



## Central Student Government 14th Assembly

# MINUTES

**Location:** Wolverine Room (Michigan Union, Third Floor) [Zoom](#)

1. Call to Order & Convening Matters
  - a. Eric Veal calls the meeting to order at 7:31pm
  - b. Lucas Korn calls the opening role -> Quorum is met
  - c. Lucas Korn reads the Land and Labor Acknowledgement
  - d. Swearing In
    - i. NaSiya Taylor - Rackham
2. Recalls
  - a. No recalls
3. Elections
  - a. No elections
4. [Community Concerns](#)
  - a. No community concerns
5. Reports
  - a. State of the Students
    - i. Mario Thaqi: I'm currently the student body president. I have an amazing vp Jake Friedrich and we lead the exec branch. We have appointed members who are appointed by the assembly. We represent the student body externally. We work to improve the student experience. It's not just us. We have a team of over 50 people. Joyce Jung is Chief of Staff who runs the day to day operations. Next is Lydia who is our policy director who does all our policy work and advocacy. Ashley is our programming director who does all our programs throughout the year. Tyler Watt is our treasurer who does all things money. Jessie is the communications director and she does work for our email, our social media and more. Liam Reaser is our SGC who is our lawyer. Daphne is our student org committee director who does student funding. For advocacy priorities, we have ambitious goals despite the short time. We found three main areas where most our work is. One is affordability. I know how hard it is to live in AA with all the ifnancial barriers. While UofM is doing a great job, there's still barriers and we're trying to remove them. We built awareness to students and donors of the Maize and Blue Cupboard. They help with the 30% of students who are food insecure. A lot of this is with our graduate students. We're working to expand these services to North Campus, etc. They deliver 10s of thousands of food and this is a need on campus. Next is expanding information on food stamps. Less



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than one half of 1 percent is enrolled in this service which would help students. We're working with financial aid and IT on how to apply, how to fill out the forms, etc. We have people here to help students fill the form. Lastly, Grocery store transportation routes. It's difficult to get food. We're working to expand these routes for our international campus as well and for those with dietary restrictions. We hope to have some pilot routes set up. Next to the campus climate. I'm working with Angelica for an ex officio role on the board of regents. We're behind in this regard. This is going to strike an engagement with administrators in hearing what the students have to say. Making sure we're promoting student voices as well. We're going to push for DEI which has been under attack. We're going to make sure DEI is at the forefront in Michigan despite the federal administration. Lastly, campus safety, we're working on shared services for especially high risk situations. A lot of our peer institutions have these types of services and this is something we should. Campus safety should not depend on financial safety. We also want to pass sexual reproduction resources. We want to make sure students can access these resources without fear. We've also worked with DPSS for students to know how to stay safe on campus Organizing campus safety walk throughs as well. Making sure we have students in these processes is how we get the best outcome. Next, we're going to move onto additional projects. We're continuing Operation Graduation, Graduation subsidization which provides subsidized photos for those who can't afford it. We're pushing out housing information and subsidized laundry fees in dorms. We did Go Blue Goes Green which upcycles clothing. Also, centralization of funding. If a medical expense comes up, or make rent, there's resources here to help you. For programming, students are seeing our services and events. One of my favorite are World Flights which celebrates different cultures. Another is Inclusivity from our disability empowerment center which is a conversation table of changing the stigma around that. Also, general wellness events which have a great impact on campus. We're also doing the women's conference event. Hydration stations as well. We're continuing the CARES scholarship, student org student leader outreach as well. We had meetings already and plan to have more. We had press releases to make sure people have their information. We're also working on student grievances so students can report that when it happens as well as anti-racism training. 200k was sent back to the student body. We weren't able to fund as many students before, but it picked up after we were able to get that up. We're the largest producer of



