

ASNMU Minutes

March 25, 2019

Jamrich Hall, Room 1317

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order @ 9:00 P.M.
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. *Emma Tervonen* – absent; excused
 - b. *Adel Isaacson* – absent; excused
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. None
- IV. **Approval of Consent Items**
 - a. **Agenda – 03/25/2019**
 - i. *Chad* motioned to add Point H ‘*Citizens Climate Lobby*’ under ‘*New Business*’
 1. *Marissa* second; unanimous
 - ii. *Lana* motioned to approve the agenda with the added amendment
 1. *Marissa* second; unanimous
- V. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **President – *Cody Mayer***
 - i. Student Wide Email - big ideas campaign submission ends Friday
 - ii. I appointed *Holly* to sit on the Student Commencement Speaker committee on April 12th and I am looking for one more graduating senior or upper classmen to sit on this.
 - iii. RadioX listener survey – once a year we do a North Wind readership survey to see how many students are paying attention and I want to do this for RadioX as well
 - b. **Vice President – *Connor Loftus***
 - i. Elections committee – sent the finalized ballot to *Dawn* in the Dean of Students office to handle creating the official ballot. What is on the website currently is what the ballot will look like. The debate format has been set by the committee and we finalized the questions this past week. For the reps running for positions, we have set aside two minutes for each of you to tell a little bit about yourself since the positions are all uncontested. The majority of the time will be for the president and the vice president questions, hosted by me and *Rebecca*. The town hall will be at 6pm this Wednesday across the hall in Jamrich 1318. It will also be live streamed on Facebook.
 - ii. We will be doing a booth in Jamirch on Wednesday, April 3rd to encourage people to vote and a doodle poll will be sent out to see who is willing to help with that. But just to be clear, this is not a time to campaign.
 - iii. Committee binders – I’m still here still looking to help. So far I have only had one chair reach out.
 - c. **Chair of Assembly – *Simon Moesch***
 - i. I am starting to compile a chair binder and I will also have a flash-drive that has been passed down to me that I will be updating and fine tuning.
 - ii. Starting Thursday I will be out of the office for a conference in Minnesota. It will be another early morning/late night conference so please be patient with me.
 - d. **Treasurer – *Holly Anderson***
 - i. ASNMU currently has \$ 5,342.76.

- ii. We have six budgets on the agenda for tonight – one for board games, one for business cards, one for the graduation closet proposed at last week’s meeting, one for helmets for the bike share program, a budget for retractable banners, and a budget for election posters.
 - iii. Year-end reports for all Directly Allocated Groups (which are ASNMU, SFC, WUPX, and the North Wind) are due today. I have three reports, and am waiting on one more.
 - iv. The Student Finance Committee currently has \$20,195.50.
 - v. We have a few tentative budgets this week, and will be working on getting ready for the Earmarked Fund Group evaluation that we host at the end of each semester.
- e. ASNMUJ – Ashley Mayer**
- i. *Rich, Paige,* and I are going to work on scheduling a nomination interview for a potential appointee to ASNMUJ next week.
 - ii. *Sherri* emailed me with potential posters to help recruit members to ASNMUJ. At my ASNMUJ meeting later this week I am going to review them, possibly submitting a budget to the general assembly to be voted on.
 - iii. It was brought to my attention last week that the ASNMUJ webpage needed major updates; therefore, I will be scheduling a time to meet with *Rebecca* to update the ASNMUJ Webpage.
 - iv. As you all know ASNMUJ is still looking for members. If you know of anyone that is interested or just wants know more about what ASNMUJ does. Please, let *Cody, Mary,* or me know; so we can reach out to them.

VI. Committee Updates

a. Student Affairs - Paige Pucelik

- i. Last week on Monday, *Ryan Watling* reached out to Rich and I to invite us to be a part of Bike Week April 22nd – 24th to promote the Bike Share on the 22nd. They will be talking about bike safety and stuff as well.

