



**1.28.26 GA
Meeting Minutes**

Call To Order

I. Roll Call

- A. Jake Zadorecky is absent and excused.

II. Public Comment

- A. Secretary of Latinx Student Union wonders how ASNMU plans to bridge the gap between ASNMU and diversity student organizations
 - 1. This was supposed to happen last semester and LSU didn't get any visits from any ASNMU members since then
 - 2. President Gibson responds that last semester was a challenge to get to student organizations due to scheduling issues, but ASNMU will work on streamlining visits to student organizations more this semester

III. Approval of Consent Items

A. Today's Agenda

- 1. Public Relations Director Joseph motions to approve today's agenda, Ben Trevillian seconds the motion
- 2. Today's agenda is voted on and approved unanimously

B. [01/21/2026](#) - Minutes

- 1. Noah Sabolsky motions to approve the minutes, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
- 2. The minutes are voted on and approved unanimously

IV. Executive Reports

A. President

- 1. Brief reminder of 1UP this Saturday
 - a) President Gibson sent an email this morning
 - b) If your name was not on the list and you would still like to attend, let her know



- after GA today so that she can adjust numbers with catering
2. Statewide conference date is still tentative
 - a) February 21st is likely
 3. Brief updates on meetings
 - a) Meeting with Jeff Korpi tomorrow, will update GA on that next week
 - b) Meeting with Mary Brundage next Wednesday with Academic Affairs Chair Brock
 - c) Meeting about fellowship and scholarship opportunities happened this past Monday
 - (1) Winter Research Day on February 19th
 - (2) Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship on April 16th
 - (3) People from this meeting will come in to a GA meeting to talk about events and opportunities for students
 - d) Meeting with Gwen and Katrina happened yesterday about purchasing through the CSE
 - (1) Katrina is the "new Emilia"
 - (2) Remember to be as specific as you can when writing and passing budgets (choose color options, shape options, width options, etc.)
 - (3) Link the cart to the budget if possible
 - (4) Overestimate on budgets - if the total comes to anything over what the budget allowed for, the order can not be placed
 - (a) Cover fees, taxes, etc.
 4. Treasurer Roush will be in charge of sending budgets to the CSE going forward, instead of Voice Johnson
 5. Brief reminder of upcoming events
 - a) My Way Friday this Friday



- (1) Need a few more volunteers if possible
- b) Fashion and Feast event date changed to February 9th, 11 am - 3 pm
 - (1) ASNMU will bring career closet
- c) Wildcat Weekend Student Org Fair will be on Saturday, March 21st
 - (1) Will need volunteers
- 6. President Gibson gives updates on ASNMU office
 - a) EBoard passed a budget for prints of members' headshots to go up on the wall of the office, should be up soon
 - b) Spread word to constituents about free Plan B in the office
 - (1) Also free Plan B at the health center
 - (2) No strings attached, no need for name or student ID
 - c) Working to update website by the end of the week
 - (1) Let President Gibson know if there's anything that needs to be updated
- 7. Brief update on pricemarking
 - a) Met with Online Educational Resource working group
 - b) Group has had some conversations with administration already

B. Vice President

- 1. Brief update on recruiting efforts
 - a) Open positions for representatives:
 - (1) one Quad
 - (2) two Off Campus
 - (3) two College of Health Sciences and Professional Studies
 - (4) two General Studies
 - (5) one College of Technical and Occupational Sciences



- b) Vice President Stine has heard of some interest in the positions, send any interested students her way
- 2. Update on university committees
 - a) Touched base with everyone regarding committee assignments
 - b) Members should be all set to attend their committees and stay in contact with their chairs
- 3. Reminder to log university committee hours and what you did in the Office Hours Log

C. Treasurer

- 1. Update on ASNMU balance
 - a) Officially \$5,119.27
 - b) Estimated \$3,275.59 based on passed budgets
- 2. Update on SFC balance: \$85,723.90
- 3. Advisor Simon Moesch will be taking over purchasing from Gwen and is working on updating ASNMU finances
- 4. SFC has a meeting tomorrow
 - a) Meeting Thursdays at 6 pm in the CSE office, across from the Wildcat Den
 - b) Will put a sign at the ASNMU office to direct people in case anyone is confused
 - c) One budget request on the agenda
- 5. SFC had some resignations, and has openings for new members
 - a) Reach out to Treasurer Roush if interested
 - b) Application on SFC website to fill out as well

