



**1.14.26 GA
Meeting Minutes**

Call To Order

I. Roll Call

- A. Voice Johnson calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- B. Grace Zeien, Mikayla Christenson, and Thomas Rapp are absent and excused; everyone else present over Zoom

II. Public Comment

- A. None

III. Approval of Consent Items

A. Today's Agenda

- 1. Public Relations Director Joseph motions to approve today's agenda, Emma Kaiser seconds the motion
- 2. The approval of today's agenda is voted on and unanimously approved

B. [12/02/25](#) - Minutes

- 1. Nickolas Wheatley motions to approve 12/02/25 minutes, External Affairs Director Allen seconds the motion
- 2. The approval of 12/02/25 minutes is voted on and unanimously approved

IV. Executive Reports

A. President

- 1. President Gibson gives updates on upcoming student government conferences
 - a) 1UP is on January 31st
 - (1) Advisor Simon Moesch reached LSSU student government through Instagram DMs
 - (2) LSSU will likely send around 4 people to the conference
 - b) Michigan SGA conference will likely take place on February 21st at U of M Dearborn



2. Brief update on President Gibson's meetings
 - a) ASNMU Executive Board will be meeting with NMU President Olson on Friday
 - b) President Gibson will continue to meet with Jeff Korpi this semester
 - (1) Mr. Korpi will attend and speak at 1UP
 - c) Biweekly meetings have been scheduled with Dean of Students Mary Brundage, with Academic Affairs Chair Brock attending as well
 - d) Meetings with the Provost are in the process of being scheduled
 - e) President Gibson has a meeting about the vending machine soon
 - (1) Vending machine is not operational yet
 - (2) People from the health center and the CSE gave a few ideas for Plan B distribution
 - (a) Might be a good idea to have Plan B in multiple locations, not just vending machine and ASNMU office
 - (b) President Gibson will bring some Plan B to health center if there are no objections
 - (c) Will spread the word
3. Brief update on pricemarking courses
 - a) Will be a big project for this semester
 - b) Dean of the Library and Director of the Library are interested in helping
4. Brief update on April Scholarship Symposium
 - a) Will also be a big project for the semester
 - b) President Gibson and Chair Brock will keep ASNMU looped in



5. ASNMU has been invited to join in hosting a Green Friday-type event with Eco Reps, Ripple Effect, and Shine
 - a) Working on dates that work for everyone
 - b) President Gibson will send a date in the GroupMe
 - c) ASNMU will be bringing clothes from the Career Closet and will not need too many volunteers
6. Brief committee report
 - a) Committee of Undergraduate Programs met once over winter break and approved specialized degrees
7. Comment from Director Allen that it might be a good idea to talk to housing to see if RAs could put Plan B out since they already put out free condoms for students
 - a) President Gibson agrees that this would be a good idea and is open to any other ideas of places that would be accessible to students

B. Vice President

1. Vice President Stine asks everyone to please let her know if they have any issues or questions about their university committees
2. Brief report on meeting with Alumni Board
 - a) Met last Monday
 - b) Two projects in the works to help students connect with NMU alumni
 - (1) Private LinkedIn group page designed to connect alumni and recent graduates with job opportunities, internships, and professional networking
 - (2) Mentoring Zoom series where alumni share their real-world experiences and talk about how mentoring and networking can contribute to career development



- c) Both projects are on hold and pending formal approval from senior management

C. Treasurer

1. Official report on ASNMU numbers: \$8,378.07
 - a) Does not reflect budgets passed recently
 - b) Estimated numbers with budgets passed recently and before 10-day numbers: \$3,624.07
2. Official report on SFC numbers: \$85,723.90
3. Brief report on EFG meeting in the second week of December
 - a) EFGs presented some information about their groups, what they did over the Fall '25 semester, plans for the Winter '26 semester, and any requests they had for carryforward and allocations
 - b) Summary of results
 - (1) Most groups' requests were approved
 - (2) Details on allocation breakdown have been updated in the ASNMU office
 - (3) NoMAD's allocation was lowered by \$1
 - (a) Was \$5.25, lowered to \$4.25
 - (4) Platform Personalities' allocation was raised by \$1
 - (a) Was \$10, raised to \$11
 - (5) NoMAD has appealed the decision, which will be going through ASNMU at some point
4. Question from Director Joseph on the reasoning behind NoMAD's allocation decrease
 - a) SFC found that NoMAD's attendance and overall impact didn't warrant their full allocation
 - b) NoMAD had a balance of around \$10,000 at the end of the semester and requested to carry that forward to Winter '26