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student org on campus. We need to get institutional support and making sure we're getting money through the system. This shows the impact CSG has. Next are all the connections we made in the last few months. We've worked with Dean Jones which helped for our advocacy work. We meet with them regularly and other administrators. For short term goals, I see so many issues on this campus. Individual and student org funding use. We need to make sure we have institutional support. Also, make sure students know where to go when funding concerns come up. Free speech. Things are coming up with how protests are being treated. We need to make sure these are safe at this university. Affordability. We need to make sure this is a place for all students. That's one of the main stresses. Food accessibility is important as well to make sure Maize and Blue Cupboard is supported as well. Also, responding to federal policies. DEI is under attack, but we can't compromise our values. Also, research funding and grants. The University receives a lot of money for this, so we need to guarantee they have this.

b. [Rules](#)

- i. Stefan Nielsen: There was one resolution that was ruled out of order, but everything else passed. That resolution was deferred to next week.

c. [Finance](#)

- i. Angelica Previero: We considered 4 pieces. We considered one for second reads and we discharged it for business. We postponed two resolutions because the committee thought they needed more rationale. We considered an LDA that was discharged to the assembly.

d. [Communications](#)

- i. Cory Knittle: Communications didn't meet quorum. We discussed a resolution I've been writing about improving communication with MDaily and the assembly which reasserts the Daily should have a designated reporter and should meet with communications a day before the publication matters to go over errors to correct before we go over them.

e. [Resolutions](#)

- i. Margaret Peterman: Committee didn't meet quorum. We discussed 14-100 for release and two others for return.

f. SOC

- i. Written Only

g. [Shoutouts](#)

h. [Elections Director](#)

- i. Aiden Burke: We hosted our second candidate information meeting. The meet the candidates will happen on March 18th in this room. The



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executive debate will be on March 21st. Number of purchases have been sent to Student Life so we're waiting there. We're trying to coordinate tabling efforts but we haven't heard back from any unit government. Polling stations will be released soon. We ask members to sign up for polling stations. The ballot is being worked on and will be released by March 18. We're also working on including the CA14-008 to be added to the ballot.

- ii. Riley Kina: Since we can submit questions, will the Daily not be?
- iii. Aiden Burke: The elections commission will be moderating the debate, but that doesn't mean they are restricted from engaging in any way.

i. [Student General Counsel](#)

- i. Liam Reaser: Last week I went to DC. We advocated for research grants, SNAP, financial aid, etc. The application for CSJ is ongoing. There was a lack of the required information of our members in the assembly and about how we needed CSJ cases publicized and transparency in general. However, we've been working on Wiki.CSJ.edu which contains information about CSJ/ CSG on what's going on with assembly, members, CSJ cases, etc. Every piece of information is from CSG records for issues of privacy, transparency, and factuality. If you want to assist, you can sign up to help with writing articles, etc.
- ii. Margaret Peterman: When will pages for individual representatives be up.
- iii. Liam Reaser: You are welcome to help out as you wish. We're currently adding more.
- iv. Margaret Peterman: Are we doing CSG from the beginning?
- v. Liam Reaser: The goal is to start in the present and work backwards.
- vi. Having just created this, have you thought about who is going to be responsible for this to remain completely unbiased.
- vii. Liam Reaser: This is a department of legal affairs thing. The DLA is trusted to independently execute tasks. So our job is to keep it unbiased.
- viii. Adden: How are we going to promote this?
- ix. Liam Reaser: If you google someone in CSG, you're not going to find anything. We want this resource for people to find this if they want to research something on CSG. For pushing this, that's more of a long term goal for the next assembly or the assembly after.
- x. Amr Brown: Does this extend to task forces and caucuses.
- xi. Liam Reaser: It depends. As of right now, task forces yes and caucuses no since task forces are official and caucuses are not.
- xii. Do we have a historian or something in the future that's dedicated to keeping things up to date?