D. Voice of the Assembly

- 1. Reminder of procedures if members can't make it to office hours
 - a) Let Voice Johnson know about issues as far in advance as possible
 - (1) Include when you plan to make it up



- b) Can make sure website reflects those changes
- 2. Reminder to continue filling out office hour log, include university committees
- 3. Notification of upcoming guests
 - a) The AI Institute will be visiting GA on February 4th
 - (1) Voice Johnson sent questions for them to prepare for
 - b) Student Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities will be visiting
- 4. Brief overview of what appeal process looks like
 - a) Voting will be on whether SFC incorrectly applied bylaws
 - (1) YES means SFC did something wrong, ASNMU will determine next steps
 - (2) NO means SFC did nothing wrong
 - b) Please ask questions at any point if you're confused about the process

V. New Business

A. Appeals

- 1. [SFC/EFG Decision Appeal](#) - NoMAD
 - a) NoMAD Representative - Regan Buterbaugh
 - (1) Presents fan videos of NoMAD's events last semester
 - (2) NoMAD's EFG allocation was lowered from \$5.25 to \$4.25 and forfeited half of their carryforward amount
 - (a) SFC's reasoning was "the committee felt that the performance of NoMAD and the events held did not garner enough attendance from students to warrant approval of their allocation and carryforward requests. Some members were in favor of a more substantial



- decrease in allocation and carryforward”
- (b) NoMAD was shocked to hear this, given that the fall semester was one of their most successful semesters in recent years
 - (3) Winter '25 concert had 163 attendees, Fall '25 concert had over 220 attendees
 - (a) Also hosted LoveMARQ session which hosted over 50 attendees
 - (4) Outreach efforts were significantly increased and overall club engagement and interest increased “exponentially”
 - (5) Only EFG organization to lose funds
 - (a) Did not ask for an increase in their allocation
 - (6) Questions how an organization is supposed to improve overall impact with less money to work with
 - (a) Concerts cost 27% more now than they did five years ago
 - (b) An artist backed out of negotiations last minute because NoMAD could not accommodate request to pay \$30,000 instead of \$20,000
 - (7) Brings concerns related to consistency of decisions made this semester and concerns regarding SFC’s interpretation of their bylaws
 - (a) Section X, subsection B states, “The Earmarked Fund Groups shall have discretion over how the allocation is spent each semester. However, all expenditures must fall in line with the ‘Policy



Regarding the Collection, Allocation, and Disbursement of Student Discretionary Activity Fee.' Additionally, the use of the allocation shall be to support the programming niche that the EFG fills..."

- (i) NoMAD's niche is people who wish to discover new music
- (ii) May not attract enormous crowds, but attracts passionate people
- (b) Section III, subsection 4 states, "...At least one member or delegate of the Student Finance Committee will attend each SDAF funded activity and provide feedback concerning the activity to the SFC within two weeks of the scheduled event"
 - (i) When she asked about any feedback given by representatives that attended events, was told that events are only attended whenever possible
 - (ii) If SFC does not provide a baseline amount of participation required for funding, how can NoMAD know what changes to make for the next semester?
 - (iii) NoMAD has welcomed SFC auditors to previous events
 - (iv) If more information or metrics were needed to verify



performance, NoMAD would've answered questions to clear up any issues discovered by SFC

- (8) Would like to know why NoMAD is the "only club that was punished"
- (9) Would like a probationary period to clear up concerns instead of starting the semester off with less funds than budgeted for
- (10) Would be the first to admit it if NoMAD misused funds
- (11) Effort and dedication from members far surpasses previous semesters

b) ASN MU representatives question Regan Buterbaugh

- (1) Director Joseph asks about NoMAD's plans for carryforward and allocation
 - (a) Wanted to host three more LoveMARQ sessions and host a benefit with Radio X and WNMU
 - (b) Each LoveMARQ session costs around \$2,500
 - (c) Planned to use carryforward for those events and use allocation for event at the Northern Center
- (2) Mikayla Christenson asks whether attendance numbers were all NMU students or if they included community members
 - (a) The numbers include community members, approximately 75% students and 25% community members
- (3) Riley Latoski asks how much NoMAD's budget was for last semester



