

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-NINTH SESSION

February 2nd, 2023 Minutes

Zoom via <https://msu.zoom.us/j/91252884043>

I. Call to Order *7:09 pm*

A. Land Acknowledgment

- a. “Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi peoples. The university resides on land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw.”

B. Roll Call

- a. Quorum has been met

C. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve
- b. So moved

D. Approval of Minutes

- a. [01/19/2023 Minutes](#)
- b. Motion to approve
- c. Seconded
- d. Rep Mandwee: explained how he felt the minutes were unrepresentative of what was said at the meeting
- e. Motion to amend was made
- f. Rep Smith: expressed opposition to the motion.
- g. Rep Mandwee: reiterated his experience, and further explained why it is important to know what happened
- h. Rep Le: explained the general understanding of minute taking according to Roberts Rules.
- i. Rep Mandwee: explained distinction between minutes taken on what Representative Le spoke on and what he spoke on.
- j. Rep Smith: further explained opposition to changes made to the minutes.
- k. Rep Tocco: motion to call to question
- l. Motion fails
- m. Rep Mandwee: spoke on a past bill that was introduced into the General Assembly, as well as how he believes minutes should be taken.
- n. Rep Zivian: spoke on behalf of JSU on subjects mentioned by Rep Mandwee.
- o. Rep Tocco: called to question
- p. Seconded
- q. Rep Le: made a point of clarification on whether Rep Zivian was consulted on what his statements said
- r. Rep Mandwee: clarified for Rep Le
- s. Call to question fails
- t. Rep Zivian: clarified that he was not consulted.

- u. Rep Smith: encouraged fellow representatives to vote no, and expressed desire to move on from issue.
- v. Rep Smith: motion to call to question
- w. Seconded
- x. Question has been called
- y. Motion to amend minutes has failed
- z. Motion to approve minutes
- aa. Seconded
- bb. Minutes have been approved

II. Public Comment

- A. “All ASMSU employees are Responsible Employees. This means we are required to report all incidents of sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual misconduct, stalking, and relationship violence that are observed or learned about in this meeting to the Office of Institutional Equity. You can learn more at OIE’s website. This statement is meant to provide the public with the information needed to make an informed decision about their stories.”
- B. Raquel (President of DreamMSU): spoke on community efforts to make MSU a sanctuary campus.
- C. Megan: spoke on efforts to make MSU a sanctuary campus
- D. Kathleen: expressed support for making MSU a sanctuary campus
- E. Several other comments were made on the MSU sanctuary campus bill (add from list)
- F. Nicholas: expressed support for MSU sanctuary campus bill on behalf of Freshman Class Council

III. Presentations

IV. Reports

- A. Assembly Members
 - a. Rep Mandwee: spoke on an incident that occurred after the last GA meeting where a racially biased act was committed against him.
 - b. Rep Smith: spoke on what was said during Representative Mandwee’s reports, and the incident.
 - c. Rep Tocco: spoke on back and forth between representatives.
 - d. Rep Lochrie: spoke on an RHA event on Friday at Wells Hall, where a movie will be played.
 - e. Rep Le: spoke on upcoming APASO events, and thanked everyone for attending Cultural Vogue.
 - f. President Kovach: spoke on discussions happening with CDEIO Hamid and Genyne Royal on topics mentioned during this meeting.
 - g. Rep Zivian: spoke on the incident that took place after the last GA meeting.
- B. Committees
 - a. Rep Tocco: reported on issues keeping quorum in academic committee
- C. [Office of the President](#)
- D. [Chief Officers](#)

E. [Advisor](#)

V. Action Items

A. Consent Business

- a. [59-62: Appointment Bill for College of Engineering](#)
 - i. Introducer VPAA Iturralde: explained the bill
 - ii. Seconded VPSA Omar: reiterated what VP Iturralde said
- b. [59-64: Appointment to Academic Governance](#)
 - i. Introducer VPAA Iturralde: explained the appointments
 - ii. Seconded VPSA Omar: reiterated what VP Iturralde said
- c. Both bills pass

B. Old Business

C. New Business

- a. [59-48: Modernization of Clean Water Infrastructure At MSU](#)
 - i. Introducer Barash: explained the bill, and why it is needed at MSU. Emphasized the health hazards of MSU's water.
 - ii. Seconded Le: reiterated what Rep Barash said, and motioned to change seconder to Rep Tocco.
 - iii. Rep Barash: motion to suspend the rules to change seconder to Rep Tocco.
 - iv. So moved
 - v. Seconded Tocco: reiterated what Rep Le and Rep Barash said. Asked fellow reps to support bill
 - vi. Rep Attia: spoke on water quality and supported bill
 - vii. Rep Mandwee: expressed support for bill.
 - viii. Rep Lochrie: expressed support for bill.
 - ix. Rep Smith: shared personal experience with water on campus
 - x. Bill 59-48 Passes
- b. [59-49: Establish MSU as a Sanctuary Campus](#)
 - i. Introducer Le: explained what bill asks for, and why bill is important.
 - ii. Seconded Mendoza: reiterated what Rep Le said
 - iii. Rep Tocco: expressed support for bill
 - iv. Senior Class President Jack Metty: expressed support for the bill on behalf of the senior class council.
 - v. Rep Smith: motioned for an amendment that would advocate for MSU to help students pursue permanent residency
 1. Seconded
 2. Amendment passes
 - vi. Drew Gardner: expressed support for bill
 - vii. Rep Barash: expressed support for bill
 - viii. Bill 59-49 passes
- c. [59-61: Propose Referendum for the Renewal of the ASMSU General Tax, Safe Ride Tax, and Readership Tax](#)
 - i. Introducer VPFO Adusumilli: explained what bill would do.

