



**1.21.26 GA
Meeting Minutes**

Call To Order

I. Roll Call

A. All are present and accounted for

II. Public Comment

A. Regan Buterbaugh, President of Northern Michigan Artist Discovery (NoMAD) expresses frustrations with SFC decision on the EFG's allocation and carryforward amounts

1. NoMAD president Buterbaugh expressed that the group would like to provide safe spaces to enjoy live music and has plans to host events at LoveMARQ church which they feel they may not be able to follow through on due to SFC's decision
2. This semester, NoMAD was able to comfortably host two events, with around 270 attendees total
3. NoMAD would like more timely feedback from SFC and for SFC's bylaws to be amended to be more straightforward
4. If SFC's decision is not overturned, NoMAD would like to have a probationary period to show progress

III. Approval of Consent Items

A. Today's Agenda

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

B. [01/14/2026](#) - Minutes

1. Tom Rapp motions to approve the 01/14/2026 minutes in full, no second



2. Academic Affairs Chair Brock points out an error in the date of the minutes
3. Director Joseph motions to approve the 01/14/2026 minutes with the amendment of fixing the date, Chair Brock seconds the motion
4. The approval of minutes is voted on and unanimously approved

IV. Presentations

A. Chief of Police & Director of Safety - Mike Bath

1. Parking

- a) Parking lot surveys are done during daytime classes and at night to determine if parking lots are underutilized or if they are always at capacity
- b) There are more than enough parking spots for registered vehicles on campus, some may just be further away from buildings
- c) If you arrive to campus at 8:00 am, you should have no problem finding parking
 - (1) 10:00 am - 2:00 pm is primetime with the most people on campus
 - (2) There have been talks of spreading out class schedule more to help with parking issues
- d) There are always students on the appeals committee
- e) Reminders of what not to do with permits
 - (1) Don't take your permit down to avoid ticketing
 - (2) Don't share permits with others
 - (3) Don't take faculty/staff permits
 - (4) Don't remove your license plates
- f) If a student has issues with their car on campus, call Public Safety
 - (1) Public Safety has already done 30 jumpstarts this year



(2) Usually don't tow cars due to expense for students, but may tow if it is a safety issue

g) Grounds may leave wind rows in parking lots to aid in keeping parking organized

2. Snow Removal

a) This winter has 100 more inches of snow than last year at this point

b) Snow removal in residential lots on Saturdays in four-week rotations

(1) 46 cars have been left in parking lots and have been plowed in

(2) Grounds has not had a day off in three weeks

(3) Emphasizes to please get cars out of parking lots to help grounds crews

(4) Don't wait to move car until 10 minutes before needed, as your car may not start

c) If unburying your car, throw snow out into drive lane to aid in snow removal

3. Snow Days

a) Mike Bath makes recommendations to the Provost during the school year, and to the President over breaks

b) Rides roads at 3:00 am to check road conditions, asks Grounds crews if they are able to plow campus roads and sidewalks, calls Weather Service to get their take on the weather

(1) NMU has 13 miles of sidewalks

c) Just snow is easy, wind makes it more difficult

d) May close for extremely cold weather due to danger of frostbite



- e) Students should get text alerts by 5:00 am if campus is closed for the day because of student workers starting at 5:30 am and clinicals starting at 6:00 am
- f) NMU used to never close campus, but closes more often now due to the fact that more commuters are coming from further away

V. Executive Reports

A. President

1. Brief update on upcoming conferences
 - a) 1UP January 31, 2026
 - (1) If interested in holding a breakout room, send a complete presentation to President Gibson by the end of the week
 - b) Michigan Student Government Conference will be held February 21, 2026
2. Brief update on meetings
 - a) Executive Board met with President Olsen
 - (1) Discussed holding another student leader conference
 - (2) Discussed similarities and differences between how ASNMU works and how President Olsen has experienced student government before
 - b) Upcoming meeting with Dean of Student Mary Brundage is scheduled
 - (1) Will discuss sending a survey to students about Grammarly and AI usage
 - c) Meeting with Jeff Korpi at the end of next week
 - (1) Will discuss 1UP planning
 - d) Meeting with Provost is not scheduled yet, waiting to hear about Grammarly before scheduling meeting
 - e) Has a meeting next Monday about the April Scholarship Symposium with Chair Brock



