



**Student Council General Body Meeting**  
Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 PM Central Time  
Havener Center, Carver-Turner Room  
1346 N Bishop Ave, Rolla, MO 65409  
**Official Meeting Minutes**

**Officers Present:**

Sammi Young, Martin De La Hunt, Grace Giesler, Lucas Ethington, Jordan Ropp

**Executives Present:**

Kylie Reiner, Dylan Fritz, Markus Baur, Madison Jolly, Auston Obsuth, Venkata Gurram, Sai Ghowtham Madala, Aiden Adams, Mohamed Elshiekh, Reese Newland, Josh Rehwaldt, John Gallagher

**Voting Representatives and Proxies Present:**

Caroline Buechter, Meimona Ibrahim, Connor Gasparich, Alexander Saigh, Deshaun Arlington, Morgan Taylor, Thomas Merchiori, Charlie Heil, Gabriel Snyder, Jackson Loehr, Michael Madrid, Sarah Carpenter, Kate Fogarty, Allison Poe, David Theodorou, Ethan Keuhn, Nathan Poelzl, Liatrix Parker-Reece, Nicholas Driscoll, Xavier Uveges, Jacob Henderson, Riley Salmi, Trevor Stammmler, Jamie Koester, Michael Lowes, Ryan Liley, Joshua Walkenhorst, Elizabeth Telthorst, Henry Winfrey, Hanna Condrey, Bruce Burgo, Thomes Strohmeier, Tyler Mehl, Remy Haire, Landon Alexander, Pranav Kondapaneni, Aislynn Baker, Daniel Larson, Lana Dizdarevic, Breanna Breedlove, Allen Ho, Preston Barciszewski, Elizabeth Reyna, Russell Frank, John Baker, Talon Jones, Emily Ohlendorf, Kathryn Zychinski, Jay Balasubramanian, Gwyneth Baggett, Silas Porter, Andrew Schuerman, Zander Kimberlin-Poore, Vincent Stanfill, Miles Jaques, Samuel Steele, Keith Kasitz, Dalton Bealer, CheyAnn Johnson, Evan Richard, Terran Cummings, Shawn Rottinghaus, Jesse Lynch, Evan Richard, Benjamin Rodrigue, Brendan Crotty, Ryan Highfill

**Speaking Members Present:**

Venkata Sai Sowmya, James Wise, Xavier Ross, Terran Cummings

**Guest Speakers Present:**

Simran Bhatia

## Proceedings

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM, presided by Sammi Young. 83 Voting Representatives were in attendance, 30 were required to meet quorum.
2. The agenda was approved as published with no objections.
3. The minutes from August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were approved with no changes. The minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were postponed until the next meeting.
4. Student Wellbeing Speaker
  - a. Simran Bhatia

Simran Bhatia gave her presentation on the Student Wellbeing Office. Student Wellbeing offers multiple services to students, including screening with someone in the office, needs based help from others, group counseling, wellness consultation. Screening can be ordered online, and department counseling is given for free by a licensed official. The student Wellness Office also provides: free coaching, alcohol and marijuana safety information, goal-setting help, LGBT support, nutritional guidance, and self-care information.

Individual clubs can also request that the Student Wellbeing Office give presentations at meetings. The Office provides Step Up! bystander intervention training to help people recognize problems.

Simran Bhatia also informs us that next week (October 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>) is Mental Wellbeing Awareness week. The office sponsors the Miner Oasis, a place for students to relax. Free tea and coffee are provided for students along with lounging space. The office provides an app, BetterYou, to help individuals set goals and challenges. Last month's challenge was for number of steps taken.

On Monday (October 9<sup>th</sup>) there will be a resource fair with at night thriving kits. On Tuesday (October 10<sup>th</sup>) there will be connection night, with various workshops and wellbeing ambassador training.

Q: Sammi Young: Are the groups aimed toward anyone, can anyone join a group?

A: Simran Bhatia: Yes, anyone can join there has been discussion of individualistic groups, and we may do more if the one this semester is popular. Often these sessions are 3 hours long.

Q: Ryan Lilley: Are the office's hours on MinerLink?

A: Simran: Yes.

5. New Business
  - a. SAFB Professional Projects Budget Approval

➤ Budget:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ByIcrINPq07gyQWyfk8rlRrjkomZwymz0gtfkp5wcbk/edit#gid=0>

Unknown: For some of the new members, can you show how these are organized?

Josh Rehwaldt: We receive those budgets, then go through them and see if they are okay. Teams that aren't new can get 50%. New teams can get 100%. Engineers Without Borders can get most of their funds from specific corporations. Biomedical can get \$6000 as they are eligible for 100% funding. If we recommended them 75% and left everyone else alone, everyone's budgets would move up to 32.5% funding. Solar Car had an overage, so they didn't need any.