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- xiii. Liam Reaser: We have an auditor who is responsible for keeping those records.
- xiv. Larissa King: Is this something you would see responsibility fall on the sponsors?
- xv. Liam Reaser: It's hard to eliminate bias completely, but sponsors are not allowed to write about their resolution.
- xvi. Larissa King: If there's someone who opposes a piece of legislation, are they also barred?
- xvii. Liam Reaser: That's very difficult to measure, but we have a neutral point of view requirement and we're going to try to enforce that by only presenting factual information.
- xviii. Eric Veal: Has it been considered that there is a role for someone to do this?
- xix. Liam Reaser: There is someone's role who is in charge of it. But we're allowing others to contribute to this project.
- j. Treasurer
  - i. Tyler Watt: We processed transfers for the BHM program. We have money going out for catering for different events and scholarships. We also have it for need based compensation dates, etc.
- k. Executive
  - l. Speaker
    - i. Eric Veal: The CSG office now gets an Amazon Prime account. Next week is a meeting with MESA and next week we have budget offices talk to us and the week after that we'll be on North Campus. We will be in the Taubman room. I'm working with the faculty senate to do a collaborative event on April Fool's day. This Sunday is the Black Excellence Gala. We told MESA and they said they were going to have one too so we changed the name to SKofa. The micromobility act passed so I've appointed Stefan Nielsen as the chair of that task force and he submitted his membership to the president. The scholarship was so that 2000 dollars would be set aside as part of the original bill. The Women's Conference is this week on Saturday. There is a Ross vacancy so we will re-submit to Ross school to ask for representatives.
    - ii. Devin: This Monday we closed the application and assembled a committee to score it and pick one undergrad and grad and take those names to financial aid to provide those grants to.
    - iii. Stefan Nielsen: People on the micro mobility task force include me, Devin, Gabe who is on the Urbanism Club, Miss Marina an engineering student, and Beatrice



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### 1. New members introduce themselves

#### 6. Nominations

- a. No nominations.


#### 7. Introductions

- a. [AR 14-096](#): Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Renewal Act
  - i. Tyler Hart: this is a resolution to edit the compiled code to bring in DEI training to formalize it. We want to make it an official part of CSG trainings. There have been concerns about DEI training, and I understand everyone's concerns, but it's important to understand the student body and what they're going through but I will keep that in mind.

#### RE-REFERRED TO RESOLUTIONS

- b. [AR 14-099](#): Efficient Meetings Act
  - i. Erin Neely: This resolution makes CSG meetings more efficient to help members' mental, physical, and emotional needs. This moves up the regular meeting time to 6:30 and sets soft time limits on reports, resolutions, and meetings as a whole and sets a time limit on extensions as well. I wrote this because our meetings go til 11 or midnight and people do have classes and if we don't get sleep, we won't be able to function properly and same with health issues. As the meeting goes on, everyone's mental capacity diminishes and that doesn't respect the purpose of CSG.

#### RE-REFERRED TO RULES

- c. [AR 14-100](#)  **Condemning Federal Attacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives**
  - i. Jake Friedrich: This resolution condemns the recent attack on our federal administration on attacks on DEI in higher education. Our university has been proud of its leadership in DEI initiatives and should continue that despite external pressures. Every student would feel the absences of these initiatives whether you think so or not. This recognizes its importance.
  - ii. Demi Jardine: This resolution strives to express our position on DEI and keep the university responsible to uphold those values and just trying to make sure the university knows we will continue that work.

#### RE-REFERRED TO RESOLUTIONS

- d. [AR 14-101](#): Health, Safety, and Wellness Act
  - i. Wade Vellky: This resolution establishes a director of health, safety and wellness in CSG. A lot of peer institutions do this and we don't. This is something we need to do. CSG is supposed to meet needs of students





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and address student welfare and this position will help with issues related to health and safety on campus and bring that to CSG.

