



## 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 7:30 PM
  - b. Ryan Schmidt calls the opening roll → Quorum is met
  - c. Ryan Schmidt reads the Land and Labor Acknowledgement
  - d. Swearing in
    - i. Ilir Ziba - Rackham
2. Recalls
  - a. Lisa Vaiman - Rackham
    - i. Eric Veal: Rep Lisa Vaiman is up for recall. Does anyone object to this recall? Seeing and hearing none, rep Vaiman has been recalled.
3. Elections
  - a. Eric Veal: There are no elections
4. [Community Concerns](#)
  - a. Eric Veal: There are no community concerns.
5. Reports
  - a. [Office of Sustainability](#)
    - i. Shawn Webber: I've been here almost a year and a half. Thanks for the invitation. I'm with Ken Keeler, my colleague. I want to share about how we frame the way we think about sustainability and climate action. It's in the context of multiple scales of impact. Our job is to transform the campus into a scale for this action, we're also thinking about these impacts and the ripple effects on our campus. I want to anchor us in the broader context of two institutional frameworks that are currently active: Vision 2024 is impactful for the work we do because of the pillar of environmental action. There aren't many institutions that put this as a priority. Campus plan 2050 is what the university will look like physically in response to its vision. Sustainability is baked into the campus plan and our carbon neutrality objective is one of the foundational activities in the campus plan. It's our job to put it into action. I want to show you one of the things we worked on to map out what it'll take to reach carbon neutrality. We did intensive studies that are based on data. This is a view of what we need to do. We need every second. The blue line is what we have to do. The orange line is business as usual. The big step down is when we finish procuring electricity from renewable sources. After our first step down from solar installations, lots of conservation energy in



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buildings and transitions from fossil fuels, etc will be taking place. There will be new updated building standards. Those are the primary actions we have to take. We know what we have to do and we have a sense for the investment to make that transition. We're at that moment where the institution is deciding. Campus-as-lab is a priority for our work. This work is anchored in the student experience. What experience are we creating on this campus together that helps all of us that can be carried through our life times. We're going to have a lot of opportunities to move through the campus plan and what it is we can do as we develop. There's a lot of opportunities to work together to provide on the ground experience. I have an example of one of the other elements of our vision is to make what we do visible. Mostly, this will be invisible unless our intention is to be visible. I have examples here from Princeton. They have made their geoechange transparent. They made this building an educational feature of the campus. We have plans to do many more like this. But how can we make this an educational feature? We want input from students. This slide shows the scale of activity that's necessary to turn the campus to all electric. We have an unprecedented leadership structure currently at UofM. The three of us are meant to be a collaborative leadership structure.

- ii. Ken Keller: I want to give an update as to what we do. Basically, the first starting point grew out of the environmental area of health and safety. They started out looking to expand recycling. We started up bringing these programs up to speed. We've expanded throughout the years. Now to data tracking. All this data put out every year is used for different groups. We give sustainable certifications. We work with other universities. We learn from each other. We have a full group also dedicated to waste reduction. They have so many programs going on. People come up with fun stuff to recycle. We figure out if things can be recycled or not. We go and talk to people and find solutions. We had to start composting. We collect around 1000 tons of material. We also have energy management teams focused on reducing energy use. We spend a lot of time communicating and marketing. We're not going to achieve our goals without you guys. We have these fun ads to keep us more visible to get into the back of your minds. We do things like Earth Fest. We had a couple of 2025 goals from 10 years ago that were ambitious, but now we're focused on carbon neutrality which is extremely bold. Concerning steps, we have three scopes. We're going to focus on direct emissions, indirect emissions, and other indirect emissions which aren't controlled



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by the organization. For scope one, to tackle that, we're going to reduce the amount of energy we use on campus and convert natural gas into renewable energy sources. For scope 2, there's already energy out there that is renewable. For Student Leadership Engagement in Campus, there are a few areas where you can reach out to such as the SSAB, and more.