- (a) \$32,000 for last semester,
\$27,000 for this semester
- (4) External Affairs Director Allen asks for clarification on where the \$27,000 came from
 - (a) This includes the decrease in the allocation and the decrease in the carryforward
- (5) Riley Latoski asks NoMAD to elaborate on their word choice and whether they felt that SFC's decision was personal
 - (a) It was strange that they were the only club that had some sort of defunding
 - (b) Feels sudden and unexpected
- (6) Mikayla Christenson asks whether there are any other comparable groups with similar performance and turnout
 - (a) NAE is similar, and at their last show they had around 300 people in attendance
- (7) Gabe Sabolsky asks how many members NoMAD has on the HUB
 - (a) 550 members
- (8) Riley Latoski asks whether there are any events they had planned that will not be able to be held due to the reallocation
 - (a) Will only be able to hold one LoveMARQ session instead of three
 - (b) Follow-up question on whether this would be an increase from last semester
 - (i) Yes



- (9) Mikayla Christenson asks whether new direction is more costly than previous direction
- (a) Goal was to have the same funding and make more happen with the same funding
 - (b) Did not ask for any increases
 - (c) This will likely ruin efforts of increasing turnout
- (10) Director Joseph asks whether relationship with LoveMARQ church is new last semester
- (a) Yes
 - (b) Follow-up question to ask whether the church charges for the space
 - (i) Yes
 - (ii) Follow-up to ask whether NoMAD was the party to reach out
 - (a) The church reached out
- (11) Chair Belcher asks whether the per-head cost was lower than other EFGs
- (a) NoMAD advisor said that NoMAD's per-head cost was lower than NAE's
 - (b) Similar demographics
- (12) Addi Pavlo asks NoMAD to expand on booking process
- (a) If the artist is under a major label, the process takes two months
 - (b) Usually around \$15,000
 - (c) Since NMU is not around any other major cities, get charged more



- (13) Nick Wheatley asks how NoMAD plans to increase engagement
 - (a) Plan more events, more publicity through social media
 - (b) AA groups were excited about events, tell friends and family
 - (c) More LoveMARQ shows, more community involvement
- (14) Director Joseph asks Voice Johnson if it is possible to see other EFG's numbers for the semester
 - (a) Treasurer Roush will share other EFG reports with ASNMU members
- (15) Director Joseph asks how many NoMAD members would like to pursue a career in the music industry
 - (a) No exact number, but many members
 - (b) NoMAD provides networking and career experiences
- (16) Mikayla Christenson asks how many of their artists were local and how many were not
 - (a) Every opener is local to the Marquette area, headliner is from a little further away
 - (i) Majority of funding goes toward booking the headliner
- (17) Mikayla Christenson asks how NoMAD markets events specifically to students
 - (a) Held a bake sale last semester
 - (b) Working with CSE to get more posters out and to do more digital marketing
 - (c) Increased amount spent on Meta advertising



- (i) Tailored specifically to 18-34 year olds in the UP
 - (ii) Spent close to \$200
- (18) Director Allen asks whether NoMAD does tabling events to advertise to students on campus
 - (a) Tried tabling in the past, noticed that students didn't seem as receptive
 - (b) Try to use word of mouth instead - members go out to local shows and talk about NoMAD shows
 - (c) Partnership with Jim's Music, put up posters there and tell musicians in the area about NoMAD events
- (19) Director Allen asks why community involvement is being focused on instead of NMU students
 - (a) Noticed a trend in lack of student engagement, want to reallocate funds towards the community
 - (b) Students don't seem to want to leave their dorm
 - (c) Want to hold events where everyone feels welcome so that it's not just another campus event
 - (d) Investing in the community so that it attracts more students
- (20) Addi Pavlo asks Voice Johnson whether GA members can make comments
 - (a) No they can not
- (21) Tom Rapp asks for clarification on how many members NoMAD has on the HUB



