

**ASNMU General Assembly Minutes**  
**November 14, 2019**  
**Jamrich 1317**

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**II. Roll Call**

- a. All present

**III. Public Comment**

- a. None

**IV. Approval of Consent Items**

**a. Agenda 11/14/2019**

- i. *Lana* motioned to approve the consent items.

1. *Marissa* second; unanimously approved

**V. Executive Reports**

**a. President – *Cody Mayer***

- i. The American Marking Association at NMU is working with Marquette Mountain on implementing a once a week discount day or a discounted week to draw in students. They've asked if I'd be willing to send out a student wide email but I am hesitant about doing so. It is specifically community based so I don't think it would be a bad thing, but I'd like to hear your thoughts about it.

1. *Lana*: what would be in the email?

- a. *Cody*: it'd be a survey about usage/preference that they could work with Marquette Mountain to determine the best options for their event.

2. *Marissa*: I think it would be provide good feedback for both parties.

3. *Sammi*: I am hesitant as well because this isn't something ASNMU is explicitly involved in and we have no control of the final product. Students would have the expectation that there is going to be a service in place after a probing survey like this one. If this was an established event and they wanted the information about it out there, I could understand that. I feel like there's other/better avenues for them to take, especially if it were to fall through.

4. *Lana*: do they have to go through us?

- a. *Cody*: the only people who have the ability to send out student-wide emails are *Mike Bath*, *President Erickson*, the Deans, and myself.

- b. *Lana*: do they have other ways to spread/gather information?

- c. *Cody*: I think they were relying heavily on us. I initially told them no but after they explained what they'd be doing for the students and that it's community focused, I considered. They sent me a pre-written email containing what they'd like to say and it seemed as though this was the last thing they had to do.
- 5. *Sam*: to emphasize my point, we didn't send out a survey for Wildcat Wallet to see what businesses students wanted to receive discounts from because we didn't want them to have expectations that ASNMU might not have been able to uphold if the businesses on the survey didn't want to participate in the program.
- ii. The process to pick our faculty commencement speaker has begun. The email has been sent out on how to nominate a faculty member and someone will be selected on Monday. The student commencement speaker will also be selected on Monday.
- iii. I don't want to keep getting peoples hopes up, but *Paige* and I met with the board to talk about Indigenous Peoples Day (IPD) and the green fund and sustainability efforts again and it still seems promising. They assured us they would be gently nudging our administrators to work with us to adhere to the timeline in place and present it all again at the February meeting. Something did get brought up in terms of IPD – even though we are by no means trying to remove Columbus Day, they brought up that Columbus Day stands as like, an Italian Heritage Day which is recognizing the struggle of another race and they don't want to attack another race by interfering with Columbus Day. So they suggested we recognize an Italian Heritage Day on Columbus Day and we have a week-long celebration for Indigenous Peoples at a different time of year. So I'm open to hearing your thoughts about that.
  - 1. *Logan*: I don't know if it's possible to get them in here to answer some questions about this, but that's absolutely unacceptable and I'm ashamed that's what they said.
  - 2. *Jake*: there's multiple different days and weeks to celebrate, but finding where we draw the line is going to get harder and harder. I think by doing something like that, it will open a box that we don't want open.
  - 3. *Kylie*: I'm not sure of the history of this resolution, but we aren't advocating getting rid of Columbus Day, correct?
    - a. *Cody*: correct. In 2017, ASNMU had a resolution to abolish Columbus Day on campus and replace with IPD. Academic Senate approved it and the Board refused to vote on it. Let it be known that NMU doesn't recognize Columbus Day anyway, as it's nowhere on our calendars. Now, we are just asking that

IPD is recognized on that day. The students of NMU have voted in favor of recognizing IPD on Columbus Day. The other colleges in the UP, the City of Marquette, and the State of Michigan have all officially recognized Columbus Day as IPD as well. Sooner or later we will see more progress being made in terms of this decision, but I just don't know at what point that will happen and how much we will have to give up for that to happen.

**b. Vice President – Paige Pucelik**

- i. Paige: if you haven't already seen the North Wind article, the AAPC (?) proposal went through.
- ii. During the next senate meeting we will be approving the next academic calendars.
- iii. I would also like to take a second to recognize Logan and all his hard work in planning the 1UP Conference. It went really well and I'm really proud of this accomplishment.

**c. Treasurer – Greg Mihalopoulos**

- i. SFC didn't pass any budgets at last week's meeting so their balance remains at \$55,144.50.
- ii. We will be working on EFG's soon. Currently, some of our committee members are working on recruiting new members.
- iii. ASNMU has \$8,699.96
- iv. In the future, all budgets for events or projects must have all the necessary parts in one document to be approved all at once. Having multiple budgets for the same project or event can bring about confusion and it would be nice if that could be avoided in the future.