- iii. Erin Neely: My research is in nuclear engineering and we used to have a working nuclear power reactor. Are there any plans to do anything with nuclear power in the future?
  - iv. Ken Keller: Probably not.
  - v. When would you give any updates on the results you got on scope 3? Is that on your website or anything else?
  - vi. Ken Keller: The final report should be coming out soon. We have an advisory committee working on this.
  - vii. Stefan Nielsen: Are there any plans in the Central Power Plant if that will stay active?
  - viii. Ken Keller: That is critical. We need it during this transition. Right now, this will always be a backup as we move to other systems. Please get the word out there as well that we're trying to be a leader in carbon neutrality.
  - ix. Cory Knittle: Are there plans to help incentivize people moving out of AA who use gas vehicles or public transport we use carbon transport?
  - x. Ken Keller: Not really. Just having more chargers on campus helps.
- b. [Rules](#)
- i. Stefan Nielsen: We had 12 resolutions to consider. I want to apologize to sponsors and members and SGC Reaser for having a quick timetable on things. It didn't flow as well as it should have for a committee meeting. We were able to get through everything.
  - ii. Erin Neely: SGC Reaser, I would like to apologize in particular for speaking disrespectfully and will do my best to not do that again.
- c. [Finance](#)
- i. Angelica Previero: Nothing to add to written report.
- d. [Communications](#)
- i. Cory Knittle: Communications didn't meet quorum and didn't have any resolutions to discuss but we had an M-Daily statement corrected.
- e. [Resolutions](#)
- i. Margaret Peterman: Thanks for attending who wasn't on committee.
- f. [SOC](#)
- i. Hayden Jackson: Written Only
- g. [Shoutouts](#)



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### h. [Treasurer](#)

- i. Tyler Watt: We have 13k in the LDF. We're spending it on scholarships, events, etc. With that in mind, there's a resolution tonight to 15k to the account. I'm still processing Need Based Compensation as usual. Be sure to let me know if you need help with room reservations, etc.
- ii. Erin Neely: Is there a specific entry for the general reserve account?
- iii. Tyler Watt: The general account is the placeholder account. We don't spend anything from there. It's the reserve account that has money to spend.

### i. [Elections Director](#)

- i. There have been two successful email campaigns. Leah, our SGC met with the dean of students concerning simply voting so there's progress with that. All 45 seats are up for election in the next election. We've been working on some graphics for upcoming posts that are out. Our deputy commissioner is working on other pages which are geared towards increasing voter turnout. My deputy commissioner for operations has been helpful in certain tasks and has made contact with candidates concerning application. The upcoming dates are in the report.
- ii. Angelica Previero: We're considering constitutional amendments. Was there any plan to explain to the student body what constitutional amendments mean and what they would be voting for.
- iii. The actual plain language will be on the ballot.

### j. [Student General Counsel](#)

- i. Written Only

### k. [Executive](#)

- i. Joyce Jung: Our exec tracker is now live. There's a link on the report. It includes step by step what the exec has been doing and who to contact regarding that step. We're discussing donations to MESA and BSU and Black Excellence Gala and ESG. We're doing communication regarding that. For communication, tomorrow is the last day to submit content for all campus emails. If you want to be featured on our insta for the BHM post, fill out the form. If you have an event or special CSG org coming up to do a takeover for, please fill out the form. We had special visitors from MSU SG for the vigil and it was a powerful event. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for our Valentine's Day Bash. Go Blue Goes Green is working on donations right now from sorority houses. Please volunteer. For the policy team, they met with the M programmer manager, they had a good reaction to including information on MCards. The only issue is space. They also met with ASCU and want to collaborate in the future.



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Planning for Big 10 on the Hill has started and there will be a meeting on March 1- 4. Our DAC Inclusivity event will be held soon. SEMSAC distributed wellness kits. We are hoping to give to the domestic violence community.

- ii. Jake: Mario and I met with the executive VP and CFO. We had good reactions to implementing the SNAP Program into university spaces and a partnership with LYFT to supplement the programs.
- iii. Mario Thaqi: JAC commission appointments are doing well. We finalized some of the criteria we're looking for and hoping to get two justices before March elections.
- iv. Erin Neely: On notices to the assembly, you said the executive was giving donations to MESA. Could you give that money to BSU directly?
- v. Mario Thaqi: I'm not going through MESA. I reached out to MESA and there's a different process they go through. They believe there's no problem going through BSU.

