



Voting Members Present:

Students: Katrina Groeller, Carl Austin Miller Grondin, Hannah Jeffrey, Jo Kovach, Connor Le, Belle Letcher, Jairahel Price, Claire Smith, Myles Overall,

Faculty: Nicholas Gisholt, (Ms J.) Jonglim Han, Joyce Meier, Jeffrey Tsang

Students Absent: Stevie Quijas, Harshita Rathod, Zoë Church

Faculty Absent:

Non-Voting Members: Shannon Burton, Ray Gasser, Vennie Gore, Genyne Royal, Allyn Shaw, Anthony T. Williams Jr.

Guests: Sophia Strach

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Student Life & Engagement was held on November 18, 2022, at 8:34 via Zoom.

Chair Carl Austin Miller Grondin presided.

II. The agenda was approved as distributed.

III. The draft minutes of the October 14th, 2022, meeting was approved as distributed.

IV. Presentations:

a. Sophia Strach (State Appropriations and Student Testimonies)

i. Presented about state appropriations in Michigan and student testimonies about tuition and cost of living

ii. Would like to present the testimonies to the State Committee for Education Funds

iii. Hoping to get more money invested into MSU

iv. Questions:

1. Hannah Jeffrey

a. What exactly are we going to be asking and what is the money for?



- i. Strach: To help lower tuition for MSU students. We do not decide where state appropriations go, I am just trying to get this guided towards helping with tuition
 - b. Would be very happy to join this project
 2. Nicholas Gisholt
 - a. Does MSU get less contributions than other universities and what is that based on?
 - i. Strach: MSU receives the 3rd most funding of the state despite the fact we educate the most of in-state students. We attribute a lot of MSU grads to the state of Michigan even though we make it 3rd compared to UofM and Wayne State
 3. Vennie Gore
 - a. Sophia is correct in saying that it is complex, but there is a separation between buildings and tuition. This would go to the appropriations for the university which would help balance tuition
- b. SRR and GSR Updates (Anthony T. Williams, Jr.)
 - i. Presented about SRR and GSR Updates
 - ii. Conducted many 1-on-1 interviews with those involved with the process
 - iii. Moving towards focus groups for academic support services and student health and wellness
 - iv. Accommodating requests to have 1-on-1 interviews for those in focus groups
 - v. Early trends that they are seeing are concerns with university jurisdiction, the appeal process
 - vi. Constituent engagement phase started in October of 2022 and will end in January 2023
 - vii. Questions:
 1. Jo Kovach
 - a. Can Student Rights Advocate directors get 1-on-1 interviews as well?



- i. Anthony Williams: Will make sure they get added
 - c. Multicultural Center and Student Health and Wellbeing Center Updates (Vennie Gore)
 - i. Presented about updates with the Multicultural Center and Student Health and Wellbeing Center
 - ii. Currently completed with schematics and starting design development of the Student Health and Wellbeing Center
 - iii. 2 ½-3-year construction phase
 - iv. Fall of 2024 opening for Multicultural Center
 - v. Will have a ceremonial fire circle for Indigenous communities
 - vi. Still working on some of the final finishes
 - vii. Townhall for the MCC in January
 - viii. Questions:
 1. Belle Letcher
 - a. Where are the elevators for the MCC
 - i. Gore: The elevator is right off of the living room
 2. Connor Le
 - a. Regarding the CORES/COPS Office, who will have access to those? Is it for CORES/COPS groups or for staff? How will these be allocated to each group?
 - i. Gore: Still working on those issues
 3. Katrina Groeller
 - a. Are there any plans to add another CATA stop for the Recreation Center?
 - i. Gore: Will bring it up to the CATA team
 4. Allyn Shaw
 - a. What's the chance to have the ability to have amplified sound? And is there a buffer between the MCC and Shaw Hall?
 - i. Gore: Will plan on a buffer, if we have funding, we will try to have sound
 5. Myles Overall