- ii. Secondar Mendoza: reiterated what VPFO Adusumilli said
- iii. Rep Smith: asked VPFO about taxes and SafeRide
- iv. VPFO Adusumilli: clarified that many opportunities have been given to representatives to discuss SafeRide
- v. Rep Mandwee: stated that he will abstain from the bill.
- vi. Rep Barash: asked about when adjustments need to be made before elections
- vii. VPFO Adusumilli: made clarifications about adjustments to SafeRide
- viii. Rep Tocco: explained support for bill
- ix. VPFO Adusumilli: clarified that this bill is just about funding SafeRide, and expressed disappointment with GA
- x. Rep Smith: asked if SafeRide operates in the summer
- xi. VPFO: clarified that SafeRide does not operate in the summer.
- xii. Rep Smith: proposed amendment to bill
- xiii. Amendment fails
- xiv. Rep Lochrie: explained that this bill is not to increase SafeRide's tax
- xv. Rep Attia: asked clarifying question about contracts
- xvi. VPFO: provided information about the two contracts that ASMSU has regarding SafeRide
- xvii. Rep Attia: asked questions about SafeRide drivers
- xviii. VPFO: clarified that there are certain requirements to be a SafeRide driver.
- xix. GA Liaison Drew Gardner: expressed support for SafeRide, and emphasized importance of renewal of SafeRide tax
- xx. Rep Barash: emphasized importance of student input, and provided a point of information on a bill currently in finance committee to improve SafeRide services.
- xxi. Rep Mandwee: spoke on the importance of changes being made to SafeRide services
- xxii. Rep Tocco: motion to call to question
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Question has been called.
- xxiii. Bill 59-61 Passes 23 - yes, 0 - no, 3 - abs
- d. [59-63: Removal of Representative O'Connor from ASMSU's General Assembly](#)
 - i. Introducer VPAA Iturralde: explained what the bill would do, and what the code outlines for absences
 - ii. Secondar VPSA Omar: reiterated what VPAA Iturralde said
 - iii. Rep Tocco: asked question about replacements for Rep O'Connor
 - iv. VPIA Grondin: answered with information on replacements
 - v. Rep Tocco: asked question about whether O'Connor was contacted
 - vi. VPIA Grondin: clarified that the representative has been contacted
 - vii. Rep Tocco: asked if HR has reached out to O'Connor.
 - viii. VPIA Grondin: clarified that HR's purview extends to all of ASMSU
 - ix. Rep Haitaian: asked question about why this was not brought up earlier
 - x. VPIA Grondin: spoke on leniency regarding attendance during the last semester.

- xi. Rep Smith: made a point regarding those who have applied to fill the vacancy.
- xii. VPIA Grondin: spoke on the interested parties for the position.
- xiii. Rep Smith: asked question about why Rep O'Connor is being removed specifically
- xiv. VPIA Grondin: clarified that Rep O'Connor has had the worst record
- xv. Rep Tocco: asked question
- xvi. VPIA Grondin: outlined resources for Reps to go to if they have questions or problems
- xvii. Rep Barash: thanked VPIA for leniency, and asked for a final warning given to Representative.
- xviii. President Kovach: echoed VPIA Grondin's sentiments, and noted the reality of the situation.
- xix. Rep Le: expressed support for bill, and explained why.
- xx. CoS Harrison: asked question regarding individuals who would be replacing the representative
- xxi. Rep Attia: advised other representatives to vote no on the bill.
- xxii. Rep Young: spoke on the quality of the representative's work, and spoke to the fact that he's not here
- xxiii. Rep Le: noted that ComArtSci is not being represented
- xxiv. Rep Tocco: motion to table bill
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Bill has been tabled

VI. Discussion Items

VII. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. Thursday, January 26th, Third floor of the Student Services Building
 - i. Academic Committee- 6:30, Rm 328A
 - ii. Policy Committee- 7:00, Rm 328B
 - iii. Finance Committee- 7:30, Conference rm 6 in Basement
- B. Class Councils!!!
 - a. Freshman Class Council, Monday, January 23rd, 6:00 pm
 - b. Junior/Sophomore Class Council, Wednesday, January 25th, 6:30 pm
 - c. Seniors Class Council, Monday, January 23rd, 5:00 pm

VIII. Final Roll Call

Motion to use last roll call as final roll call

Seconded

Motion was rescinded

IX. Member's Privilege

Motion to waive

So moved



X. Adjournment *9:30 pm*