### I. Speaker

- i. Eric Veal: We have one resignation tonight that already took effect. One is from Ryan Schmidt. Effective tonight, rep Vincent Piniti will be resigning. All legislation has been signed. Nothing was ruled out of order. We had a leadership meeting. We'll make sure to loop you in. Don't damage the microphones. Congratulations to rep Zeeba for coming back here. When making edits in resolution, let's make them with the track changes. Don't make a change to resolutions that are already submitted. I want to make sure that we're being synched on questions. Jake, Joyce, and Mario are available so ask at alternative times. You can also ask questions in committee. Excited about having a sustainable office coming in today. Make sure we're doing our part. The next few weeks, we're having speakers. We have Student Legal Services. Following week is Spring Break. We're going to North Campus coming up too.

### 6. Nominations

### 7. Introductions

#### a. [AR 14-084](#): Reservable Rooms Act

- i. This act was inspired by Vincent Open Spaces Act. This is to bring forward allocation to reserve rooms outside of their schools. I want to note that we've had discussions with serving students about certain residential spaces should be reservable and keep those off limits. We're not trying to intrude on anyone's space.
- ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Resolutions Committee

#### b. [AR 14-086](#): Formalizing the Office of the Speaker



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- i. Tyler Watt: This resolution is going to formalize the speaker's office. It would make sure the office of the speaker is a declarative body instead of a shadow cabinet. It would lay out how the speaker can nominate a chief of staff, etc.
  - ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Rules Committee
- c. [AR 14-087](#): The Micro-Mobility Expansion Act
  - i. These are small forms of mobility. The biggest thing we know is that bigger forms are more expensive to add bus routes. Stefan and I have been working with the urbanism club and pushing forward urban mobility as a whole.
  - ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Resolutions Committee
- d. [AR 14-088](#): Executive Reorganization Act
  - i. Jake: The resolution aims to give more formalized structure to the executive. Executive is flexible in the structure they take. There's a lot of variability in their roles, so this would formalize it. It organizes things into a few departments.
  - ii. Liam Reaser: The executive will not be changed by this legislation today in terms of positions. This is relevant today given the previous executive and lack of any positions and the way they could have reorganized it to a bunch of officials that don't have to do with CSG.
  - iii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Rules Committee
- e. [AR 14-089](#): CSG Transparency Act
  - i. Isaac Resolutions: This resolution is based on the idea that we represent students and people need to know what we actually do. For this to happen, I don't think we should have secret votes. As reps, we need to prioritize what's best for students. There will be no secret voting other than the threat of student safety.
  - ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Rules Committee
- f. [AR 14-090](#): Emergency Alerts Evaluation Act
  - i. Margaret Peterman: I wrote this after the event on North Campus. There was an issue in one building when there was an issue in another and no one when the issue was concluded. This is a good way to show this is a problem and will make them re-evaluate their guidelines.
  - ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Resolutions Committee
- g. [AR 14-091](#): Legislative Transparency Act
  - i. Angelica Previero: We talk a lot about transparency but not tangible actions. This resolution does two things. It creates two trackers. One for the assembly and the other to the student body so people know what happens after a resolution is passed. This will also create a record for the



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future reps to see what they accomplished, since we don't know the conclusions of some resolutions.

- ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Rules Committee
- h. [CA 14-008](#): The Coast to Coast Representation Act
  - i. Larissa King: It adds an out of state ex-officio position.
  - ii. Eric Veal: This resolution is Re-referred to the Rules Committee
- i. Larissa King: Motion to place CA 14-008 to Business
- j. Eric Veal: Does anyone object? Seeing an objection we will vote. The motion passes.
- k. [CA 14-009](#): Equal Campaign Finance Amendment
  - i. Issac Gardner: This would empower CSG to bring back the finance cap we had. Under the current system, you can spend as much as you want, but this will make an equal amount of money given to each candidate.
  - ii. Lucas Korn: This resolution is Re-referred to the Rules Committee
- l. Mario Thaqi: Motion to postpone CA 14-005, CA 14-006, CA 14-007 for one week because the main sponsor does not believe they will be present for when we debate.
- m. Lucas Korn: Are there any objections? Objections noted. We will now vote. The motion passes.

