



**11.11.25 GA
Meeting Minutes**

Call To Order

I. Roll Call

- A. Voice Johnson calls the meeting to order at 9:01 pm
- B. Dana Hinckley is absent and excused.

II. Public Comment

- A. None

III. Approval of Consent Items

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. [11/04/2025](#) - Minutes
 - 1. Tom Rapp motions to approve consent items in full, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - 2. The approval of consent items is voted on and unanimously approved

IV. Executive Reports

A. President

- 1. President Gibson thanks everyone who came to the Pizza Party and Welcome Forum for President Olsen
- 2. Brief update on Student Choice Voting for Faculty Speaker at Commencement
 - a) Voting is open now
 - b) Closes this Friday (11/14/2025) at 5:00 pm
- 3. Updates on Bike Share Program
 - a) Program is closed now because of the snow
 - b) Was open during Fit Zone hours
 - c) 10 bikes available for students to rent out
 - d) Students may rent out fat tire bikes at the Outdoor Recreation Center for riding in the snow
- 4. Brief update on meetings
 - a) President Gibson spoke briefly at Kajaani Sister City Luncheon on behalf of ASNMU and NMU's students



- (1) Mentioned opportunities for the sister cities to collaborate on exchange programs
 - (2) Mentioned Fellowship and Scholarship Committee
 - b) Meeting with Jeff Korpi tomorrow to include discussion about 1UP and Wildcat Wallet
 - (1) Let President Gibson know of any discussion items she should add to the agenda
 - c) President Gibson has a meeting coming up with Academic Affairs Chair Brock with person who instituted price marking at Oakland University
 - (1) Will discuss course price markings
 - (2) Discussed this at Academic Cabinet meeting with lots of support from faculty and the Provost's office
 - d) Another meeting upcoming with Chair Brock with Tesse Sayen, director of Research Development and Sponsored Programs
 - (1) Will discuss a symposium in April on student research
 - (2) Student research can include research outside of a lab and other high impact practices: being in ASNMU, other capstone projects, etc.
 - e) President Gibson missed CUP meeting, will gain more information
 - (1) Adding classes, removing classes, etc.
5. Brief update on 1UP planning
- a) Will take place on January 31st
 - b) Struggles to contact anyone from LSSU's student government, will move forward with planning with MTU



- c) Representatives should watch for a poll to share whether they can make it and how much engagement they hope to have
6. President Gibson attended a meeting with Michigan universities' student body presidents
 - a) Michigan's SGA Conference will take place at the University of Michigan - Dearborn in the first two weeks of February
7. There are three judiciary appointments today which will make a full judiciary branch if appointed
8. Brief update on vending machine project
 - a) Vending machine will offer over-the-counter products such as Tylenol, Mucinex, etc.
 - b) Still working on a way to make Plan B free for students
 - c) Hope to have vending machine in use by January
 - d) Will be located next to Cat Trax
 - e) Will work with PR to make students aware
9. President Gibson expresses frustrations with Period Project
 - a) Period Project baskets in bathrooms all over campus have been consistently empty all semester
 - b) Student Affairs may have to revisit whether this should exist, President Gibson urges Student Affairs to either get it done, or stop making empty promises
 - c) Gives a suggestion to take period products on the way to classes, using green bags from ASNMU office
10. Brief clarification on office hours
 - a) Office hours should be held in the ASNMU office



- b) Reps should be in the office in case constituents need to talk to them, or in case someone needs to pick up a grad gown
- c) Question from Noah Sabolsky on whether, if there are two or more reps in the office at the same time, one rep could fill Period Project bathrooms while the other rep stays in the office

(1) Voice Johnson will consider this

B. Vice President

1. Vice President Stine has been sick recently, can stick around after GA if anyone needs to speak with her
2. Brief update on app proposal
 - a) She has not received a response from NMU or the IT Help Desk
3. Brief update on Academic Senate
 - a) President Olsen gave a brief presentation to introduce himself
 - b) Jeff Korpi and Shawnrece Butler presented information on funding that was previously presented to ASNMU and SFC
 - (1) Faculty can fund students by donating to their student organizations, not through NMU
 - c) Graduations can still happen, will have to be funded externally
 - d) Biology department faculty gave presentation on high impact practices and experiences
 - e) Passed graduation list for December 2025
4. Brief update on Committee of Undergraduate Programs
 - a) Passed prerequisites for courses, name changes
5. Rural Leadership Fellowship Program