3. Update on upcoming events
 - a) Fashion and Feast collaboration with EcoReps, Food Pantry, and Ripple Effect
 - (1) February 2nd, 11 am - 3 pm
 - (2) Looking for 2-3 volunteers
 - b) My Way Friday collaboration
 - (1) Including Wildpups, refreshments
 - (2) January 30, 2026 11 am - 1 pm
4. Brief update on vending machine project
 - a) Hit a wall with company that was going to deliver the machine - it is not cost effective to deliver just one machine
5. Let constituents know that there is free Plan B in the ASNMU office, no questions asked
 - a) President Gibson also delivered some to Health Center
 - b) Expire in September of 2026
6. Brief update on committees
 - a) Academic Senate went over CUP proposals
 - b) Library
 - (1) Online Educational Resources
 - (2) Price Marking discussions
 - c) CUP is finishing proposals

B. Vice President

1. Working on recruiting for open positions
 - a) 1 Quad Representative, 2 Off Campus Representatives, and multiple representatives for Academic Affairs needed
 - b) Have had a couple people express interest
 - c) Spread the word to apply
2. Reach out to Vice President Stine with any issues with university committees
 - a) Be sure to enter your meeting times and dates into office hours log, keep it updated

C. Treasurer

1. Official ASNMU numbers: \$8,378.07



- a) Estimation based on budgets passed:
\$3,275.59
2. Update on SFC numbers: \$85,723.90
3. SFC will be meeting on Thursdays at 6 pm
 - a) Wanted to meet in the ASNMU office, but CCC is in there at the same time, will be working on finding a new location for meetings
4. SFC has had some resignations and applications
 - a) Resignation letters from SFC members will be brought to GA next week
5. Comment from President Gibson that SFC will not be meeting this week, so they have time to find a new location
 - a) SFC is not meeting this week due to having no budget requests
6. Question from member of the public Regan Buterbaugh on whether the hours will be posted anywhere

D. Voice of the Assembly

1. Constitutional Convention Committee will be meeting on Thursdays 5-8 pm in the ASNMU office
2. Reminder that office hours started this week
 - a) Four people have not updated their office hour logs with their office hours for the semester - please do this ASAP
3. Any issues with university committees should go to Vice President Stine
4. Reminder of upcoming AI Institute speaker Dean Liz Wuorinen
5. Update on previously passed budgets
 - a) Quarterzips have been ordered
 - b) Menstrual cups have arrived
 - c) Promo items have arrived
6. Meetings will not be in this room again besides on February 25th



- a) Future meetings will be held in Jamrich 1320
- 7. Executive Board and branch heads will be meeting after GA, bring any questions to heads at the end of the meeting
- 8. Question from Student Affairs Chair Belcher on how long the E Board meeting will take, as Student Affairs will also be meeting after GA
 - a) There is no set time for the meeting, will be held elsewhere

VI. Committee Reports

A. Student Affairs - Jack Belcher

- 1. Student Affairs will continue to solidify relationships with student organizations
- 2. Many events are in the works, including a March Madness event and a Feedback Forum
- 3. Chair Belcher will continue work on the rideshare resolution
- 4. Student Affairs will be meeting biweekly on Wednesdays after General Assembly meetings

B. Academic Affairs - Ben Brock

- 1. Academic Affairs will be meeting on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the ASNMU office beginning next week
- 2. Prior to winter break, the library received budget cuts and had to remove multiple online resources
- 3. Reminder of upcoming AI Institute presentation
 - a) Chair Brock recommends that ASNMU members prepare questions for presentation
- 4. The committee will be working on Riley Latoski's idea of a trivia night event this semester
- 5. Chair Brock and President Gibson will be meeting with Tesse Sayen, Director of Research Development and Sponsored Programs, and Dana Hartwick-Jackson, Director of Undergraduate Research, to discuss events such as Winter



Research Day and Scholarship Symposium for this semester

C. External Affairs - Amelia Allen

1. External Affairs Director Allen has sent out a new When2Meet for the winter semester due to multiple resignations and changing schedules
2. Brief update on Wildcat Wallet
 - a) Website will be getting updated soon
 - b) Director Allen will be working with PR on decals and Wildcat Wallet Wednesdays posts on social media
 - c) Will be working to expand list and solidify connections with businesses
 - d) May set up a team to go to businesses in person to help get responses
3. External Affairs will be hosting a breakout room for 1UP about Wildcat Wallet, will be getting a presentation to President Gibson by the end of the week