### RE-REFERRED TO RULES

#### 8. Business

- a. [Minutes from the 27th Meeting of the 14th Assembly on February 25th, 2025](#)
- b. [AR 14-081](#): Funding Fair Futures: The Internship Compensation Act
  - i. Objection noted
  - ii. Mark Farag: This creates a task force for interns who are graduating students who are not getting paid. There are many students who are going for internships that are required to but aren't getting paid. We should create a task force to get funding for students to get money for their internship.
  - iii. Margaret Peterman: Motion to accept all amendments made
  - iv. Second note. Motion passes
  - v. Tyler Watt: How is leadership appointed
  - vi. Mark Farag: The task force is responsible for reaching out to fundraisers
  - vii. Liam Reaser: All task forces are dissolving in the assembly so I'm concerned how we're going to continue this.
  - viii. Margaret Peterman: We talked about getting any work done is valuable, so at least for the next few weeks we could do outreach of some kind.
  - ix. Liam Reaser: The appointment process might take to long to make any change
  - x. Tyler Watt: At this point it could be better to make a declarative move.
  - xi. Margaret Peterman: Some of us may not be here next year and I think giving the sponsors the chance to see it through as much as they can would be better than declaring that we do this.
  - xii. Margaret Peterman: Motion to accept amendments made
  - xiii. Second noted. No objections.
  - xiv. Motion to move to previous question. Second noted.
  - xv. No objections

### PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. [AR 14-088](#): Executive Reorganization Act
  - i. Objection noted
  - ii. Mario Thaqi: There's a new section at the top for FAQ. It doesn't change a lot of requirements but a few things such as the oath of office, but it's a reorganization by not changing any responsibilities or power, but how the executive is structured.
  - iii. Jake Friedrich: As someone in the exec branch, because I've seen three different branches, the lack of structure leaves a lot of room for



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confusion. I want to protect future administration to build their exec how they like but this doesn't compromise that at all.

- iv. Liam Reaser: This is to create a structure of accountability and flexibility by outlining positions and is flexible for new departments.
  - 1. Concerning the amendments: Strike down 1.10.4.5
- v. Eric Veal: I object to this because the resolution as amended sets a duration of office for exec officials or sets a back door for new officials or any way for officials to be removed. The Constitution itself doesn't set out provisions for the duration of an exec term of office. The only provision given is through impeachment. It is appropriate for the CC to set out provisions dictating the term of office for sec officials and a definitive answer is necessary for a smooth running office.
- vi. Liam Reaser: You said the Constitution doesn't set out a provision for an exec's official term of office that the Constitution doesn't clarify this. That's why it is constitutional.
- vii. Quorum call -> Quorum is met
- viii. Motion to re-refer to rules committee. Second noted. No objection

RE-REFERRED TO RULE FOR 4th READS

- d. [AR 14-090](#): Emergency Alerts Evaluation Act
  - i. No objections

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. [AR 14-092](#): Reform Student Employee Grievance Policies Act
  - i. Objection noted
  - ii. Jake Friedrich: This is the beginning of advocacy of reforming the student employee process. This reflects research from Student employees and their experiences. The university is extremely not transparent when it comes to grievance reporting and discourages students from starting the process. Anyone who is encountering an inappropriate workplace should be met with an appropriate solution.
  - iii. Wade Vellky: This is the beginning when it comes to study employee grievances. This won't do a ton but is a step in the right direction. We need to improve things for our student workers. There shouldn't be anything that discourages students from filing these reports.
  - iv. Angelica Previero: There's a lot of students who don't fall under the student employee category and this only focuses on that, but for other students there isn't a process at all. I'm disheartened that this doesn't include the outside categories. I support the grievance process on this resolution, but I'm advocating for the other students.