- a) Looking for two graduate or undergraduate students with an interest in public service, community building, and/or economic development
 - b) Fellowship includes full tuition scholarship along with stipend of \$5,000 per semester for the duration of the fellowship
 - c) Fellowship is for the duration of three semesters
 - d) Applications open through this Sunday, November 16
 - e) Treasurer Roush is an applicant, will speak more on the details
 - (1) Comment from Treasurer Roush that this is a great program for anyone interested in rural leadership and economic development
 - (2) David Nyberg asked ASNMU to promote
6. Question from Chair Brock on whether the app proposal is an ASNMU project or a personal project
- a) It is a personal project, Vice President Stine would just like to keep the General Assembly updated
7. Comment from President Gibson regarding faculty being very passionate about getting student groups funding for events, specifically affinity graduations
- a) Rick Mengyan asked if President Gibson could facilitate connections with groups looking for support through external funding

C. Treasurer

- 1. Report on ASNMU numbers: \$8,378.07
 - a) Does not reflect budgets passed recently
- 2. Report on SFC numbers: \$111,974.43



3. SFC will be putting out posters to promote funding for student organizations
4. SFC recently passed budgets for Letters of Love and Refugee Outreach Collective

D. Voice of the Assembly

1. Chief Justice Hairston is sitting at the front of the assembly to test out having a parliamentarian, which was recently discussed at Constitutional Convention Committee meeting
2. Brief update on CCC
 - a) First meeting was last Friday
 - b) Established goals
 - (1) Basic rewrite, fixing contradictions, make formatting consistent, clarify structure, identify student interests
 - c) Created formatting guidelines
 - d) Started work on Supremacy Clause
 - e) Next meeting, will begin work on Preamble and General Provisions
 - f) CCC meets on Fridays 5-7 pm, all are welcome to attend and share their input
 - (1) If anyone has any ideas but can't make the meeting, let Voice Johnson know
3. Reminder to fill out When2Meet for winter semester
 - a) Hoping to find a better time than our current one
4. Brief reminder to be on the lookout for When2Meet links from Committee chairs
5. Brief reminder to start thinking about office hours for next semester
6. Reminder to answer Google Calendar invites
 - a) Even maybes are helpful
 - b) Example: Hike with Your Reps
7. Brief update on budgets passed



- a) Canva Pro is up and running
- b) Printing Services sent over proofs for business cards and name tags
- 8. Voice Johnson has another Gen Ed Council meeting this Thursday

V. New Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Student Affairs - Jack Belcher
 - a) Student Affairs will have conversation about Period Project
 - (1) Clarify expectations, make sure everyone's on the same page, decide where project will go moving forward
 - b) Brief update on upcoming events
 - (1) Hike With Your Reps this Saturday
 - (2) Thanksgiving Bingo
 - c) Brief update on ongoing projects
 - (1) Student Affairs Chair Belcher is continuing to work on rideshare app
 - (2) Others are working on ice skating, roller skating, etc.
 - (3) Art Contest is underway
 - d) Student Affairs reps are going to submit reports to Chair Belcher on how meetings with student organizations went
 - (1) Chair Belcher will identify what Student Affairs can do to help student orgs, and what ASNMU can do to help student orgs
 - e) Reminder to Student Affairs members to answer When2Meet link for next semester
 - (1) Chair Belcher will be setting next semester's meeting time this Friday
 - f) Comment from Advisor Simon Moesch that previously, the state of Michigan required



bingo hosts to acquire a license to host a game since it is a game of chance

- (1) Comment from Jake Zadorecky that this is still the case
- (2) Comment from Abigail Strassburg, President of the student organization Queers and Allies, that the license usually has a four-week turnaround