ii. Campus Pride Index - Lana Wilson

1. Currently Northern has a 3.5/5 rating right now according to a ‘report card’ on a national website for how LGBTQ+ friendly colleges are. I have been working on getting a lavender graduation cord to be available to students both in that community and for allies. I would like to see this happen by winter of next year, especially because that is when I graduate and it would be nice to see this project outcome. Cords would be about \$8.00 apiece and we could start this by purchasing a few and seeing how many are taken for each ceremony in the future.
 - a. *Connor:* I’m not sure where they stand, but the Center for Diversity Inclusion has grant money for diversity initiatives on campus and you could also talking to the MERC for grant money because I’m sure they would be in support.
 - b. *Logan: Clare,* the president of Q&A, brought it up so I pushed her back your way. I had a meeting with *Rachel Harris* and it could be facilitated, not only with a cord but a whole separate ceremony and it’s definitely something the MERC would put funding toward.
2. *Lana:* they aren’t willing to do a ceremony right away, because NMU doesn’t necessarily keep track of the LGBTQ+. Also in terms of hate crimes, keeping the ceremonies together could prevent that.
 - a. *Logan:* the only concern *Clare* has with the cord is if they were handed out to everyone who wanted, there was a concern about outing students.
 - i. *Lana:* I have discussed the topic of outing, and while it does represent being part of that community, nobody directly knows what it represents unless you ask.

- b. *Connor: Shirley*, the head of Q&A on the faculty side of things, would be worth talking to.
 - c. *Sammi*: I appreciate the idea of not directly being informative, but still giving an opportunity for these students to partake and have their own identity during graduation.
3. *Lana*: also, if we buy 200 cords and only 5 are taken, it's not as big of a loss (for lack of better terms) as having a ceremony for 200 and only having 5 people show up.

b. The Alumni Engagement Committee - *Emma Tervonen*

- i. *Simon*: tomorrow morning, *Emma* will send out an email with her update, as she is ill.

VII. New Business

a. LRC Paint Project Murals

i. SMEA/SCEC – *Pamela (President)*

- 1. SMEA and SCEC are the same organization, but they are basically two clubs underneath it, both of which are education related for any future teachers of any sort. We would like to keep the painting that is currently on the wall because we agree with what it portrays. We would like to put our club motto above it and update it with the year, though.
- 2. *Logan* motioned to approve the mural design
 - a. *Paige* second; unanimous

ii. Passages North – *Simon Moesch*

- 1. Passages North was unable to present/bring a representative tonight, but I emailed them directly and they said the image they would like to use is their logo they use for advertising. They would be willing to use a projector in order to sketch it. I'm not sure why their logo is a spaceship, but it has been as long as I can remember. If you don't find this information sufficient, you are able to table this for now and I can compile different questions to send to them.
- 2. *Lana* motioned to approve the mural design
 - a. *Dhruv* second; 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 3 abstained

iii. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship – *Paul (Advisor?)*

- 1. Essentially, this is a tree with different hand prints has the leaves on the trees and the verse will go below it. We did a poll on different verses and this is the one the majority though best reflected us and our beliefs.
- 2. *Lana* motioned to approve the mural design with the correct spelling of Intervarsity
 - a. *Sam* second; unanimous

iv. Van Antwerp Hall – *Simon Moesch*

- 1. We have six houses. Moose Lodge, Down Under, Aspen House, Mountain House, American Graffiti, and Concert House. We have a different representation of each house in the design as well as the Van Antwerp Hall name.
- 2. *Sam* motioned to approve the mural design
 - a. *Lana* second; unanimous

b. Board Game Budget - *Richard Hamilton*

- i. This is a budget *Sam* and I put together after going around to get a feel for what is available on campus. Typically, students rent out board games to test them out before buying them, themselves. *Sam* had the idea of rolling this out slowly so incoming members can help handle this project as well. It's a nice little training project for new reps to get involved in.
- ii. *Sammi*: by doing this in the library, students can keep the games for three days as opposed to the resident halls being one night.

