3.25.26 GA
Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

I. Roll Call

A. Voice Johnson calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
B. Ben Trevillian is absent and excused.

II. Public Comment

A. None

III. Approval of Consent Items

A. Today's Agenda
1. Nickolas Wheatley motions to approve the agenda, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
2. Today's agenda is voted on and approved unanimously

B. 03/18/2026 - Minutes
1. Public Relations Director Joseph motions to approve the minutes from March 18th, Nickolas Wheatley seconds the motion
2. The minutes are voted on and approved unanimously

IV. Executive Reports

A. President

1. Brief recap of USGC
a) Thanks representatives who were able to make it to the conference
b) There was a Presidents' Breakout Session
(1) Included presidents from six universities plus representatives from others
(2) Discussed creating a coalition of student governments in Michigan - named UMSGC
(a) Lobbying goal
(b) Plan to have presidents meet monthly

(c) Moved general conference to late September
(i) This time is when everyone is still getting used to their new roles
(ii) Michigan Tech or Western chosen to host
(a) If Michigan Tech is chosen, MTU asks for help in hosting
(d) Planning a yearly lobbying trip in spring
(e) Planning a transitioning presidents meeting for May 16th at 5 pm for all student government presidents
(f) President Gibson said she would bring the idea to the assembly to see what everyone thought

c) Around 60-70 attendees, lots of new ideas

2. Update on meetings
a) Meetings with Jeff Korpi and Emera Bridger-Wilson rescheduled
(1) Meeting with Jeff Korpi moved to this Friday morning
b) Meeting with Mary Brundage
(1) Discussed emails
(a) The President's Office has approved new guidelines for getting emails out to students
(b) Inform student orgs, faculty
(2) Grad Gown and Newsletter emails will be going out by the end of the week
c) Dr. Leslie Warren reached out for a meeting with President Gibson and Student Affairs Chair Belcher

(1) Civic Education Committee

d) Meeting about vending machine next week

(1) Working out how to charge for other things in vending machine

(a) ASNMU cannot charge for items

(2) Wondering about stocking free condoms along with the free Plan B

3. MTU USG President suggested working with facilities janitors to stock bathrooms with period products
   a) President Gibson will be meeting with Facilities Head
   b) One janitor already helps with stocking Jamrich Hall, and reached out about helping stock Art and Design Building
4. President Gibson will be tabling for Equal Pay Day tomorrow
   a) Emera Bridger-Wilson reached out
   b) Part of AAUW
5. Update on ASNMU Elections
   a) All students should have received the election packet on Monday
      (1) If somebody hasn't received it, they can reach out to President Gibson as head of Elections Committee
6. Reminder to sign up for Leadership Recognition Banquet
   a) Everybody has to register for themselves

B. Vice President

1. Thanks everyone that came to USGC
2. Recruiting update
   a) Open Positions:
      (1) 2 College of Health Sciences & Professional Studies
      (2) 2 General Studies

(3) 1 College of Technical & Occupational Studies
(4) 1 Graduate Studies
(5) 1 Spalding Hall
(6) 1 Off Campus

C. Treasurer

1. Update on ASNMU numbers: $6,360.28
2. Update on SFC numbers: $85,723.90
    a) This is not reflecting recent passed budgets
3. There will be no SFC meeting tomorrow, but will be one next week

D. Voice of the Assembly

1. Update on passed budgets
    a) Quizbowl prizes are in
    b) Regular pads are in
    c) ASNMU pins are ready to be picked up in the office
        (1) There are around 15 left
2. Reminder to continue updating Student Org Logs and Office Hour Logs
3. Update on Grad Gowns
    a) Email will be going out soon
    b) Inventory has been completed for undergrad gowns and caps, graduate gowns likely haven't changed
    c) Post went up on Instagram, received 26 responses so far
    d) ASNMU has 183 gowns total between undergrad and graduate gowns
    e) Poster budget is up today, hoping to spread the word more
    f) Voice Johnson has put together instructions and timelines for future graduation seasons
        (1) Included email templates
        (2) Hopes to make the process smoother in the future

g) Question from Director Joseph on whether to use the same doc as last semester
   (1) Voice Johnson will archive that document
   (2) Demonstrates how to navigate new process
h) Voice Johnson has linked to the ASNMU website for more accurate office hours
   (1) Office hours are updated regularly on the website
   (2) Reminder to reach out if you will be missing or moving your office hours to keep this accurate
i) Question from Tobias Morse on where to find the documents
   (1) ASNMU Drive > ASNMU Committees > Student Affairs > Grad Closet Folder