- (a) Has 550 members on the HUB, unless somebody purged accounts
- (b) Follow-up question from Tom Rapp on how many of those members are active members that show up for meetings
 - (i) Around 20 members
- c) SFC Representative - Treasurer Tommy Roush
 - (1) Shared EFG reports and summary of reports over email
 - (2) At the end of every semester, SFC calls a special meeting with Earmarked Fund Groups including Platform Personalities, Special Events Committee, Student Art Gallery, Northern Arts and Entertainment, Campus Cinema, and NoMAD
 - (a) EFGs provide a report of their performance, SFC determines their allocation of the student activity fee for the following semester
 - (3) Student Activity Fee is currently \$51 per student per semester, SFC decides how much of this amount goes to the EFGs per student
 - (4) Needs and performances of EFGs vary by semester, SFC balances those needs with the interests of all of the students on campus
 - (5) SFC has a duty to manage student finances in a way that is fair, data driven, and maximizes benefit to the student body
 - (6) Decisions are not judgements of an organization's value, but decisions



- based on impact and fiscal responsibility
- (7) NoMAD hosted two events last semester with a total attendance of 270 community members and students, spent \$22,000, and had a remaining balance of \$10,700
 - (a) Translates to spending roughly \$82 per student
 - (b) Leftover balance represents 30% of total allocation
 - (8) SFC approved reduction in NoMAD's allocation from \$5.25 to \$4.25 and a moderated carryforward of \$5,351.54, half of what was requested
 - (9) Decision was not a defunding, nor meant to interfere with goals for the following semester
 - (10) NoMAD should still have \$25,000-\$30,000 in funds depending on student enrollment
 - (11) SFC attendance is not a prerequisite for evaluation
 - (12) Decision was based entirely on NoMAD's submitted financial records and attendance data
 - (13) Guidance is not seen as contradictory
 - (a) All student orgs are expected to maximize their budgets and use what they have to build engagement
 - (14) Decisions are not permanent - NoMAD may request an increase in their allocation at the end of this semester
 - (15) SFC requests that appeal be denied and original funding decision be upheld



d) ASNMU representatives question Treasurer Roush

(1) Director Joseph asks whether per-person costs and percent of remaining balance were calculated for other organizations

(a) Yes, for Platform Personalities

(b) \$1 that was taken from NoMAD's allocation was given to Platform Personalities, which served about 1,500 students, had a per-head cost of about \$71 per student, and had a carryforward balance of about \$1,000

(c) Did not compare these data points to NAE

(2) Mikayla Christenson repeats SFC bylaw section 3.4 "whenever possible" and asks whether SFC members were in attendance at NoMAD's events

(a) There were no SFC members in attendance

(b) It was not advised to Treasurer Roush that SFC members were responsible for auditing EFG events

(c) Auditing is primarily for student organizations that come to SFC with a budget request

(d) EFGs have a direct allocation, money goes directly to them

(3) Addi Pavlo asks for more details on what, besides attendance, SFC looks at when deciding whether an EFG has maximized their budget



- (a) SFC looks at the big picture and details in their report
- (b) Other EFGs were asking for a smaller carryforward
- (c) Look at impact on campus, and plans for next semester
 - (i) NoMAD's estimated costs for this semester were not included in their report
- (4) Chair Brock asks what the process would look like if the appeal is granted
 - (a) ASNMU would make decisions on that if it happens
- (5) Director Allen asks if Treasurer Roush thinks there should be greater transparency between SFC, student organizations, and EFGs
 - (a) More communication is always better
 - (b) EFGs handle a lot of money, these decisions are not easy for SFC
- e) NoMAD representative gives closing statement
 - (1) When they asked to see data that drove SFC's decision, were told that they did not have access to that information
 - (2) How are EFGs supposed to know what numbers should look like in the future
 - (3) Previous semesters with lower attendance and less impact on campus were not punished
 - (4) How can people trust that SFC is keeping everything in consideration if they are not aware of certain bylaws



