



**10.7.25 GA
Meeting Minutes**

Call To Order

I. Roll Call

- A. Voice Johnson calls the meeting to order at 9:01 pm
- B. Student Affairs Chair Belcher is absent and excused

II. Public Comment

- A. None

III. Approval of Consent Items

- A. [09/30/2025](#) - Minutes

- 1. Tom Rapp motions to approve consent items, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
- 2. The approval of consent items is voted on and unanimously approved

IV. Executive Reports

A. President

- 1. Brief report on President Gibson's meeting with Jeff Korpi
 - a) The university is taking the position that ASNMU and SFC are student governed bodies, led by students, for students. They believe that allowing SFC and ASNMU to remain student-governed serves an educational purpose that enriches learning at NMU. This means that SFC, as a student led body, is accepting budget requests from student organizations and voting on the basis of event and budget merit - as long as SFC funds are used to support events and items accessible to all students - it is up to the discretion of SFC to access those budgets
 - b) Treasurer Roush will have more info on how SFC will be moving forward



- c) President Gibson and Treasurer Roush have dinner with Mr. Korpi tomorrow to discuss this more
2. President Gibson is working on a brief statement from ASNMU to the student body, reflecting ASNMU and SFC's roles as student governed bodies
 3. President Gibson and Academic Affairs Chair Brock have a meeting with Provost Dr. Anne Dahlman. These meetings will be triweekly
 4. The ballot to vote for student choice faculty graduation speaker will be sent out by email this week or next week
 5. Grad Closet email is being sent to the Dean of Students office for approval, and will be going out soon
 6. ASNMU needs one student for the Excellence in Part Time Teaching Award Selection Committee scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 9:00 am
 7. ASNMU needs two students for the Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 9:30 am
 8. Brief update on ASNMU Secretary Alyssa Keranen and ASNMU website
 9. Informs that there has been interest in group bonding outside of GA meetings on a weekend night. Look for an email or Groupme message from President Gibson with more details
 10. Question from Tom Rapp to clarify the two award selection committees' meeting times

B. Vice President

1. Vice President Stine has received more applications for representatives, including Health Sciences and Professional Studies rep and Graduate Student rep
 - a) Hoping to get interviews set up this week



2. Reminder that ASNMU is expanding onboarding process
 - a) Applications close October 17
 - b) Everyone will hear back from appointments committee by October 27

C. Treasurer

1. Report on ASNMU numbers: \$8,511.31
2. Report on SFC numbers: \$46,873.06
3. SFC recently passed budgets for Black Student Union and Art Therapy Club
4. Clarification of SFC's role
 - a) SFC can not fund Affinity Graduations; such as Lavender Graduation or Multicultural Graduation
 - b) All registered student organizations are encouraged to apply for SFC funding
 - c) Budgets are not approved based on the nature of the organization requesting funds, but rather based on the merit and the quality of their budget requests
 - d) SFC's purpose is to allocate student activity dollars in support of student organizations that provide educational, cultural, and social programs for the campus community.
 - e) SFC's responsibility is to review each funding request on its own merit to ensure a balance of programming and to apply SFC governing documents consistently
5. NMU has emphasized two key points
 - a) Student governance
 - b) Student focus

D. Voice of the Assembly

1. Brief update on Grad Closet
 - a) Email going out any day



- b) Voice Johnson is working with Student Affairs Chair Belcher on pickup times and instructions on how to do pickups
- 2. Reminder to fill out sheet for office hours
 - a) Be detailed and explain your activities
 - b) Shows President Gibson's office hour log as an example
- 3. Headshots will be going up in the office likely by the end of the week
- 4. Question from Riley Latoksi on if members should be logging what happens in their committee meetings
 - a) Voice Johnson responds that members should absolutely do that

V. New Business

A. Committee Reports

- 1. External Affairs - Amelia Allen
 - a) [Spreadsheet](#)
 - b) Working on updating Wildcat Wallet
 - (1) Had a meeting with former director of External Affairs, Anna Tousley
 - (2) Plans to reach out to Marquette County clerk for list of DBAs to make sure small businesses are not being missed
 - (3) Making it a priority to update website accordingly
 - c) Comment from Voice Johnson that Amelia Allen did a great job on the spreadsheet
 - (1) Amelia Allen thanks Mikayla Christenson and Ben Doriot for the help
- 2. Public Relations - Ruby Joseph
 - a) PR had their first meeting last week
 - (1) Went over priorities
 - (2) Taking feedback from students to "Be more annoying"



- (3) Updating newsletter, trying to make it more interactive for students
- (4) Instagram content ideas and brand identity
- b) Working on onboarding process with vice president Stine
 - (1) "Day in the Life of an ASNMU Member"
 - (2) Please reach out to PR if interested in being featured, particularly within the next couple weeks on a day with a heavier ASNMU workload
- c) PR plans to do more student interaction interviews, throwbacks

B. Appointments

1. [Minnie Bittel](#) - Tommy Roush
 - a) Tom Rapp motions to vote on the appointment, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved
2. [President's Roundtable](#) - Alyssa King
 - a) Ruby Joseph motions to vote on the appointment, Tom Rapp seconds the motion
 - b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved

C. Budgets

1. [Farmer's Market Thank You Cards](#) - Cassidy Gibson
 - a) Question from Dana Hinckley on if this is different from the digital thank yous that were sent out previous years
 - (1) President Gibson responds that yes, this is different
 - b) Another question from Dana Hinckley on how these will be delivered
 - (1) President Gibson responds that they will be hand delivered. Everyone involved will get a thank you, some



will be digital and some will be hand delivered

c) Mikayla Christenson motions to pass the budget, Ruby Joseph seconds.

d) The budget is passed unanimously.