V. Unfinished Business

A. Proposals

1. Updated Constitution - Halle Johnson
   a) Tobias Morse thanks CCC members for all the time that they have put in to this document
   b) Tobias Morse motions to amend Article 1 Section 1.11.d, Noah Sabolsky seconds the motion
      (1) Discussion: Tobias Morse asks what is gained by listing all the groups out
         (a) Voice Johnson says that historically, these are group classifications that have faced issues with discrimination in the past
         (b) Director Allen says that in the past, the more generic "everyone" has made it easier to not protect these groups

(i) Voice Johnson adds that the goal was to make it less ambiguous

(c) Tom Rapp says that equal protections should be specific

(d) Noah Sabolsky says that all of the listed groups are legally recognized protected classes

(e) Riley Latoski says that any school handbook has almost this exact wording

(2) The motion is voted on and rejected with 1 vote for and 13 votes against - the amendment falls

c) Question from Tobias Morse on Article 1 Section 1.2.b on why GPA requirement is 2.0 and whether it can be raised to 2.75

(1) Discussion: Voice Johnson says that 2.0 is the current ASNMU GPA requirement, means that student is free of academic and disciplinary probation

(a) 2.0 GPA means student is "in good standing"

(b) Director Allen says that this was discussed in CCC, and it was decided that if the GPA requirement is raised, it may leave students unrepresented

(i) ASNMU is an organization for everyone, "not better than anyone else"

(c) Riley Latoski informs the assembly that the GPA requirement has been changed before

(d) Gabe Sabolsky says that you want your representative to be the best

of their class and that this was a heavily debated topic in CCC

(e) Voice Johnson says that this was debated and voted on in CCC and it was ultimately decided that reps are representatives of the student body, so ASNMU should not exclude parts of the student body

(f) Director Allen says that having only representatives from the top of their class poses the risk of students not being represented

(i) GPA is not a measure of how smart someone is or how hardworking they are

(g) Chair Brock says that the GPA was raised to 2.7 before, and asks Tobias Morse why he chose 2.75

(i) He responds that he wanted something a little higher but not extremely exclusive

(2) Chair Belcher motions to limit debate on this topic to one more person, Director Allen seconds the motion

(a) Tobias Morse motions to lower GPA requirement to 1.5, nobody seconds the motion

(b) The motion is voted on and rejected with 9 votes for and 5 against - Discussion continues

(3) Discussion: President Gibson says that if voters do not want someone with a GPA under 2.75, they should not elect that person

(a) Amending to 2.75 would pigeonhole people who would like

to be engaged in civic work on campus

(b) Chair Brock asks whether GPA is public knowledge

(i) Voice Johnson says that it is every candidate's right to publish their GPA

(ii) President Gibson clarifies that she believes that students should be able to elect people they want to be their representative, ASNMU should not limit them being on the ballot because of GPA

(c) Director Joseph points out that NMU is not the only institution with 2.0 GPA requirement

(i) 2.0 is the general consensus

(ii) GPA is not a reflection of work ethic or character

(a) If students are working full time or are nontraditional students, might not be represented

(iii) NMU is an opportunity-based institution

(d) Mikayla Christenson thinks that higher GPA would not exclude students

(e) Gabe Sabolsky says that 2.0 is average, 2.7 would be a B average

(i) Anything below 2.0 is academic probation

(f) Director Joseph asks what the process is if a representative falls below a 2.0 GPA right now

(i) President Gibson notes that if a representative drops below a 2.0, they are off of ASNMU

(ii) Advisor Simon Moesch says that nobody is actively tracking people's GPAs, but it is checked when people apply

(4) Noah Sabolsky motions to limit debate on this topic to each person having one more turn to speak, Chair Belcher seconds the motion

(a) The motion is voted on and approved with 10 votes for and 4 against

(5) Discussion is limited: President Gibson notes that nobody has been checking, but they could in the future

(a) Advisor Moesch says that someone could submit a concern to ASNMUJ

(b) Mikayla Christenson notes that everyone comes from different backgrounds and has an equal opportunity to help students, but just has different opinions of how to do it

(c) Chair Brock clarifies that there are other orgs that have higher GPA requirements of 2.5 - 2.7

(i) Notes that GPA is not a measure of intelligence but effort

(d) Riley Latoski agrees with the point about effort

(e) Director Allen notes joining ASNMU could be a good influence on people with the culture of doing well

(f) Gabe Sabolsky says that students are here to get a degree, shouldn't join to get organized but should already be organized when joining ASNMU

(g) Tobias Morse asks why ASNMU needs a GPA requirement at all

(i) Requirement is through the university, ensuring nobody has disciplinary actions against them

(h) Voice Johnson notes that 2.0 GPA was chosen with intentions of representing entire student body and to eliminate gray areas

(i) It can take a while to get GPA up

(ii) Notes that other orgs are not representing the entire student body

(i) Director Joseph asks what the requirement would be for a vote to approve the constitution