- (5) Thinks if an auditor had come to events, there would have been a different decision made
- (6) If the appeal is won, unsure on how reinstatement of funds would go
 - (a) If refunding is not quick enough, could lose out on planning events properly
- (7) Feels it is not fair to compare NoMAD with Platform Personalities, would be more fair to compare to NAE
- (8) Hopes that SFC takes a closer look at their bylaws
- f) SFC representative gives closing statement
 - (1) Agrees that bylaws should be more clear, possibility of rewriting them in the future
 - (2) Thinks that communication with EFGs should be more encouraged
 - (3) It was never discussed to audit EFG events, more emphasized to audit events that were granted funds from SFC budget
- g) Question from Director Joseph on what the process looks like at this point
 - (1) ASNMU representatives will vote to deny or approve the appeal
 - (a) If appeal is approved, there will be a place for discussion between members on where to go from there
 - (2) The vote is closed, with no discussion between members
- h) The appeal is voted on and denied with 4 yeses and 11 nos
 - (1) Later, during Good of the Order, Director Joseph motions to revote on



NoMAD's appeal, Gabe Sabolsky seconds the motion

(2) The motion to revote is voted on and approved unanimously

(3) Voice Johnson reminds everyone what a "yes" vote and a "no" vote mean in this context

(4) The appeal is voted on and denied with 4 yeses, 9 nos, and 1 abstained

2. Director Joseph motions to recess for 5 minutes, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion

a) The motion is voted on and approved

b) The general assembly recessed from 7:10 pm to 7:15 pm

B. Appointments

1. [Parking and Traffic Committee](#) - Noah Sabolsky

a) Tom Rapp motions to vote on the appointment, Student Affairs Chair Belcher seconds the motion

b) The appointment is voted on and approved with 1 no and the rest yeses

2. [Sustainability Advisory Council](#) - Ruby Joseph

a) Mikayla Christenson motions to vote on the appointment, Emma Kaiser seconds the motion

b) The appointment is voted on and approved unanimously

3. [Referendum Committee](#) - Elizabeth Planica

a) Chair Belcher motions to vote on the appointment, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion

b) The appointment is voted on and approved unanimously

C. Resignations

1. [Quad Representative](#) - Grace Zeien

a) Mikayla Christenson motions to accept the resignation, Chair Brock seconds the motion



- b) The resignation is voted on and approved unanimously
- 2. [Student Finance Committee](#) - Molly Lindow
 - a) Director Joseph motions to accept the resignation, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - b) The resignation is voted on and approved unanimously
- 3. [Student Finance Committee](#) - Lucy Stern
 - a) Director Joseph motions to accept the resignation, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - b) The resignation is voted on and approved unanimously
- 4. [Student Finance Committee](#) - Manny Idoko
 - a) Director Joseph motions to accept the resignation, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - b) The resignation is voted on and approved unanimously
- 5. [Student Finance Committee](#) - Mitchel Forsberg
 - a) Director Joseph motions to accept the resignation, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
 - b) The resignation is voted on and approved unanimously

D. Budgets

- 1. [November Art Contest Prizes](#) - Jack Belcher
 - a) Mikayla Christenson motions to approve the budget in full, Riley Latoski seconds the motion
 - b) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously
- 2. [February Art Contest Posters](#) - Ruby Joseph
 - a) Chair Brock motions to approve the budget in full, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion



b) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously

3. Clothing Rack Budget - Cassidy Gibson

a) Chair Belcher motions to approve the budget, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion

b) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously

VI. Public Comment

A. None

VII. Good of the Order

A. Chief Justice Hairston informs the assembly that there can be a revote/recount with a majority vote

1. Director Joseph motions to revote on NoMAD's appeal, Gabe Sabolsky seconds the motion

2. The motion to revote is voted on and approved unanimously

3. Voice Johnson reminds everyone what a "yes" vote and a "no" vote mean in this context

4. The appeal is voted on and denied with 4 yeses, 9 nos, and 1 abstained

B. Chair Belcher asks everyone to send him any pictures that were taken at ASN MU events so that he can add them to his 1UP presentation

C. Chair Brock informs everyone that the library will be having a mural committee meeting tomorrow at 5:00 pm in Harden Hall, encourages people to go if they want input on mural ideas

D. Director Joseph informs everyone of her student organization's event on Monday 7-8 pm

1. Panel discussion for those working in or going into an athletic career

2. Will be held in Jamrich 1100

VIII. Adjournment

A. Voice Johnson adjourns the meeting at 7:29 pm