2. Recruiting Posters - Ruby Joseph

a) Question from Treasurer Roush on if the poster can be changed for readability

(1) It is agreed that the poster with more contrast is more readable

b) Comment from Advisor Moesch that there are a few grammar edits needed

(1) These will be addressed before printing

c) Ben Doriot motions to pass the budget, Mikayla Christenson seconds.

d) The budget is passed unanimously.

D. Mural Applications

1. Beta Alpha Psi

a) Ruby Joseph motions to approve the design, Tom Rapp seconds the motion.

b) The design is passed unanimously.

E. Members with Discussion

1. Newsletter Formatting - Ruby Joseph

a) Hope to publish on the 15th of every month

b) Everything on newsletter should be approved by the GA

c) Through Canva Pro

d) Comment from Voice Johnson that it formatted really well on her phone

e) Comment from President Gibson on the phenomenal work and gives her full support

f) Suggestion from Amelia Allen to add a link to the newsletter from the ASNMU website

g) Question from Amelia Allen on if there could be a Wildcat Wallet addition to newsletter



- h) Question from Dana Hinckley on how the newsletter will be sent out to students
- (1) Will it be a link in an email? Will there be a graphic included?
 - (2) A graphic of the homepage and a link will be included in an email
 - (3) Students can also find newsletter by typing in URL
asmunewsletter.my.canva.site

VI. Public Comment

- A. Silas, economics student and founder of Tomorrow's Voices, a student activist group dedicated to making change on campus and putting pressure where they think it will best serve the student body, wishes to present an idea to support the representation of student organizations in the general assembly
1. Heard that there were constitutional changes being considered
 2. Would like for certain student organizations to have a representative from their group in the general assembly
 3. Would like to express support for ASNMU's efforts to restore privileges and opportunities for student organizations
 4. Treasurer Roush reiterates that the SFC is going to operate under the guidance that they can review budgets based on their individual merit and is accepting all budget requests from student organizations
 5. Question from Treasurer Roush on how Silas sees reps from student organizations participating in general assembly, considering how many organizations NMU has on campus
 - a) Silas thinks the most effective way to do this would be for the GA to open seats to a



- handful of the most active and impactful organizations on campus
- b) Would like a selection at the beginning of the academic year based on last year's student organization activities
6. Comment from President Gibson that she loves the constructive criticism and gives an assurance that GA representatives are going out to student orgs to get feedback
7. President Gibson confirms that there is a Constitutional Convention Ad Hoc Committee coming soon
8. Question from Ruby Joseph on what kinds of roles and powers Silas wants to give these positions
- a) Silas thinks that it is essential that the position be a voting position in order for student organizations to be able to push for changes they would like to see on campus
9. Question from Ruby Joseph on if Silas sees it as one vote for the student org committee or individual votes for each position
- a) Silas responds that he sees it as a small selection of around five individual organizations each having their own vote
10. Question from Ruby on whether Silas would want these members to be working on policy as an ASNMU member or partnering with ASNMU
- a) Silas wants these members to be representatives of their organization in the same way that GA members are representatives of their dorm or college
11. Amelia Allen thanks Silas for speaking in public comment
- a) She comments that running an organization is like a full time job and being a member of



ASNMU would be like another full time job on top of that

b) Silas agrees and responds that that would be another reason to choose large organizations who would be able to delegate the responsibility of being an ASNMU member to someone with less of a workload

12. Question from Amelia Allen on how to decide what "impactful" means and who decides that

a) Silas responds that ASNMU would have the choice of which organizations to invite

b) Recognizes ASNMU's nonpartisan position

13. Ruby Joseph proposes that Silas, Student Affairs, and maybe Judiciary meet to write a proposal

B. Student of the public suggests having a review board made up of representatives from student organizations that wouldn't necessarily need a voting position, but rather having an allotted time or a "ceremonial position" - similar to public comment - to bring concerns to ASNMU

VII. Good of the Order

A. Ruby Joseph thinks that ASNMU should write a statement and present it to administration that voices student concerns

1. Tom Rapp reminds everyone that President Gibson plans to release a statement to students

2. Ruby Joseph clarifies that she meant collecting student opinions to bring to administration

3. Academic Affairs Chair Brock responds that if this document is made, it should be approved by GA before being released

B. Amelia Allen gives a brief update on parking committee correspondence

C. Dana Hinckley asks what ASNMU can do about a concern brought to her during her office hours where a student



feels discriminated against on campus because he can't find a job because of his service animals

1. This student is fed up and is at the point where he is considering taking a hunger strike in the middle of campus
 2. Dana Hinckley urged him not to do this and told him that she would see what she can do
 3. President Gibson responds that while we can represent his voice, that this isn't something that ASNMU has the authority to handle; so all ASNMU can do is point him in the right direction
 4. Dana Hinckley says that this individual is coming to ASNMU as a last resort and has tried going down every other avenue at the university
 5. Judiciary Chair Hairston says that this is not within ASNMU's purview and he should reach out outside of the university to report discrimination
 6. Ruby Joseph says that the best course would be to direct the individual to Title IX and explain exactly what ASNMU does
- D. Voice Johnson reminds everyone that, when speaking to anybody as an ASNMU representative, to not speak on behalf of ASNMU unless the general assembly has made a collective decision and it has been explicitly stated. In this case representatives should repeat what was explicitly stated

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Voice Johnson adjourns the meeting at 9:58 pm.