(i) Simple majority

(j) Tom Rapp notes that it would be detrimental to ASNMU to raise the GPA requirement

d) Noah Sabolsky motions to approve the constitution, Director Allen seconds the motion

(1) The constitution is voted on and approved with 10 votes for and 4 against

e) Voice Johnson thanks everyone, informs the assembly that CCC will continue to work on Glossary and Operating Procedures

VI. New Business

A. Budgets

1. Grad Closet Bins - Halle Johnson
   a) Mikayla Christenson motions to approve the budget in full, Tobias Morse seconds the motion
   b) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously
2. Grad Closet & Election Posters - Halle Johnson
   a) Comment from Chair Brock that it would be beneficial to include the office room number
   b) Chair Belcher motions to approve the budget with an amendment to include the room number, Tobias Morse seconds the motion
   c) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously
3. Wildcat Wallet Poster - Amelia Allen
   a) Question from Mikayla Christenson on whether this will be marketed to students
      (1) Yes, will be marketed to students
   b) Tobias Morse motions to approve the budget, Noah Sabolsky seconds the motion
   c) Discussion
      (1) Question from Chair Brock on where the posters will be placed
         (a) Will be put up on campus, on business pinboards around Marquette and the surrounding area
         (b) For any business owners who see the posters in other businesses

(2) Question from Riley Latoski on whether the poster is descriptive enough
    (a) The QR code on the poster leads to form for business registration that includes all relevant information
    (b) Also urges businesses to reach out to Director Allen with any questions
    (c) Follow up comment from Riley Latoski that all of this information is only available after the QR code is scanned
        (i) This can be addressed
(3) Comment from Chair Brock that this poster may be confusing for business owners
    (a) May want to make more business-centered
    (b) President Gibson comments that this could be something to add to the poster
        (i) Include "This is for small businesses"
(4) Clarifying questions from Chair Brock on who this is poster is meant for
    (a) Voice Johnson clarifies that this is for small businesses to learn more about Wildcat Wallet, posters in Ishpeming and Negaunee would be helpful for commuter students to have discounts at businesses near their homes
(5) Comment from Noah Sabolsky that reps putting posters up can pitch Wildcat

Wallet to businesses when asking if they can put posters up in their business
(a) Director Allen says that this will hopefully ease communication efforts

d) The budget is voted on and approved with 13 votes for the budget and 1 vote against

4. USGC Reimbursement - Cassidy Gibson
   a) Tobias Morse motions to approve the budget, Chair Belcher seconds the motion
   b) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously
5. USGC Food Reimbursement - Tom Rapp
   a) Noah Sabolsky motions to approve the budget, Director Allen seconds the motion
   b) Discussion
      (1) Question from Director Joseph on whether all food is covered in reimbursements
         (a) Voice Johnson says that this is up to the assembly
   c) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously
6. USGC Food Reimbursement - Seanna Stine
   a) Mikayla Christenson motions to approve the budget, Noah Sabolsky seconds the motion
   b) The budget is voted on and approved unanimously

B. Mural Applications

1. Gamma Theta Upsilon - Art+
   a) Noah Sabolsky motions to approve the application, Mikayla Christenson seconds the motion
   b) The application is voted on and approved unanimously

VII. Public Comment

A. None

VIII. Good of the Order

A. President Gibson says that Elsa Limberg, co-president of NAE, reached out to say that they are looking for volunteers for Sal Vulcano event
   1. Let her know if you are interested

B. Director Joseph reminds everyone that discourse is good, and that this is the point of having representatives from different backgrounds
   1. Mikayla Christenson agrees, says that the discourse was well-intentioned and adds a helpful level to ASNMU
   2. Director Allen agrees, adds that ASNMU did not have discussions like this in the past

C. Director Allen informs the assembly that she has begun the process of writing a resolution

D. Noah Sabolsky informs the assembly that there will be more USGC reimbursements next week

E. Gabe Sabolsky says that reps received many compliments on quarter zips, pins, and nametags at USGC

F. Nickolas Wheatley had someone reach out about hosting a Superior Edge orientation meeting at GA
   1. Director Joseph would be willing to do a PR post to spread the word to students
   2. President Gibson says that she did this for Rotaract and it was basically just a presentation on how to join Superior Edge
      a) Nick Wheatley thinks that it would be more orientation-based
   3. Chair Brock mentions possibility of Citizen Edge
   4. Director Joseph says that the general assembly has more public attendance since meetings count toward Citizen Edge

G. Noah Sabolsky says that Max Greenfield from New Girl will be coming to campus

1. Voice Johnson suggests that PR make posts or repost and says that it is exciting to have bigger names on campus
2. Advisor Simon Moesch encourages everyone to get their tickets and/or volunteer because tickets are going fast

IX. Adjournment

A. Voice Johnson adjourns the meeting at 7:14 pm