### 8. Business

- a. [Minutes from the 25th Meeting of the 14th Assembly on February 11th, 2025](#)
- b. [AR 14 -079](#): Need-Based Compensation Equity Act
  - i. Lucas Korn: Does anyone object to the passage of this resolution? Objection noted. We will now enter debate.
  - ii. Tyler Watt: There are a few minor changes on the document I agree with. Motion to accept all amendments.
  - iii. Lucas Korn: Are there any objections? Seeing and hearing none the amendments are accepted. There's a motion to end debate. Are there any objections? Seeing and hearing none. Are there any objections to the passage of this resolution? Seeing and hearing none, the resolution passes.
- c. [AR 14-080](#): The Timely Elevator Repair and Accessibility (TERA) Bil
  - i. Lucas Korn: Does anyone object to the passage of this resolution? Seeing and hearing none, this resolution passes.
- d. [AR 14-082](#): Grocery Store Transportation Act
  - i. Eric Veal: Does anyone object to the passage of this resolution? Seeing an objection.
  - ii. Jake: This resolution acknowledges that AA in specific parts is a food desert. There's a lot of food insecurity on campus and recognizes that



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there aren't major grocery stores on campus. A lot of students don't register for SNAP though they're eligible because there's no where they can use it. This utilizes the Blue Bus structure. Access to reliable transportation will address food insecurity on campus.

- iii. Tyler Watt: There's a minor disagreement about where we want the grocery bus to travel from. I would have a specific place to put that in for that amendment.
- iv. Jake: Motion to accept those amendments.
- v. Eric Veal: Does anyone object? Seeing and hearing none. There's a motion to the previous question. Does anyone object to the passage of this resolution? Seeing and hearing none, this resolution passes.
- e. [AR 14-083](#): W2025 Financial Adjustments
  - i. Eric Veal: Does anyone object to the passage of this resolution? Seeing an objection.
  - ii. Tyler Watt: These speakers are as of Feb 11 so we have a day we're pointing to. I also ask that we understand what we're passing since we're passing a lot of money around here.
  - iii. Jake: Do we have any formal plans for how this 15k will be used?
  - iv. Tyler Watt: There is currently no plan on how we're going to use it.
  - v. Jake: Could we lower this amount?
  - vi. Tyler Watt: This has been amended already. With regards to specific plans, it's hard with so many people. The moment we put things on paper, we have to act as if the assembly has already planned it which is why there's no set in stone plan with how we're going to use it.
  - vii. Jake: There were concerns about the ambiguity about how the executive would use the money and it's on the assembly so I urge the assembly to be cautious about moving it since there's no certain allocation in moving all these funds. Motion to accept my amendment.
  - viii. Eric Veal: Are there any objections to accepting the motion? Seeing an objection.
  - ix. Jake: I urge all of you to consider that not all these funds have plans and there can always be another motion to get more money.
  - x. Issac Gardner: We got the same exact lecture when we were passing it. The whole idea that we won't know how to spend that money is not true.
  - xi. Erin Neely: What would happen if we move money?
  - xii. Tyler Watt: If we leave money at the LDF at the end of the assembly, it will remain at the start of the new assembly.
  - xiii. Margaret Peterman: Would it be possible to put this money back to the reserve.



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- xiv. Tyler Watt: Yes, if we feel our reserve isn't high enough.
- xv. Jake: I appreciate the reference to the sentiments to the last time we talked about it. There was a conversation of slashing the exec budget when there were plans which is why we proposed an in depth line item budget. This is student money. Allocating money just because we can, I urge you all to consider the fact that other initiatives might come up.
- xvi. Larissa King: I agree with the VP. But just because we have the money doesn't mean we need to spend it.
- xvii. Eric Veal: There's a motion to accept the amendments. Does anyone object to the passage of the amendments? Objection noted. We will now vote. The amendment passes. There's a motion to the previous question. Motion passes. Does anyone object to the passage of this resolution? Seeing and hearing none, the motion passes.
- f. [LDA Motion IV](#): Women's Conference Funding
  - i. Eric Veal: Does anyone object to the passage of the motion. Seeing an objection.
  - ii. Margaret Peterman: We have three amazing speakers. I made this objection because I want to cut the amount of money from 1900 to 1700. Motion to accept amendment.
  - iii. Eric Veal: Are there any objections? Seeing and hearing none. Does anyone object to the passage of this motion? Seeing and hearing none, this motion passes.
- g. [CA 14-008](#): The Coast to Coast Representation Act
  - i. Eric Veal: Does anyone object to the passage of this? Seeing an objection.
  - ii. Larissa King: This would create an out of state ex-officio position. Rep Clark felt uncomfortable that there could be an assembly with all in-state students and that there should be a student to represent those out of state as well.
  - iii. Issac Gardner: When this went through rules, we had less than ten minutes to discuss this. I understand that there are some that would have to get delayed if it doesn't get passed today. Rules need to see this again. I think we should hold off on passing this.
  - iv. Larissa King: In Rules, rep Clark and I said anyone could reach out to us about this and no one did.
  - v. Riley Kina: What are your issues with this?
  - vi. Issac Gardner: There was a lot of debate in committee and that's an important place to do these things. Just the debate in committee, there will be things that will come up.