- (1) SFC decided to lower their allocation by \$1 but to allow them to carry forward half of their balance
 - c) NoMAD hosted two events that had around 270 students in attendance
 - d) Platform Personalities requested a \$1 increase in their allocation and gave a great summary of their Fall events and showed a lot of potential in the events they would like to hold in the future
 - e) The committee deliberated quite a bit, with some disagreements
5. Question from Adeline Pavlo on whether NoMAD asked for an increase in their allocation at the EFG meeting
- a) They asked to keep their allocation as it was, at \$5.25
6. Follow-up question from Adeline Pavlo on whether attendance is the only thing looked at for group performance
- a) Attendance is not the only metric but is definitely a consideration
 - b) SFC looks at overall performance of groups on campus
 - c) President Gibson comments that, as a voting member of SFC, attendance was a big part of her decision-making process, along with looking at whether all demographics of students are being served since all students need to pay the student activity fee

D. Voice of the Assembly

1. Voice Johnson informs the assembly that the NoMAD appeal is in the Google Drive for everyone to look at before reviewing it in person
 - a) Under Committees, in SFC folder



2. Brief reminder for everyone to fill out the office hours log with their office hours for this semester by the end of the week
 - a) Expect an email from Voice Johnson soon if that does not get filled out
 - b) Office hours for the semester begin next week
3. Any questions or concerns about university committees can go to Vice President Stine
4. Mike Bath from Public Safety will be joining next week's general assembly to talk about snow removal and parking
5. Brief update on approved budgets
 - a) Gavels and tablerunner came in, tablerunner is vertical
 - b) Quarterzips have been ordered
 - c) Supplies for upcoming Open Skate have been ordered
 - (1) Some of the supplies will be ordered from Walmart closer to the date
 - d) Menstrual cups have been ordered
6. Room for General Assembly meetings will be confirmed by next Monday
7. Comments from Director Joseph and President Gibson that the tablerunner was intentionally ordered to be vertical

V. Resignations

- A. [Off Campus Representative](#) - Ben Doriot
 1. Director Allen motions to accept Ben Doriot's resignation, Noah Sabolsky seconds the motion
 2. The resignation is voted on and unanimously approved
 3. Question from Director Allen on whether External Affairs needs to vote on the resignation as well
 - a) Voice Johnson will consult with Chief Justice Hairston on this



4. Question from Director Joseph on whether Ben Doriot will receive an ASNMU stole for graduation, even though he resigned before graduation
 - a) Voice Johnson responds that this will be discussed in E Board meeting
 - b) Comment from Director Allen that Dana Hinkley had a stole at her graduation even though she resigned before graduation
 - c) Comment from President Gibson that she sees no issue with giving Ben Doriot or anyone else who does hard work an ASNMU stole for graduation

B. Quad Representative - Elizabeth Planica

1. Question from Student Affairs Chair Belcher on what Elizabeth Planica's major was and whether she could apply to an open Student Affairs position
 - a) Director Allen responds that she was an Acting major, Voice Johnson elaborates that this is a College of Arts and Sciences major and there are no open positions
2. Director Allen motions to accept the resignation, Noah Sabolsky seconds the motion
3. The resignation is voted on and unanimously approved

VI. New Business

A. Event Proposals

1. Feedback Forum - Emma Kaiser
 - a) Emma Kaiser presents an event proposal for a Feedback Forum
 - b) Comment from Director Allen that she loves this idea and thinks that people don't take Town Halls seriously
 - c) Director Allen also thinks that extra credit would be a great incentive for students, and



suggests that professors willing to offer extra credit could talk about it in class and ASNMU members in the class could explain what ASNMU is and the idea behind the Feedback Forum

- d) Chair Belcher motions to approve the event proposal, Director Allen seconds the motion
- e) The event proposal is voted on and unanimously approved

