

ASNMU GA Agenda
February 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting

I. Call To Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. *Hannah Roose*- absent and excused
- b. *Brynn Rowell*- absent and unexcused

III. Public Comment

- a. none

IV. Approval of Consent Items

- A. [Minutes 2/9/21](#)
 - a. Approved by acclimation

V. Presentations

- A. Ally presentation - *Matthew Smock and Harger Boal*
 - a. Educat's new "Ally" for Facilitating Inclusive Learning
 - b. New this semester. Ally is a way of supporting diverse student needs. This is to benefit all students.
 - c. Provides formats for students to listen/see materials their teachers provide.
 - d. Limitations- cannot convert content not posted directly in Educat. Benefits- readability of your course materials can affect comprehension and study practices.
 - e. If you want to learn more/have questions, please feel free to reach out to Matthew Smock and/or Harger Boal.

VI. Executive Reports

- A. President- *Emma Drever*
 - a. Rhea childcare initiative
 - b. I have the chance to review the updated psych withdrawal policy. I would love to have another student/s look over with me. LMK if you are interested so we can give good feedback
 - c. Nursing students pinning proposal
 - d. Commencement- virtual, lots of plans,
 - e. Committee meeting: deans and connections went well. They are really excited to continue to hear our voices as they're building and publicizing their network. They're going to formalize more the relationship with career services,
 - f. Leslie warren patriotism meeting
 - g. Health week emergency menstruation, march 26th at 2pm

A. Vice President- *Bethany Beavers*

- a. I went to the Graduate Student Association meeting on Friday, and they're in the process of rewriting their bylaws and requested an ASNMU member to help and give ideas so I've been coordinating with Josie their president for this. The structure that they proposed was composed of an eboard, and the following committees: Diversity equity and inclusion committee, Graduate mental health and advocacy committee, and Graduate budgeting and finance committee.
- b. I also recommended the Alumni initiatives committee for some of their networking events, one of which was group yoga, still trying to build those alumni student connections.

A. Treasurer- *Sammi Metcalf*

- a. SFC, next week, we'll be appointing one new member and also be reviewing a budget for a speaker.
- b. I have my first of three skill builders this Thursday at 6pm.

A. Chair of the Assembly- *Kylie Lanser*

- a. I attended Officer training for the Hub on Friday.
- b. We are working to get our meetings put onto the Hub to grow for the public.

VII. New Business

A. Appointments

1. [Food Advisory Board Committee](#) - [John O'Bryan](#)
 - a. [see end of minutes for appointment]
 - b. Zora moves, Ali seconds
 - c. The motion approves unanimously

B. Updates

1. Alumni Initiatives Committee - *Hannah Roose*
 - a. They are planning an event to connect to wildcats with a book that has been written by two members of this committee.
 - b. Working on their outreach project, social media help for the project.
 - c. Plan is to begin doing technical training soon.
 - d. Please reach out to Hannah Roose if you have any questions!

C. Resolutions

1. [Resolution for SCB](#) - *Bethany Beavers*
 - a. [see end of minutes for resolution]
 - b. *Joe* moves, *Emily* seconds
 - c. The motion approves unanimously
2. [Resolution on Board Appointment](#) - *Emma Drever*
 - a. [see end of minutes for resolution]
 - b. *Zora* moves, *Olivia* seconds
 - c. The motion moves unanimously
 - d. The item is tabled until February 23rd.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Justin "the language is important, as well as timing when making sure the resolution is passed quickly. I want everyone to consider the timeline as it is a big concern for the students."

IX. Good Of the Order

- a. RA, CA, and RM applications are due Feb. 19th. If you have any questions you can reach out to Zora Binert or Olivia Fuhrman.

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.



February 16th, 2021

As Vice President of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU), I am recommending the appointment of Mr. John O'Bryan to the **Food Advisory Board**.

Mr. O'Bryan has worked extensively in promoting sustainability at local and national levels. As ASNMU has tried to bring sustainability to the dining programs, especially during COVID, John's efforts will be an asset to ASNMU and the student body on the Food Advisory Board. Because of this, it is my opinion that he would represent ASNMU and the current student body well in this position.

If you have any questions about this recommendation, please feel free to contact me.

This appointment requires a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Bethany Beavers

Vice President - ASNMU



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A Resolution to Bring Internal Disputes to Student Conduct Board

Presented by: Bethany Beavers, Vice President

Presented on: 16 February 2021

Adopted on:

RECOGNIZING, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU)'s bylaws currently require internal disputes to be brought to the Judiciary Branch (Article I, Sec. 5.1, E; Article III, Sec. 1, C, vi; Article III, Sec. 1, H; Article III, Sec. 1, E; Article III, Sec. 6, G)

RECOGNIZING, ASNMU's Judiciary Branch is not currently in operation due to (inability to fill) vacancies

BE IT SO RESOLVED, ASNMU will bring any disputes to Student Conduct Board in the absence of a Judiciary Branch

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution serves as effectual notice of these changes

Emma Drever, President

Kylie Lanser, Chair of the Assembly



A Resolution to Confirm University Leadership

Presented by: Emma Drever, President and John O’Bryan, Off Campus Representative

Presented on: 16 February 2021

Adopted on: 18 February 2021

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Senate rejected the appointment of Jason Morgan to the NMU Board of Trustees (Board). This vote is part of an argument between the legislature and the governor about COVID-19 regulations, and has no bearing on Morgan’s ability to serve on the Board.

WHEREAS, Morgan has the necessary qualifications to serve on the Board. As a current Washtenaw County Commissioner and a previous ASN MU president, Morgan has demonstrated ability to represent the needs of those he serves and advocate for change. The Board will benefit from someone like Morgan, who can advocate for student interests to shape a more successful campus community. Furthermore, the confirmation of Morgan, a distinguished NMU alumnus, will generate more engagement between students and the Board.

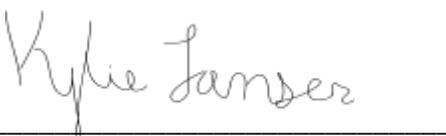
WHEREAS, the primary goal of Northern Michigan University is to educate. Jason Morgan is the ideal candidate to uphold this goal of this university, due to his spirit of advocacy, which fosters learning outside of the classroom. During his time as ASN MU President, he facilitated unity among the students and the NMU community, which adheres to NMU's purpose.

WHEREAS, the decision to appoint a member to the Board should be based on that individual’s suitability for the position as well as the contributions they will make to the university. Appointing Jason Morgan to the Board confirms the importance of education at NMU. This institution should be a place for students to learn, discover their passions, and excel in action. Jason Morgan embodies the continued goals of this institution, and should thus be able to serve.

BE IT SO RESOLVED, the ASN MU request that Senator McBroom reconsider his objection to Jason Morgan’s appointment, and we encourage him to persuade his fellow senators to reconsider their objections as well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon passage, the ASN MU will distribute this resolution in order to draw support from other university parties and the greater NMU community.

X 
Emma Drever, President

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Kylie Lanser, Chair of the Assembly