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- vii. Hana Kisswani: One of the points is that there wasn't going to be a graduate position. One of the issues that was brought up in committee was already addressed. So we should reconsider.
- viii. Riley Kina: Did you know that ex-officio members don't need to be fulfilled. There's a probability that could happen.
- ix. Issac Gardner: I do understand that. I don't see that there are no out of state students happening.
- x. Wade Velkey: Committee is one way to debate these things and we've had a decent amount of time to look over this bill.
- xi. Mario Thaqi: I'm not convinced that I'm in favor of this amendment. A lot of things that were brought up by out of state students are important, but the same kind of problems that out of state students face are also faced by international students. We do have international exofficio members that advocate for those types of things. Do we add other ex officio members from other groups, etc?
- xii. Larissa King: I don't believe an international exofficio position isn't the same as out of state as their needs are different. This is for out of state. In state students don't face as many barriers because they're out of state students. My second semester freshman year, I was hospitalized but my mom could only be here two days because of time and money.
- xiii. Hayden Jackson: There's a talk about the possibility of the CSG being in state. I'm not sure how that's more possible than it being all out of state students. The possibility of that is miniscule. I find it troubling that graduate students are left out of the calculations. The numbers don't make the argument well. How is it the case that there's a possibility that out of state students are not represented at all.
- xiv. Larissa King: A lot of emphasis is being placed on this hypothetical. We felt that the out of state out of state perspective is unique. The only reason we brought that point up is because it is a hypothetical.
- xv. Angelica Previero: My biggest issue is going through this amendment in one meeting rather than two since it's so big.
- xvi. Hayden Jackson: Motion to re-refer to committee
- xvii. Eric Veal: There is an objection. We will now vote. The motion passes.  
This resolution is re-referred to the rules committee.

### 9. Reconsiderations

- a. Eric Veal: There are no reconsiderations.

### 10. Matters Arising and Announcements



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- a. Riley Kina: Please take out your calendars so I want to push some of the events for this week. We're halfway done with this month, so I expect you to go to at least one. I'm happy to go with you.
  - b. Jake: I put in the assembly the events I'm planning to go to so let me know. I want to thank you for the questions and everything we got through in the exec reports. I want to urge you to come to learn about the executive.
  - c. Mario Thaqi: Please volunteer to sort through the clothes for Go Blue Goes Green. I want to thank Vincent Pinti and Ryan Schmidt for their years of service in CSG.
  - d. Margaret Peterman: I want to encourage everyone to encourage others to run in the elections. It's a great opportunity. This is a great way to get involved.
  - e. Angelica Previero: I know the resolution didn't pass yet, but I made a status update tracker. Especially if you passed legislation.
  - f. Erin Neely: I am helping to plan an event. Next Friday, if all goes well, we'll be holding our memorial vigil for disabled people in filicide.
  - g. Eric Veal: I want to acknowledge rep Pinit and Schmidt, two people I have a deep respect for. I'm grateful for their contributions. We're in unprecedented times. As we're looking day to day, we're questioned by certain things day in and day out. Let's leave room for each other in processing and here as a support system.
11. Closing and Adjournment
- a. Lucas Korn calls closing role -> Quorum is met
  - b. Eric Veal adjourns the meeting at 11 pm