1. *Connor*: what games did you donate? Also, I know you projected the cost around \$300, but do you have a future projection?
 - a. *Rich*: I donated 16-17 games total. It'll depend on what students want or what new incoming members suggest. I spoke to the library about games like Cards Against Humanity that may be seen as "inappropriate" and they said that 'a library that sensors itself is not a library at all'.
 2. *Paige*: Is the check-out process the same as a book?
 - a. *Rich*: yes, it will give students three days to encourage them to take it off campus and such. The check-out process would be better than the resident halls.
 3. *Logan*: how are you promoting this? If I played board games and I saw a stack of them with a "now available sign" on the front desk at the library I'd be more apt to.
 - a. *Rich*: the LRC will promote it on their Facebook page and ASNMU can piggy back off of that. There will be place cards with the games on them at various locations in the library though to prevent theft.
 4. *Connor*: there's also free radio commercials through RadioX. You brought up a contract, but does us donating the games null a contract?
 - a. *Rich*: we can address the purchased games in a future contract as my donation was separate.
- iii. *Lana* motioned to approve the budget
1. *Paige* second; unanimous
- c. **ASNMU General Business Cards - Richard Hamilton**
- i. I talked with *Dhruv* and *Marissa* in our PR meeting about this. We would be going through Student Printing Services. Any member of ASNMU can take these cards out and the backs are blank so you can write your name, email, phone number or whatever on it to hand out.
 - ii. *Lana* motioned to approve the budget
 1. *Dhruv* second; unanimous
- d. **Graduation Closet Budget - Richard Hamilton**
- i. Once this budget is approved, *Dawn* would send out an email to those not registered to walk with a form put together by *Hailey Rhodes* to see if it was due to a financial issue. At the rehearsal, I would make an announcement that that students can donate their gowns after the ceremony at different locations as well. The first ten robes will be rented out based off of need and for students and they will be done in time to walk still, but they won't be able to sit with their major.
 1. *Lana*: if they go to graduation, can we charge their student account if they don't bring it back?
 - a. *Rich*: we would need approval to do that. The DOS office would collect a lot of information so we could reach out to them if we didn't get them back.
 - ii. *Rich*: this is all a testing phase with undergrads. We can eventually expand to cords and graduate robes and such.
 - iii. *Lana* motioned to approve the budget
 1. *Paige* second; unanimous
- e. **Bike Share Helmet Budget - Paige Pucelik**
- i. Per request of the assembly, Rich and I sat down, called downwind, and talked with them about the best helmets to get and for sizing of adults. We got adjustable helmets in two gender neutral colors and they are tax exempt.
 - ii. *Lana* motioned to approve the budget
 1. *Paige* second; unanimous
- f. **Retractable Banner Budget - Sherri Martinez**

- i. These are retractable 84 x 31 banners and will be ordered through Vistaprint. You guys can view both of the mock-ups of the first and second piece. We can add a clear sleeve onto the “meeting tonight” one with the time and such.
- ii. *Lana* motioned to approve the budget
 - 1. *Marissa* second; unanimous
- g. ASNMU Voting Poster - *Connor Loftus***
 - i. This is the last budget for elections committee. We went for red, white, and blue and this poster contrasts every other poster as well. Last year they kept the same theme for all three posters so students assumed it was the same thing most likely.
 - ii. *Sam* motioned to approve the budget
 - 1. *Lana* second; unanimous
- h. Citizen’s climate lobby – *John O'Brien & Rowan Mann***
 - i. *John*: after discussing it with *Cody*, we decided a resolution would be the best approach to get support for this. The Carbon Dividend Act is currently a bill in the House of Representatives and we expect it to be introduced in the senate this summer. We do have a relationship built with Jack Bergman, our rep, and he does listen to young voters. The Traverse City high school lobbied in DC and he has been involved in this discussion. The more support we can get behind this the better so we would like to have the support of ASNMU behind us.
 - ii. *Rowan*: As a student here at NMU, I’m interested in protecting our environment.
 - iii. *Logan* motioned to table this discussion
 - 1. *Lana* second; unanimous

VIII. Good of the Order

- a. *Sam*: *Cody*, last meeting, bought up NMU outsourcing some of the counseling services. On Thursday, *Dean Greer* pushed forward on that happening. Students are eligible to go to Northstar EAP near the new hospital. It’s rough for transportation, but NMU would be providing compensation since it’s off campus and supported by NMU.
- b. *Ashley*: I am volunteering at a powwow this weekend and they are looking for more volunteers to help the event run smoothly, so if you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering then I can send you the link. The event is on Saturday.
- c. *Cody*: *Dean Greer* is chairing the Universities Retention Committee and there’s no ASNMU members currently on it, but it may be looking for members in the future.

IX. Public Comment

- a. *Noah*: y’all rock

X. Adjournment

- a. *Marissa* motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - i. *Paige* second; unanimous
- b. Meeting adjourned @ 10:15 PM