Sammi Young: We are voting on percentages.

Thomas Strohmeier: What does the percent redlined mean?

Josh Rehwaldt: That is how much can't be funded by rule. Miner Aviation and Solar House have larger travel budgets (which cannot be funded), so it's more of a precaution so that they don't go over the allowable budget.

The question was called. A two-thirds majority was required for approval. The vote was taken by Electronic Ballot.

Aye	63 Votes (95.45%)
No	3 Votes (5.55%)

The SAFB Professional Projects Budget for FS2023-SP2024 was passed.

**b. SAFB Campus Events Budget Approval – India Association Diwali Festival**

- Budget: <https://mailmissouri.sharepoint.com/:x/s/StudentCouncil-Ogrp-SAFB/EWrgHXWtcoBMpvZuYtewEvYBrblywbjw6bdrWHwZiSOc7Q?e=8TbGoT>

Four members came up to talk about the Diwali Festival: Our club is a non-profit, for the welfare and benefit of our Indian Students. Every year our club helps with students' international travel, local travel, guidance with coursework, schedule planning. Our club, in addition to Diwali, hosts the Holi celebration. We have held this celebration before, but this year we wanted to do it in a better way. The last two years we haven't held Diwali, and we want to go for a larger scale. We are requesting 60% of our budget of \$10,000 be paid for by SAFB.

These numbers are based off of the numbers from the Holi festival. The major difference is renting Leach. We don't want to waste money, so we are decreasing the price for cash and check payments. We will also be renting the kitchen and using student chefs to decrease the price further. We want to get things from organizations to reduce our costs. During the days leading up to the event, we provide things like food and other items for those volunteering. This year it will not be held on Good Friday so we can get more students involved. We will be getting ingredients from India, which we will need to import. For this, we will be renting vehicles from the university to get to St. Louis to pick up the items. We spent \$500 on Holi for decorations, and we need more. John Gallagher attended, and he can attest that it was a good event.

A motion was made to amend the SAFB Recommendation of 50% funding of the event's budget to 60%.

**Q:** Ryan Lille: Have you talked to the Explosives department about having them make your fireworks?

**A:** We got no reply, as soon as we get it, prices should go down.

**Q:** Miles Jaques: How many people do you anticipate will attend?

**A:** 650 to 700 will attend. We want to find some sponsors to make the price more affordable. We want to make it a decent price for a larger scale of people.

**Q:** No costume price is listed?

**A:** We have estimated the costume price, and we cannot return them. This will reduce our upcoming costs, as we will reuse them.

**Q:** Markus Baur: Is the ticket price of \$15 or \$18 factored in to the budget.

**A:** No, we want to lower it if we get sponsorships or anything else.

The question was called. A two-thirds majority was required for approval. The vote was taken by Electronic Ballot.

Aye	32 Votes (46.38%)
No	37 Votes (53.62%)

The amendment failed. Discussion resumed on the originally recommended 50% funding.

The question was called. A two-thirds majority was required for approval. The vote was taken by Electronic Ballot.

Aye	57 Votes (85.07%)
No	10 Votes (14.93%)

The SAFB Campus Events Budget for India Association's Diwali passed as originally introduced.

### **c. New Member Confirmation**

Josh Rehwaldt: Markus Baur is applying to be a member of SAFB. He is treasurer for Women in Nuclear, so he has a good idea about what SAFB does.

Markus Baur: I am also the CEC lead and I want to help as a member of SAFB.

### **[Discussion Redacted]**

The question was called. A two-thirds majority was required for approval. The vote was taken by Electronic Ballot.

Markus Baur	51 Votes (86.44%)
No Confidence	8 Votes (13.56%)

Markus Baur was confirmed as a member of SAFB.

## **6. Reports**

### **a. President – Sammi Young**

- Family Weekend/ Celebration of Nations!
- Committees
- Leech Theater- Group Tickets/ Movie Nights
- Dean of Libraries (Dr. Gerlich)-
- Student Library Advisory Group

**b. Vice President of Operations – Martin De La Hunt**

Hope career fair went well for everyone! Go make bank.

I'm working on reviving a proper New Member Orientation. Two quick requests for comments from new and old members:

- What is one thing you wish you had been told when you first joined STUCO?
- What do you think all new members need to know?

If it short, say it now. If it's longer, please send it to my email or on the Discord server.

Also, Join the Discord! <https://stuco.mst.edu/discord>

**c. Vice President of Student Services – Grace Giesler**

Winter Break St. Louis Shuttle

**d. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Lucas Ethington**

Library Student Advisory Committee is being started.

**e. Wellness and Professional Services Liaison – Kylie Reiner**

- STEP UP! Program Certifications
- To empower peers to become upstanders
- Why get a certification
- <https://stepup.mst.edu>

**f. College of Engineering and Computing Committee Lead – Markus Baur**

Still looking for student representatives for CEC departments.