2. Academic Affairs - Ben Brock

- a) Academic Affairs will be meeting biweekly on Mondays at 8:30 pm in the ASNMU office
- b) Brief update on recent meeting topics
 - (1) Addy Pavlo brought up issues with graduate student housing
 - (2) Riley Latoski and Ben Trevillian have access to Curriculog
 - (3) Jake Zadorecky mentioned College of Business expansion
- c) Brief update on Wednesday's meeting with Mary Brundage
 - (1) Discussed DEI, funding for student groups, and Peninsulan Annual
 - (2) Discussed Nickolas Wheatley's Grammarly proposal
 - (a) There is a program called Glean, used by Disability Services, that is similar to Grammarly
 - (b) 2-3 years ago, faculty were hesitant to adopt Glean due to its AI nature
 - (c) Anne Dahlman was enthusiastic
- d) Brief mention of course marking conversation with President Gibson and Oakland University representative
- e) Brief mention of conversation with President Gibson and Tesse Sayen from Graduate Studies



- f) Academic Affairs will fill out their When2Meet at their next meeting
 - g) Notification that Chair Brock will be busy over the next couple of weeks, but please do not hesitate to reach out
3. External Affairs - Amelia Allen
- a) Brief update on Wildcat Wallet
 - (1) Members have been doing a great job, have been CC-ing External Affairs Director Allen on all of their communications
 - (2) Director Allen has added new businesses to the list to contact
 - (3) Requesting feedback
 - (4) Emphasizes importance of form
 - b) External Affairs was not able to meet the past two weeks, will be having a brief meeting tonight after GA
 - c) When2Meet for next semester is out
 - d) External Affairs' next meeting will be held over Zoom
 - e) Director Allen will be working on Wildcat Wallet tomorrow 3-5 pm during her office hours
4. Public Relations - Ruby Joseph
- a) Public Relations met last week
 - b) Brief update on social media
 - (1) 11,000 new views on Instagram
 - (2) 75% of these were from non-followers
 - (3) 58% of non-follower views were from Reels
 - (a) Day in the Life
 - (b) Looking for more reps from other committees to do Day in the Life
 - (4) Best performing posts were Hike With Your Reps and Grad Closet



- (a) Please respond to Google Calendar invites
- (b) Thanks reps for sharing posts
- (c) Photos are performing better than graphics
- (5) Many link clicks and QR code scans
- (6) 30 new followers over the last 30 days
- (7) Goal of 1300 followers by end of semester, about 200 more to go
- c) Brief update on newsletter
 - (1) Has been published
 - (2) Next one is in the works and should go out the first week of December
- d) Public Relations Director Joseph reminds everyone to provide more feedback to PR between meetings to keep things moving
 - (1) Even reactions in the GroupMe are helpful
- e) Last PR meeting involved discussion on collecting resources about food insecurity
 - (1) Food pantry
 - (2) Post on Instagram and collaborate with Ripple Effect or NMU Food Pantry
 - (3) Pin on ASNMU page
 - (4) Highlight food, period products, Plan B, etc.
- f) Director Joseph thanks everyone for using the form for PR post requests
- g) Voice Johnson thanks Director Joseph for the reminder about Grad Closet and notifies everyone that ASNMU received four more grad gown requests because of the social media post

B. Appointments

1. [Lauren Cardwell](#) - Judiciary



- a) Mikayla Christenson motions to vote on the appointment, Tom Rapp seconds the motion
- b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved

2. [Broden Janczarek](#) - Judiciary

- a) Tom Rapp motions to vote on the appointment, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
- b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved

3. [Ralph Jordan](#) - Judiciary

- a) Riley Latoski motions to vote on the appointment, Ben Trevillian seconds the motion
- b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved

C. Budgets

1. [November Art Contest Posters](#) - Ruby Joseph

- a) The total amount will likely be slightly lower than the amount reflected in the budget
- b) Director Allen motions to approve the budget in full, Noah Sabolsky seconds the motion
- c) The budget is voted on and approved