D. Public Relations - Ruby Joseph

1. PR met last week for the first time this semester
2. PR has a new assignments chart of which tasks are designated to each member
 - a) Some tasks are listed as various members, will need some help from non-PR members to generate content for Day in the Life and other Mini Mic videos
3. Director Joseph will be out of town for upcoming Open Skate event, but other PR members will be there to generate content
4. Day in the Life videos are good for engagement, Director Joseph has heard great feedback
 - a) Would like more volunteers to film a day in their life as an ASNMU member



5. Public Relations has created a "PR Calendar" on Google Calendar for the semester, add to your calendar to see posting dates and events
6. Members should continue to use post request form in Google Drive for any social media post ideas or needs

VII. New Business

A. Appeals

1. [SFC/EFG Decision Appeal](#) - NoMAD
 - a) Director Joseph motions to approve appeal, Chair Brock seconds the motion
 - b) Discussion by various members on whether ASNMU should approve NoMAD's appeal
 - c) Question from Director Joseph on how the process would go if the appeal is approved
 - (1) If GA goes forth with the hearing, a hearing will be held at the next GA meeting
 - (2) Both SFC and NoMAD would get a chance to speak, then ASNMU would vote on the matter
 - d) Chief Justice Hairston emphasizes that today's decision is only based on the written appeal that ASNMU received
 - e) More discussion on the appeal
 - f) The appeal is voted on and approved by a majority vote with two against
 - g) Voice Johnson will reach out to NoMAD about the hearing
 - h) Voice Johnson reminds members that there is to be no discussion while voting in the future

B. Appointments

1. [Constitutional Convention Committee](#) - Mikayla Christenson



- a) Riley Latoski motions to approve the appointment, Chair Brock seconds the motion
- b) The appointment is voted on and approved with one against
2. [Public Relations Committee](#) - Emma Kaiser
 - a) Noah Sabolsky motions to approve the appointment, Tom Rapp seconds the motion
 - b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved
3. [General Education Council](#) - Ben Trevillian
 - a) Director Joseph motions to vote on the appointment, Tom Rapp seconds the motion
 - b) The appointment is voted on and unanimously approved

C. Event Proposals

1. [Spread Goodness Ice Cream Social](#) - Ben Trevillian
 - a) Tom Rapp suggests holding the social in Jamrich
 - b) Riley Latoski motions to adopt this event, Nickolas Wheatley seconds the motion
 - c) The event proposal is voted on and approved

D. Budgets

1. [Spread Goodness Week](#) - Ben Trevillian
 - a) Director Joseph motions to approve the budget in full, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - b) The budget is voted on and unanimously approved
2. [Neon Sign](#) - Tom Rapp
 - a) Noah Sabolsky motions to approve the budget in full, Gabe Sabolsky seconds the motion
 - b) Question from Director Joseph on whether the sign comes with all of the letters connected
 - (1) Yes
 - c) Comment from Director Joseph that this seems like a good idea for the office, but would



need a way to secure to the table and an outlet for tabling events

d) Question from Nickolas Wheatley to clarify the dimensions of the sign

e) Comment from Director Allen that she likes the idea, but ASNMU has many promotional items already including ASNMU tablerunner

f) The budget is voted on and not passed

3. [ASNMU x My Way Friday Wildpups](#) - Cassidy Gibson

a) Ben Trevillian motions to approve the budget in full, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion

b) The budget is voted on and unanimously approved

VIII. Public Comment

A. None

IX. Good of the Order

A. Mikayla Christenson reminds the assembly of upcoming event

1. Friday 6-8 pm

2. Decorating cookies

3. Bring others with you if you attend

B. Director Joseph asks if there is a procedure for who posts events on the HUB

1. There is not a procedure, in the past whoever planned the event posted on the HUB

2. Director Joseph responds that this could fall under PR committee's duties

a) If a post is needed on the HUB, use post request form or text Director Joseph

(1) Could teach members or do the post

C. President Gibson reminds members of pregame event in the Wildcat Room at the Berry Events Center next Friday

1. To watch NMU hockey vs. Bemidji State

2. SFC and ASNMU are invited



Your Student Government

3. Answer calendar invite by end of the week
4. President Gibson will order food based on how many people are coming
5. Feel free to bring friends, significant others
6. Puck drops at 7:00 pm, show up at 5:30 pm for the Wildcat Room

D. Voice Johnson asks for everyone's help to put tables back where they belong after the meeting

X. Adjournment

- A. Voice Johnson adjourns the meeting at 7:30 pm