Hope you all had fun at the career fair and learned a lot!

**g. College of Arts, Science and Education Committee Lead – Madison Jolly**

- Still in need for department reps for the CASE Advisory Boards!
  - English and Technical Communication
  - Mathematics and Statistics
  - Psychology
  - Biology
  - Physics (?)

Email me or come see me if you are interested. Tell your friends!

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**h. Kummer College Committee Lead – Auston Obsuth**

- S&T Startup Challenge, Team Sign-Up Deadline October 1st
- October 9th is Kummer Day
- Day Event, Presentations & Complimentary Lunch (registered attendees only)
- Entrepreneurship Panel Presentation in Carver Turner, Required for the Startup Challenge
- Kummer College Committee (Reaching Out Soon)
- Academic Advisory Board (Business?)

**i. Community Liaison – Aiden Adams**

PEV Policy Update: Updated version passed, moving on to chancellor to sign and will then go into effect

TL;DR: Electric scooters, hoverboards, or other electric vehicles are allowed on campus, but will be prohibited inside any building (the batteries pose a fire hazard)

Charging options are being investigated, however, as of right now, there's no place to leave and charge them on campus

**j. Student Activity Finance Board Lead – Josh Rehwaldt**

- DSF Open Forum – Oct. 10, 2023, Carver/Turner, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
  - Opportunity for any student to voice opinions/questions/concerns about the student activity fee
  - Includes never-before-seen information about Havener Center, Capital Fund, and Athletics fees
  - Complain about how your relevant fund doesn't have money and/or recommend improvements
- Club Appropriations Training – October 14th, 2023, Eng. Mgmt. 103, 5:00 PM
  - Mandatory for all organizations wishing to receive SAFB funding for Spring 2024
  - If you had a rep attend the RSO summit SAFB information session, you have received equivalent training and do not need to attend
- Join SAFB <https://safb.mst.edu/applicationsforms>
  - Employers keep calling my personal number because I put financial experience on my résumé
  - Join SAFB for a similar experience at the following spring career fair
- New FAQs just dropped <https://safb.mst.edu>
  - Direct suggestions for additions/changes

**k. Associated Students of the University of Missouri – Nathan Poelzl**

We will be at the Hazing Prevention and Awareness Week Table at the Library on Friday

Petition to Stop ASUM Central's Funding Model Revision:

<https://forms.gle/HGxZ8ZhRKqsoBYA7A>

**l. Student Union Board – Gabriel Snyder**

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- Taking applications for next semester director positions!
- Sub.mst.edu for more information
- SHPE x SUB Movie Night
- This Friday, 8pm at the puck showing Spare Parts
- Homecoming packets: Coming soon

#### 7. Say Anything (Complaint and Suggestions Forum)

- No sanitizing wipes in eating areas
- CS 3rd floor requires a Student ID to get OUT. CS has a prison cell
- Library 202 also has a prison cell. "It's not a bug it's a feature"
- Robot fell in the construction pit
- Public MinerLink events appear in eConnection automatically
- Issues with little notice on financial issues
- Career Fair was EXTREMELY crowded this year: Please tell us which companies will just say to apply online? Getting QRcoded stinks
- Career Fair Shuttles are on no schedule whatsoever: Par for the course with shuttles on campus
- Classes are still required even though we are all encouraged to go to the fair: Is it possible to force all classes to be optional that day, even if they're not canceled?
- Force companies to select each major they're hiring manually. No "all majors" option
- Recruiters confused by Miner Mingle, need to be told what it is: Became MinerRama 2.0
- Miner Mingle needs clearer dress code, slight format changes and name changes.
- Why did they cage us in at Miner Mingle?
- Miner Mingle table sizes are a lie
- More companies need to hire international students / sponsor them
- Tell freshmen that they probably won't get an internship. Advertise as networking or experience for job hunting
- Miner Mingle needs clearer advertising
- Who is a student and who is a recruiter at Miner Mingle?
- More about putting majors together at Miner Mingle?

#### 8. Announcements

- Friday – Perfect 10 Improv Murder Mystery Dinner Party at 7PM at TJ
- Friday – at 8pm SHPE Movie Night at the Puck
- Thursday – SWE Tye Dye event from 1-3 at the Puck
- Thursday – 5-9pm in TJ east lot: PiratePalooza
- Friday – 8 to 11pm Stars Observatory Event
- Kummer Day on Oct. 9 in Havener Center
- Saturday – Football Game and Tailgate!
- Sunday – 2pm Wind Symphony Concert

#### 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM (101 Minutes).

**Information Regarding Minutes**

Minutes Completed By: Cameron Ashley, Clerk of the Council  
Minutes Completed On: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Minutes Reviewed By: Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations  
Minutes Reviewed On: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023