2. [ASNMU Stickers](#) - Cassidy Gibson

- a) President Gibson left three boxes blank with the question of whether GA can approve the quantity and price and give PR creative freedom to choose three designs
- b) Question from Mikayla Christenson on whether PR can put designs in GroupMe for reps to vote on
- c) Comment from Chair Brock that he would prefer to wait to approve the budget for those stickers until designs are in



d) Comment from Director Allen that there are many designs from previous years to choose from

(1) That was President Gibson's intent

e) Mikayla Christenson agrees, says Director Joseph is very creative

f) Comment from Nickolas Wheatley that it may be a good idea to have a theme of the art contest be "design a sticker for ASNMU"

g) Suggestion from Jake Zadorecky to have one of the stickers be a past design, have one of the stickers be a design from the art contest, and have one of the stickers be a new design

(1) Comment from Director Allen that the previous designs were all student designs

h) Question from Noah Sabolsky on whether GA can just approve the 500 stickers with normal ASNMU logo

i) Ben Trevillian motions to approve the budget in the amount of \$231 for 500 stickers and table the rest of the designs, nobody seconds the motion

j) Question from Ben Doriot on whether there is a reason that the stickers have to be approved now rather than next week

(1) President Gibson responds that if this budget doesn't go through now, it will have to wait until after PR's next meeting, which is later in the week after the GA meeting, and budget likely wouldn't come back until after Thanksgiving



- (2) President Gibson is trying to spend money this semester so that ASNMU continues to receive the same funds
- k) Procedural question from Director Joseph on whether sticker designs can be brought to Members with Discussion next meeting
 - (1) Voice Johnson responds that if the budget is tabled, it would be on the agenda under Old Business at the next meeting
- l) Ben Doriot motions to approve the budget in full with the amendment that designs are to be approved by ASNMU members, Nickolas Wheatley seconds the motion
- m) The budget is voted on and approved with 12 yeses and 5 nos
- 3. Office Supplies - Cassidy Gibson
 - a) Chair Belcher motions to approve the budget in full, Tom Rapp seconds the motion
 - b) The budget is voted on and approved
- 4. Promotional Supplies - Cassidy Gibson
 - a) Mikayla Christenson motions to approve the budget in full, nobody seconds the motion
 - b) Question from Director Allen on whether a tablecloth with ASNMU logo could be purchased
 - (1) Voice Johnson informs everyone that ASNMU does have a banner that can be tied on the front of the table
 - c) Suggestion from Director Joseph to purchase a table runner with ASNMU logo, and to purchase more brochure holders for rental closet
 - d) Director Joseph motions to approve the budget in full with the amendment to purchase two packs of brochure holders and



will look into ordering a table runner with ASNMU logo on it, Chair Belcher seconds the motion

e) The budget is voted on and approved

D. Mural Proposals

1. LIVE at NMU

a) Director Joseph motions to approve the mural proposal, Chair Belcher seconds the motion

b) The proposal is voted on and approved

2. Student Leader Fellowship Program

a) Question from Noah Sabolsky to clarify what the design says

b) Question from Director Allen on whether the bird is that far down in the design

c) Mikayla Christenson motions to approve the mural proposal, Tom Rapp seconds the motion

d) The proposal is voted on and approved

VI. Public Comment

A. None

VII. Good of the Order

A. Mikayla Christenson gives an update on ice skating

1. December 2nd from 3-5 pm is the only date and time that would work for the arena before winter break

a) Does ASNMU want to move the event to January?

2. Question from Ben Trevillian on whether ASNMU can collaborate with another group that is hosting an open skate before break

3. Comment from President Gibson that pushing open skate to next semester might be a good idea because Dec. 2nd would be the week before finals

4. Question from Noah Sabolsky on whether she received dates and times that would work next semester

a) Next semester's times would be 5-7 pm



b) Ben Doriot comments that 5-7 would work better for him personally

B. Jake Zadorecky informs everyone that the Library and Instructional Support has offered ASNMU a tour of the new library and would like to gauge interest

1. He will let the library know that everyone is interested

VIII. Adjournment

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