds, but maybe we could host an event in cohorts with them or host one on campus
- b. *Becca*: just so everybody knows, Kaylah and I will be out of the office all day Friday (the 27th) and Monday (the 30th). If anybody needs anything or has any questions, you can email or text us. We may not have the greatest phone service, but we will respond as soon as we can.
- c. *Cody*: the resolution Logan proposed about removing Dozing Discounts from the bylaws, was signed off on and now I'm just meeting with the Dean of Students and the Provost to have them sign off on it.

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm