

ASNMU GA Agenda
February 17th, 2023
Jamrich 1315

I. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:37 PM (EST).

II. Roll Call

- a. Caleb is absent and excused.
- b. Everyone else is present.

III. Public Comment

- a. None.

IV. Approval of Consent Items

- a. Items approved by acclamation.

V. Executive Reports

A. President - Zora

- a. "Some of us had lunch with the trustees yesterday/. From when I was there, it went well. We have a couple of new trustees who are very excited to have a seat on the board. Speaking of the board, Greg Seppanen, one of the trustees, is doing a new student board liaison position. He has been talking to me about that and would really like to come to one of our meetings and have more contact with us."
- b. "If you have not checked out our social media pages, I have asked Janessa to share a joint statement that I and the other student body presidents from the other fourteen public universities drafted together on Wednesday. I shared it with Brock Tessman, who said he liked it. If you haven't had the chance to look at it, please do."
- c. "We do need two more people for the judiciary. I will talk to Micthell Brooke and RJ about possibly revising our guiding documents to have a minimum of three judiciary members instead of five. Just because it's been so hard to fill the judiciary, and if we have three, we still have to break a tie."

B. Vice President - Gwen

- a. "Board lunch was yesterday; I had the pleasure to sit at the same table as Brock, the Provost, and Chairman Young on the board. We had really good discussions on student housing and off-campus housing and the possibility of maybe looking into new on-campus options. We discussed the housing crisis and how it is extremely difficult for

students to find a place to live. Brock, Chairman Young, and I will continue to have these conversations. We also talked about dining and their failure to make more vegetarian options. We also discussed employment in the Light Dining, as they have been struggling. I have been given many reasons for dining: ' we just don't have the numbers.' It is a valid reason. However, it has been the reason for two years. The board is aware of it and will start looking into solutions."

- b. "Zora sent an email and cc-ed me on it to Brock. He is super excited and wants to do pancakes with the president again, an event where we eat pancakes around finals week with the president and students. He is also looking for a few people to challenge him in a pancake-eating contest, so if you know anyone, please let me know."
- c. "Chairman Young wants to connect with students a lot more and get the Board involved, so if you have any event ideas, let me know, and I will communicate with him."
- d. "Condomonium conversations started this week; I see it is on the agenda. I know that Anna probably has a lot more information, but there is a date, which is supposed to be a big event."
- e. "Erik Mallard from CSE reached out and wants to do a skill builder surrounding ASNMU elections and how to run what ASNMU is, being how to advocate for students and what student government is as a whole. He emailed Olivia, Zora, and myself about that, and it'd be exciting to set up."
- f. "I have also contacted all RD's to do five-minute specials about ASNMU. Anna went to VA Wednesday, and she killed it. I went hunting on Monday and plan on going to Cedar Wednesday. I have scheduled something with birch, and the apartments will be after spring break. Recruitment is back and swinging. On that note, we had new applicants, and typically I get access to view them, but my access has been cut off, and I can't view them. I am unsure how to get back to the marketing communications page, but I can't see anything, so unfortunately, I cannot reach out to this individual."

C. Treasurer - Eli

- a. "The big thing that is coming up is the united conference, so just to confirm the date, we are checking into the hotel on February 24 and then checking out on the morning of the 26. We have

three king rooms booked with pull-out couches and one stow-away bed. As for attendees, we have Gwen, Zora, Anna, Olivia, Eli, Janessa, and Miya. The total cost for the hotel is \$1056.00, and I can forward the receipts to Zora. That is the biggest topic on the ASNMU front."

- b. "Moving on to the SFC front, we have a couple of budgets on this week's agenda. NOMAD is trying to approach us about the concert and originally asked us for frankly too much for the committee, which I believe was \$50,000, to begin with, and the entire SFC account only has about \$60,000. We asked for something more reasonable and are bumping it to about \$30,000."
- c. "The other items include the Art Therapy club. They came to us last semester with a very small budget for equipment and meeting supplies. I do need to schedule a one-on-one meeting with Kaylee Bares."
- d. "There is also the Found Space Theater company. They are a registered student organization hosting a production of the play, 'Every brilliant thing' by Duncan McMoan. They are approaching SFC for a pretty small budget of about \$1300. I am excited to hear from their management."
- e. "I have scheduled my weekly one-on-one with Cash on Mondays to prepare for the SFC meetings on Tuesdays. The biggest thing is mainly talking about recruiting. Colby and I are already scheduled to talk with a few math grad students and talk in stats 109 next Tuesday at 4:00 PM. Spencer in our committee has also said that someone would like to sit in at our next meeting and see what it is like before applying to the committee."

D. Chair of the Assembly - Kylie Lanser

- a. "The elections committee is meeting tonight at 6:00 PM. I attended lunch with the trustees yesterday. Academic affairs: the trustees are interested in helping us with the Grief Absence policy and pushing it forward. I spoke to a couple of the new members and my table specifically, and they asked, 'what can we do to help?' I said we have this policy that we think should already be a thing, and they were surprised it wasn't. Our trustees thought we already had something in place, and they were pretty disappointed we don't have anything."
- b. "Caleb is not here because NMU has increased their PD presence as a direct result of the events that occurred at MSU. Rest assured that NMU is trying to make some changes- at least on our campus,"

- c. "I had a meeting with Cheyenne, the Tech president, on how they run their bus program. Will not be able to get it up and running by spring break because our meetings go pushed back so many times. They just submitted their stuff to their study body to allow them to sign up. I did get some details, and I would like to try to set this up by next semester because although I'll be gone, you'll still have the option to run this program."
- d. "I have already invited BSU, the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Tessman to attend a GA meeting. None of them have gotten back to me yet, but if you would like to invite anyone else to the meeting, please let me know."

VI. New Business

A. Budgets

1. Period Project Operating Budget - Miya Ohashi Berg

- a. Miya: "This is a budget for our period project. We are basically out of everything right now. I have run some numbers, and there are ten bathrooms that we serve across campus, giving each bathroom ten products each week because I feel like at the end of last semester and the beginning of this semester, they've been going through them a lot faster and making more use out of them, so I just tried to allocate more to each than we had before. It would be around 1,000 of each product and a total of \$778.15."
- b. Olivia moves to approve the budget.
- c. Gavin seconds.
- d. The motion is approved unanimously.

B. Discussion Topics

1. MSU Events

- a. Zora: "I wanted to touch base with you all about what happened at MSU this week. Just because I know that a lot of students are from downstate Michigan, and a lot of us students also know people that go to MSU. Although we have not been on campus, it is still very stressful because we know people are there that we care about. I think mental health is important and that checking in on everyone is also essential. If you do want it to disclose anything during this meeting, that is okay. If

you want to talk to me or anyone else in the assembly, please do that. There is counseling and consultation services available. If you need help reaching out to them, please let me know. I have been talking to the other student body presidents this week and it sounds like we are going to make time during the United conference to possibly graph some legislative policies to send up to the state about campus and campus and gun policies. I wanted to know feedback on that so I can take it to the rest of the presidents."

- b. Anna: "I found an educational tik-tok last night in a young classroom but their school got them a bucket that contained emergency supplies. I am not sure what exactly was in the bucket but the purpose of it was to -as disgusting as this is - was to have emergency supplies in case people were locked in classrooms and also the bucket can serve as a restroom in case people cannot leave the room. As horrible as that is, it's something attainable and something that is just a little bit better than nothing in the room. I don't know how much that would cost or if NMu would want to do that but that's my idea."
- c. Gwen: "Students are allowed to opt out of our emergency text system. I don't know if it's an option to make that not happen because if something were to happen here that is how we would find out. The fact that some people can opt out of that program I don't think is very smart. I would like to hear from Caleb because if anyone would understand the most it would be him as he works for PD. I would like to hear his opinion. Personally, I'd like to go to the government in Lansing. We happen to have connections with certain representatives and I would love to work with Mr.Morgan and our other lovely reps to see if there is anything else we can do to promote safety on campuses."
- d. Gavin: "Part of this is not only the fact that we need to stay safe on campus but also on the political issue that the administration now has fingers in, which makes it difficult for us being a student organization in relation to the administration. We can't really do much besides point out the issue and make buckets

which in within itself is kind of obtuse. I think we should call for our administration, if they have people invested in groups like the NRA and groups that are like that, we should try to ask them to do the bare minimum and divest themselves from those groups seeing as it poses a direct threat to colleges. Not like it hasn't for the last 50 years. But, it's the only thing that makes rational sense to me."

- e. Gwen: "I really want to be careful with that because we are supposed to be a nonpartisan group and cannot ask that of our administration. I don't think that's in our wheelhouse. But we can go to Lansing and work with students as well as promote activities to educate us and be ready and promote safety. I don't believe that stands in our constitution's bylaws. Legally."
- f. Gavin: "I just don't like kids being shot in school and if that's something our administration has an issue with, as a governing body on campus for us to say, if it is something irresponsible, or crossing a line or rude for us to say 'hey here's a problem that some of your workers in the administration might be connected with we would like you to divest' if that is a line I have to cross then count me crossed."
- g. Anna: "I saw this in an email and wanted to know if there are alarm systems and in which buildings, all buildings? Can they be put in all buildings?"
- h. Gwen: "From the little that I know, I believe Jamrich and all academic buildings and residence halls have the ability to go on lock down at the touch of a button. So if PD thought there was a threat, all of the class rooms in Jamrich would be locked, all of the residence halls would be locked, you'd be able to get in and out of your dorm room itself but you would not be allowed into dorm halls. Those doors would stay locked and not open for any ID. We do have some things in place but we absolutely need more."
- i. Zora: "Part of this is so I can take other information to other student body Presidents. However, this is also a time to talk about changes we want on our campus individually

that our administration has the power to do. When I was talking with the other student body presidents, a lot of what we talked about was some kind of resolution to call upon the state legislatures to make sure that we have more universal concrete policies for campus emergencies. I was talking to some of my nursing faculty about how if you look at a k-12 school system, their policies are very concrete and procedural. It's very much this is how it starts, this is what happens next, and make sure you have things to cover windows and designated places for students to go. On college campuses it is much harder because we are so much more open. Maybe this is something we take to the administration, asking for a policy we would like to see being created to ensure current and future students as well as our educators. I don't think it's fair that students, educators, and faculty have a fear of being on campus. We are trying to educate people as well as educating ourselves. That gets a little hard when your basic safety needs are not being met.'

- j. Gwen: "fun fact from my orientation days, it's mandated by the state of Michigan to watch a video and understand the policies, which is essentially a safety presentation, but there is nothing about gun violence. I don't know why that is not mandatory and why there is no mandatory action, because it happens and it's happening. We also need to work with AAC to make it mandatory for orientation curriculum to go through what happens if this happened at Northern or what you should do. I only know what the plan is because I did it once for RA training. That is the only reason I know what I do. This should be general information and the best place to do that would be a mandatory three-day session which would be orientation. All of the incoming freshmen would have to do it and sit through DSO talks. Is that something we could do?"
- k. Jim: "perhaps, the easy answer is put in orientation, but if you remember your orientation, what do you remember from it? We used to do the FYE thing on Educat but students would read it and they would just click through it."

- l. Zora: "I think another option we could look at, especially for current students, doing a mandatory learning session but on a platform where you can't skip through your video and go straight to the quizzes, like you'd have to watch the whole thing. Or keeping track of time or training, because you're only there for an hour you didn't watch all the videos because there are seven hours worth of training so, not saying it has to be seven hours long, but having something in place like that if we're not completing it, we're gonna know about it."
- m. Kylie: "No desk staff members in the residence halls have no training whatsoever. We are all mandatory reporters and have to do that training but half my staff knows what to do when we have a fire drill so there needs to be training for us too."
- n. Anna: "Are there any screenings for people who bring their hunting rifles to the police station and if not, can we make it mandatory that there is some training?"
- o. Zora: "I don't believe that there are any screenings for those that want to bring firearms to campus, however, I do know that the university is very very good about knowing when students don't bring it back or when they check it out or check it back in. Usually, the police know if you're going to another building in less than five minutes. It's a pretty concrete system, I don't know if their screening process would be feasible just because I don't know the logistics of it, but tests are something we can look at further. It's also a unique thing to let firearms on campus for students, so that's a very Northern specific/ U.P specific kind of thing."
- p. Gwen: "they just did active shooter training this semester for RA's so this is very new, and if PD sees that someone checked their weapon out and then attempts to use their id, it does not let them in and alerts PD. PD has the ability to see who is going where and when, especially in the dorms and they have the ability to shut them off along with the upper housing staff, like the director of housing, which is one security measure; thankfully, we do have it in place. They check it out, and they try to go into the birch, it's going to glow red and alert PD, Pd will

see it needs to be dealt with ASAP, and they will be there in under two minutes."