**d. Chair of the Assembly – Emma Drever**

- i. Last week we tried to send the Mental Health Survey but the DOS couldn't because there were some issues that came up with the questions that the Counseling Office helped me write and I was out of town and unable to talk with anyone about it.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Appointments**

**i. Woods Representative - Zora Binert**

1. Paige: I would like to appoint Zora Binert as a representative of The Woods. She worked closely with Logan on the 1UP Conference and is a familiar face in the office already. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.
2. Logan motioned to do a closed ballot vote.
  - a. Lana second; unanimously approved
  - b. The appointment was approved.

**b. Committee Updates**

**i. Public Relations – *Sammi Metcalf***

1. I recently signed paperwork with *Carly* in the Marketing Office to have the NMU Snapchat December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> which is right around finals. I'd like to cover the Grad Closet, the 24-Hour Study Lounge, and anything else that reps would like to have featured so please let me know if you think of something.
  - a. *Paige*: is there something in place if people do try to apply for a cap and gown from the Grad Closet?
  - b. *Sam*: as of right now I was just planning on posting basic information about all of it and to keep an eye out for more information about the programs.

**ii. Student Affairs – *Lana Wilson***

1. Grad Closet: the email went out today to graduating students with the application which must be turned in by next Wednesday at 3 P.M. We have 23 gowns right now and *Thomas* and the DOS office will go through to help pick the recipients of those gowns.
  - a. *Jim*: What is the process for getting a cap and/or gown from the Grad Closet?
    - i. *Thomas*: It's all need based, so *Hailey Rhodes*, another Dean, and I will be looking through applications to decide which students will be approved depending on what they write on their application.
2. Bike Share: Wednesday at 6 P.M. we are moving the bikes to Spooner Hall so if you are available and would like to help, I can send you more information on that.
3. Period Project: the products are out and are being used. The pixie cups in the food pantry have all been taken so the ones in the office will most likely move there since that is where people are seeking them out. We got a thank you email about the project today and it's really nice to have that positive feedback.
  - a. *Logan*: how often are you refilling the baskets? Roughly what do you think that rate will be?
    - i. *Lana*: as of right now, we have a note on the card that says if they need to be refilled to email ASNMU. a lot of us also use these restrooms regularly and can check on the amount. We don't have a set schedule for it, though. At least not yet. But as we refill the baskets, we are keeping the amount of products in them the same.
  - b. *Cody*: how much do we have left to refill the baskets with?

- i. *Lana*: most likely enough for the rest of the semester. The way it seems to be going, we will need at least twice as much next semester.
- c. *Kylie*: I have applied for three grants to help with the Period Project and I'm currently working on getting donations from a fourth business.
- d. *Lana*: at the 1UP Conference, someone suggested getting in contact with the Co-Op for Pixie Cups so that's another thing we are looking into.

**iii. External Affairs – Logan Hartz**

1. As *Paige* mentioned, the 1UP Conference went well, but unfortunately the United Conference did not as we were unable to attend.
2. *Jake* went and toured a mine on behalf of *Senator Ed McBroom* which also benefits us as it is an external event a representative is taking part in.
3. I'm still working with NMU Athletics and they have a lot of big things going on. I've been working with *Sarah Keen* and *Allie Yako* who is the President and who will be the President, respectively, of Student Athletic Advisory Council during this process.
  - a. *Lana*: we attended a meeting today and it was mentioned that there's not a place for people of color to get their hair done on campus. It would benefit our students of color, some of which are student athletes (to tie it into this), to have the cosmetology students offer hair services for them. We just weren't sure if that would be Student Affairs or Academic Affairs or even possibly External Affairs. But it is a topic of discussion.
4. At a meeting with *Jessica Cruz* about the LGBTQ+ task force, she mentioned that it's a wonderful idea that *Lana* has been working on the Sports Pride Index here at NMU so there will likely be an opportunity for collaboration on that in the future.
5. *Logan* motioned to go into a closed session
  - a. *Marissa* second; unanimously approved
  - b. Session closed at 7:26 P.M.
  - c. Session reopened at 8:36 P.M.

**VII. Public Comment**

- a. None

**VIII. Good of the Order**

- a. *Becca*: tomorrow night, starting at 8, the lodge is having an open mic night. Northern Lights A Capella will be singing a couple of the songs that will be featured at their concert which is this Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 P.M. in Reynolds Recital Hall. It is free for everyone but there is a

suggested donation of \$2 for students and \$5 for non-students. It'd be super cool if you guys came.

- b. *Paige*: I just want to say good job to everyone for doing so much this semester and that I'm excited to see what else we can accomplish, so keep up the good work!

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