B. Budgets

1. Feedback Forum Supplies - Emma Kaiser

- a) Emma Kaiser presents budget for food incentives for Feedback Forum with many options on quantities and types of food
- b) Comment from Director Joseph that, should the quantity of 50 be chosen, to choose a later date for the event to give Public Relations more of a chance to advertise the event
- c) Chair Belcher suggests doing a higher number of fruit pizzas and veggie trays because other town halls have had more than 50 attendees
- d) Director Allen suggests doing a smaller quantity of food for this first event to see what the turnout is, would prefer to have not enough food than to have too much food
- e) Director Joseph motions to approve the budget with the quantities of 50 fruit pizzas, 50 vegetable trays, 50 grilled paninis, and \$70 for printing posters, Chair Belcher seconds the motion.
- f) The budget is voted on and unanimously approved



g) Voice Johnson asks everyone to include only one option on budgets to make it easier on motions, going forward

VII. Public Comment

A. None

VIII. Good of the Order

A. Question from Treasurer Roush on whether NoMAD appeal will be discussed tonight, as SFC's bylaws state that any appeals need to be brought to the attention of ASNMU at the next meeting upon receipt of the appeal

1. Voice Johnson says that NoMAD would like for the appeal to be discussed in person for clearness and fairness' sake

2. Chief Justice Hairston responds that with the appeal, NoMAD would not have a speaking portion, but it would be brought before the general assembly to see whether it is worth hearing

a) A hearing would then be scheduled where both parties, SFC and NoMAD, would have a chance to speak

b) In SFC's bylaws, NoMAD does not get a speaking part at this point in the process

3. Question from Director Joseph on whether the appeal could be tabled for the next meeting

a) Chief Justice Hairston states that the SFC bylaws say "at the next regularly scheduled meeting" and this is the regularly scheduled meeting

4. Question from Voice Johnson on whether it makes a difference based on NoMAD's preference, since this meeting is different from regular meetings in that it is not being held in person

a) Chief Justice Hairston responds that NoMAD doesn't get an opportunity to speak at this point in the appeal process - the general



assembly is just determining whether the appeal should be heard

5. Voice Johnson will plan to have this on the agenda for next meeting and will make sure to have the appeal in the Google Drive

B. Director Joseph brings up student frustrations with not being heard in new library appearance

1. Talked with a student in the art department, discussed adding murals

- a) Looking for volunteers

2. Director Joseph suggests offering a place where students could voice their thoughts and suggestions about the new library

3. Chair Belcher asks whether it is a possibility to invite Dr. Warren, Dr. Bridger Wilson, or one of the other main librarians to come to a GA meeting to hear concerns

- a) Voice Johnson says that this is a possibility

4. Director Allen reminds everyone that the library has only been open for three days at this point, and things are still in the works

- a) Whiteboards for study rooms are on the way

- b) Says that concerns should still be addressed since they are student concerns, but if addressing concerns, reps should emphasize the fact it's a really nice, beautiful library

- c) Librarians have made a note of suggestions such as bringing in couches or other soft seating

5. Jake Zadorecky is on the Library Advisory Committee and can talk to library staff about student concerns



- a) Has heard students talking about wanting art to fill up the empty space, will bring this up at next meeting
 - b) The library is still in the process of being set up - the priority was getting the building open for students
 - c) There is the possibility of there being an art and design section or room in the library
 - (1) Director Allen says that SAG has their own room in the library, may be possible to expand and have more student artwork put up
6. Comment from Chair Belcher that library staff have heavily emphasized that student art is going to be a focal point, but is not sure to what degree and where it would go
- a) Have reiterated that one of the biggest reasons the library is blank is that it will be featuring student art, not just SAG art
 - b) Patience is key
- C. Voice Johnson informs the assembly that Robert's Rules of Order will be enforced more in future meetings
- 1. There are documents in the Google Drive under Guiding Documents for everyone to review before the next meeting
 - 2. Includes charts that would be helpful to have on hand for future meetings
 - 3. Contact Voice Johnson or Chief Justice Hairston with any questions about Robert's Rules

IX. Adjournment

- A. Voice Johnson adjourns the meeting at 6:52 pm