- q. Micah: "Why do we have this program in place, like how many other schools do this? Could we make it so guns are not allowed at all?"
- r. Gwen: "Unfortunately, it's a big part of the culture here. Hunting is a yoooper thing and truthfully that's why some people chose to come here so they can have their gun on campus. If we got rid of this program kids would still bring their guns to campus, but would most likely keep them in their rooms, so it is a pretty safe program."
- s. Zora: "I think the biggest issue is people who come from outside the campus community, so individuals who are not students, faculty, or staff. People coming in from outside the university is a larger issue than students here. It's really just making sure we have safety measures in place, I think"
- t. Micah: "I just think that sucks we have to think about this kind of thing and something so close can happen to us and now we have to think 'what can we do now?' and it sad that things weren't in place in the beginning but that's why we're here to support the students but in California, a lot of middle schools and elementary schools have metal detectors, and most universities do have that, UMich probably has some metal detectors but I know it's hard to get into student dorms but you can get into common space and the Woods is so open and then you can go right through, but I really think we should also have metal detectors or something like that in place. All buildings should have metal detectors or something."
- u. Kylie: "We can't have metal detectors, we all have laptops."
- v. Gavin: "I think that the regulation restriction with hunting is a great and awesome idea given the obvious potential of someone trying to harm someone. I'm afraid we are barking up the wrong tree, it would be incredibly easy to buy a gun, an AK47, or any sort of assault rifle off campus and come over to Jamrich at 9:00 AM during rush hour and now anyone is down. That is all outside of the hand and control of Norther, so as much as I agree with all of the hunting gun regulations.

Anything beyond that would just be a safety feeder. We would be kidding ourselves if we think that we could somehow stop that."

w. Gwen: "I agree with what Gavin is saying and that is why I am talking to my reps. I think we should do what we can to stop the first problem, but that's going to take a lot longer than it is to keep safety measures now which is why it should be our first priority. We need more adequate cameras in the Quad resident halls as well as an adequate action plan to make everyone aware of what to do if that happens here and we need to get automatic locking features in the other buildings, especially classrooms."

2. Condomonium

a. Anna: "Condomonium is the week of April 10th. Our plan is to do little events in Jamrich Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The actual condominium event will be in the ballroom of the northern center 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Here's where you guys come in. I'm going to read you guys the list of games and stickers we have come up with. Please keep decorum and also I excuse my language. For the games we have ring dick toss, pin the clit, name that body part, corn booty hole, grab inside of the vagina and get a prize. I came up with a couple of sticker ideas, one was a banana-shaped one that says 'wrap it before you tap it', a stop sign-shaped one that says 'did you get consent?' and then lastly, 'sex-ed for all'. It is going to end at midnight so you can watch the balls drop. Another idea, is STD soup, like spelling them out and explaining what they are. The things we want to make sure that we get are obviously regular condoms, but also we want to make an effort to get female condoms and dental dams because we want to be inclusive to all. And the groups that we want to bring our Feminism for All, some sort of domestic violence group to talk about what is healthy and what is not healthy, Planned Parenthood, the women's centers, the SEEC, and Title 9 might come, but we have to try to be careful with them because it depends on what they are allowed to talk about, but it needs to be unbiased. As for ASNMU as volunteers, we are not going to table

anything because we don't really have anything to add just to help. And then Jen Gorton.

- b. Zora: She is in counseling consultation services. She is a licensed sex therapist.
- c. Anna: "and then the other thing on this includes a news link for college that puts on sex week as there are more colleges that do this 'sex week.' We want to get food through dining and our ideas were to get cannolis, and Boston cream donuts, but we do want some sort of food since the event will be 4 hours long and college students like food.
- d. Eli: "quick game idea, instead of inflating the water balloon, it'd be like inflating the condom."

VII. Public Comment

- a. None.

VIII. Good Of the Order

- a. None

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting is adjourned at 3:47 PM (EST).