- a. Will the rock be moved to the MCC for accessibility?
 - i. Gore: No it will not
 - b. Is there any talks about the intersection near the Recreation Center?
 - i. Gore: Will bring it up
 - 6. Belle Letcher
 - a. Did you mention that there will be women-only spaces in the new IM Building?
 - i. Gore: Yes, there was a request during the design process and they are looking to accommodate that
 - b. Recommends moving slowly and carefully with that
- V. Reports
 - a. Steering Committee
 - a. Carl Austin Miller Grondin
 - i. Got an email regarding Swim and Dive
 - b. Faculty Senate
 - a. Jeffrey Tsang
 - i. Nothing to report
 - c. Council of Graduate Students
 - a. Hannah Jeffery
 - i. COGS has passed 2 resolutions
 - 1. One was the petition to remove Larry Gaynor's name from the Broad Business College
 - 2. Second was a resolution to demand an apology from Trustee Pat O'Keefe
 - ii. Currently working with a new committee to increase the safety of our campus in relation to rehired staff that were let off due to inappropriate actions with students
 - iii. Heard from CAPS and the Women*s Student Services Center
 - d. ASMSU
 - a. Jo Kovach



- i. Last week ASMSU's Academic Affairs Department led First Generation Appreciation Week
 - ii. Past week, we held Mental Health Awareness Week
 - iii. Look out for an ASMSU's Services week, OER Week, and Survivor's week
 - iv. Had Dr. Norman Beauchamp and presenters to talk about RVSM
 - v. Passed bills to allocate money for uninsured students to get vaccinated and revise the building committee policies
 - vi. Supports the removal of Larry Gaynor's name
 - vii. Excited to see steps forward for our Spartan swimmers and divers
 - e. FSL
 - a. N/A
 - f. RHA
 - a. Belle Letcher
 - i. Has talked to MSU Vote and now has a plan in place for the next election
 - ii. Working with CORES&COPS E-Board on establishing a collaboration fund
 - iii. Getting more students on a 2 year live on workshop
 - iv. Wants to start a ASMSU and RHA workgroup
 - g. BOT At-Large Student Rep
 - a. N/A
 - h. Student Life & Engagement
 - a. Vennie Gore
 - i. Take a break for Thanksgiving
 - ii. Shoutout to Ms. J
- VI. New Business
 - a. Larry Gaynor
 - i. Connor Le
 - 1. Presented about Larry Gaynor
 - ii. Jordan Kovach



1. Would like to put this in a perspective of how long we have been fighting for this. Have been fighting for this for 2 years. Hopes this goes further
- iii. Ms. J
 1. Apart of APIDA/AFSA. What types of values are we going to espouse as Spartans and donors is a big part of this issue. Removing this name is one thing, but would love to see more education
- iv. Connor Le
 1. Would love to see education come from this as well
- v. Hannah Jeffery
 1. COGS is also considering a resolution in support of donor accountability
- vi. Carl Austin Miller Grondin
 1. In light of this conversation, makes it happy that there are students still putting up the good fight. Persist on making history and making changes
- b. Donor Accountability
 - i. Connor Le
 1. Talked about donor accountability
 - ii. Jordan Kovach
 1. Showed previous bills that were passed and talked about the uphill battle of this
 - iii. Ms. J
 1. Wanted to get more involvement with faculty groups as well. Talked about an issue about vendors.
 - iv. Vennie Gore
 1. Wanted to suggest that since groups have passed bills to put them together and bring them to the new VP of Advancement
 - v. Joyce Meier
 1. Thinking about how students and faculty don't know about the Larry Gaynor situation. Supporting the question of how can we promote better. Faculty Senate is a good place to bring the vendor issue up
 - vi. Carl Austin Miller Grondin



1. Asks the committee if we'd like to make a resolution or a letter asking to remove Larry Gaynor's name or donor accountability
 - a. Belle Letcher
 - i. In support
2. Will work on a draft to have another virtual vote for this

VII. Discussion

a. Jo Kovach

- i. Previously, UCSA used to be a more robust committee. We seem like a rubber stamp committee now. Want to discuss ways to make this committee more purposeful where options come to us first.

1. Hannah Jeffery

- a. How do we plan to collaborate as UCSLE

- i. Jo Kovach

1. We could pick issues and discuss during our meetings

2. Vennie Gore

- a. There are issues that cross all of our respective groups, so these would be issues we bring up for all of our groups

3. Nicholas Gisholt

- a. One thing to start with is to update our committee on the Academic Governance website

- i. Allyn Shaw

1. We can officially change the name and will continue working on this

VIII. Roundtable

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

University Committee on Student Life & Engagement

Minutes

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Connor Le
Secretary

Approved: [Date these minutes were approved]