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- v. Jak Friedrich: There was a missed opportunity to incorporate that. I would love to work to establish something like that.
- vi. Motion to previous question. Second noted. No objections
- vii. No objections

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- f. [AR 14-094](#): Increased Legislation Efficiency Act
  - i. Objection noted
  - ii. Angelica Previero: This legislation advocates for doing research and looks into the factual basis of resolutions. This is just to add a statement about the research done on their resolution. This is just the background.
  - iii. Issac Gardner: I don't understand that wouldn't be in the whereas clause.
  - iv. Angelica Previero: That's a statement within the report, not the clause.
  - v. Margaret Peterman: With that statement, would it be less of what the whereas statements look like and make sure that you did the background information on the resolution.
  - vi. Angelica Previero: Yes, you could include groups you talked to and just any background information.
  - vii. Issac Gardner: This would be required?
  - viii. Angelica Previero: Yes.
  - ix. Motion to previous question. Second noted. No objections.
  - x. Objections noted. Role Call Vote -> Resolution passes

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- g. [AR 14-095](#): Increased Clarity in Legislation Delivery Process Act
  - i. Objection Noted
  - ii. Angelica Previero: The job of the assembly is to write resolutions, and I think we should make a decision of who sends resolutions out and I wasn't sure who that should be and it's who the rules committee believes is a reasonable person. It should go in the government documents because resolutions sometimes don't go out after weeks.
  - iii. Cory Knittle: I agree with this and giving communications the responsibility to do so. I wanted to mention that we sent 213 copies out to submit all of them and most of that bulk was on my shoulders. It's hard to say that sending out all these resolutions, you're not going to get many responses. We should extend this resolution so that the authors would also be more proactive in meeting with people.
  - iv. Angelica Previero: AR14-091 does exactly what you're asking for. If you open the tracker, there's one column that says have you emailed admin and received from admin and have you met with them, etc.



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- v. Eric Veal: I wasn't aware there was a bottleneck with resolutions, but that's not anyone's fault since there was a change in leadership.
- vi. Move to previous question. Second noted. No objections.
- vii. No objections

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- h. [CA 14-009](#): Equal Campaign Finance Amendment
  - i. Objections noted.
  - ii. Issac Gardner: This gives CSG the power to remove the undue influence of money and removes parental money from elections. We would also bring that the campaign finance maximum to its original amount
  - iii. Erin Neely: I objected because there are amendments outstanding.
  - iv. Motion to pass amendments. Second noted. No objections
  - v. Motion to move to previous question. Second noted. No objections.
  - vi. Objection noted -> Role call vote -> Majority passes

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- i. [LDA Motion V](#)
  - i. No objections

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### 9. Reconsiderations

- a. No reconsiderations
- b. Eric Veal: The President did veto a bill we passed. There is a disagreement on the time period whether it lapsed or not. If CSJ doesn't say the veto was not 3 hours over, we will then reconsider. So we will wait until their response.

### 10. Matters Arising and Announcements

- a. Margaret Peterman: If you received an email about the Women's Conference, please respond. I know our term is coming to a close, but still come to assembly. We should not have to do a quorum check every meeting.
- b. Angelica Previero: For the graduate/ professional students in the room, microgrant applications are open.
- c. Riley Kina: The LDA that passed is to put a reproductive stand in the CSG office. I'm partnering with Wolverine Wellness to do a Diag event. I just put out a survey with ACLU undergraduates and for international scholarships, we're looking into different possibilities. Everything I passed in resolutions has been set in place.
- d. Jake Friedrich: I encourage everyone to look at AR14-100. It's important and impacts everyone. It's a privilege to be a part of this assembly. I've noticed that debate is between one or two people. If you're so sure on how you're going to vote, please tell the assembly.



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- e. Erin Neely: I'm working on avenues outside of CSG to help with events for people with disabilities. We can use Slack and GroupMe for communications without disturbing anyone who is speaking.
  - f. Eric Veal: We have our St. Hope Gala this weekend so talk to us. Women's conference is taking place so please attend. I am accessible via Calendly. The 14th assembly is coming to a close, so please talk to us as leadership if you need. We also are having a leadership meeting this week.
11. Closing and Adjournment
- a. Lucas Korn calls closing role -> Quorum is met
  - b. Eric Veal adjourns the meeting at 11:57