



Student Council General Body Meeting

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 6:30 PM Central Time

Havener Center, Carver-Turner Room

1346 N Bishop Ave, Rolla, MO 65409

Official Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Wulfe Retzlaff, Will Jeffries, Martin De La Hunt, Raheemat Rafiu, Jared Caldwell

Executives Present:

Chase Johnson, Lee Coyle, Jordan Ropp, Aaron Berkhoff, Mark Cavanaugh, Ibrahim Abdullahi, Olajide Adetunji, Kiran Makkapati, Yugandhara Eriyagama, Joshua Rehwaldt, Jonathan Affalter

Voting Members and Proxies Present:

Chase Johnson, Trent Holtgrave, Jordan Ropp, Delaney Pipkin, Eugene Gyawu, Andrew Kuhl, Sarah Bogel, Victor Anyanna, Irshad Shaik, Michael Lowes, Marie Booge, Sara McDaniel, Rowan Torbitzky-Lane, Benjamin Peterson, Abid Hasan Rafi, Patrick Lynch, Logan Dietz, Lucas Ethington, Weronika Bobula, Shane Keeton, Kiran Makkapati, Kaleb O'Connor, Cindy Wilson, Caleb Moellenhoff, Megan Baris, Megan Proper, Michaela Hickerson, Dylan VanBuskirk, Andrew Winjum, Cameron Ashley, David Theodorou, Radwa Eissa, Keith Miller, Santhoshkumar Sundaramoorthy, Liatris Parker-Reece, Jarrett Ely, Christopher Ryan, Jake Lockey, Dylan Fritz, Ethan Tessaro, Ryan Van Horn, Xzavier Rainey, Omena Oberuvwu, David Miloshewski, Benjamin Young, Kevin Shannon, Hoa Nguyen, Lana Dizdarevic, Auston Obsuth, Xavier Uveges, Mallory Weiler, Jordan Walters, Hans Pommerenke, John Hansen, Emily Pesselato, Riley Salmi, Zachary Maxwell, Bruce Burgo, Elizabeth Uses Knife, Daniela Sangurima, Danielle Laurie, Benjamin Tolson, Bradley Marshall, William Lieser, Jacob Henderson, Val Marlowe, Allison Poe, Benjamin Rodrigue, Thomas Delleart, David Starkey, Anna Buchholz, Nicholas Driscoll, Xavier Ross, Sammi Young, Regis Ung, Isabelle Kane, David Thien, Trevor Stephens, Sam George, Clare Koerkenmeier, Zachary Hartfelder, Michael Schmitt, Lucas Navarro, William Strecker, Benjamin Roth, Ethan Paxson, Hannah Dinwiddie, Nehemiah Arndt, Jonah Doty, Julia Valles, Brenna Cornelison, Ryan Highfill, Ethan Schoonover, Noah Richardson, Amelia Martinez

Guest Speakers Present:

Dr. Daniel Reardon

Proceedings

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, presided by Wulfe Retzlaff.
95 Voting Members were in attendance, 64 were required to meet quorum.

Wulfe Retzlaff: How many of you went to the career fair today?

A sizeable portion of those in attendance raised their hands.

2. The agenda was approved with no changes or objections.
3. The minutes from February 7th, 2023 were approved with no changes or objections.
4. Presidential Candidates – Introductions and Questions

Wulfe Retzlaff: Since our debate didn't get much attendance, and the video file could not be saved properly, we would like to give the candidates some time to introduce themselves.

- a. Sammi Young

Sammi Young: I'm a junior Civil Engineering major, planning to graduate in May 2024. I am the president of the Spelunkers club, and have previously been the Vice President, Secretary, and Student Council Representative. I wanted to run because I enjoy representing my club, and I enjoy Student Council's meetings. I'd really like to ensure that the students' voices get heard. As representatives, we are the voice of the students and of our organizations on campus. That's an extremely important voice for students to have. We ensure that the needs of students are met, and though I'm sure they're very satisfied with that, it's currently a one-way street – students are not aware of what Student Council does for them on a daily basis. My goals are to ensure the voices of students are heard, use our resources to find time and methods to reach out to them, and gather the feedback they have to give us. It's also very important for the voices of organizations to be heard. I want you, your organizations, and the students to know: If you invest in me, I'll make sure that the voices of the students are always the most important, and that they are always heard.

- b. Markus Baur

Markus Baur: I'm a junior studying Nuclear Engineering with minors in Chemistry and Pre-Med. I have been the Treasurer for Women in Nuclear Engineering. I was motivated to run for Student Body President when I noticed a significant lack of student involvement and excitement surrounding student events. To increase the involvement of students in and around campus, I want to use Student Council to increase the energy both on and off campus. The local Christmas Market, for example, is supported by the ECO Miners. I would love to see more involvement between the community and campus organizations like that.

The floor was then opened for questions.

- Q: Amelia Martinez, KMNR: Both of you are interesting candidates, but it comes down to student interest and engagement. How are you going to motivate students to get involved at the highest level?

- A: Sammi Young: It's important for Student Council to take the initiative to reach out to members by using committees, open houses, an open door policy, and giving opportunities to ask questions to the President. When it comes to organizational outreach, my club is also very small, and I agree that it's highly important for students to be involved on campus. We need to show students what we're doing by improving the existing methods we already have of reaching out to them.
- A: Markus Baur: I'd like to focus on the latter part of your question. When I first got here, I almost immediately got overinvolved, and stretched myself too thin. My goal is to create small activities for students to take part in where, as opposed to clubs, they won't feel out of place when attending for the first time, and it won't take too much time. For example, a video introduction or a scavenger hunt. I joked about this at the debate, but I had the idea to film a video with my brother for social media, where he rides a horse through campus just before the start of the semester saying "The students are coming! The students are coming!"
- Q: Michael Lowes, Automoto Performance Engineering Society: What are your plans to make our voices better heard by upper leadership on campus, for example, the Chancellor?
- A: Sammi Young: The Student Body President meets regularly with high leadership on campus, so communication between the two is not likely to be the problem. Perhaps administration doesn't want some of our projects to go through, but many students also don't know what Student Council is and aren't giving us the feedback we need to help improve campus.
- A: Markus Baur: The President meets with the Chancellor a lot. We're all numbers-driven here, so maybe bringing more concrete data and numbers to leadership would inspire more change.
- A: Sammi Young: We also need to address the fact that we have some small minorities on campus, groups of about ten to twenty people. For example, who represents our student workers?
- Q: Shane Keeton, Ultimate Club – Miner Threat: What do you do in the officer positions that you currently have within your clubs?
- A: Sammi Young: When I was Secretary, I did organizational things, minutes, etc. The Vice President position was just helping the President and representing the club on Student Council. As President, I try to focus on outreach and finding new members. We're the oldest caving grotto in Missouri, but we don't really look the part. I'm trying to change that. I also changed the management within our club to get the officers more involved.
- A: Markus Baur: As Treasurer for my organization, I balanced the budget and made sure we had enough money for what we need, without having too much left over. I also worked with the other officers to plan events and organize rooms.

Wulfe Retzlaff: You can reach both of them via email. One last round of applause for our candidates!

A round of applause was given.

5. External Student Success Services – Presentation and Feedback

a. Dr. Daniel Reardon

- See the presentation slides at <https://stuco.mst.edu/2023feb21>.

Daniel Reardon addressed Student Council:

I am the Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. That title is really meaningless, so here's what we manage: Experiential Learning, LEAD, the Advising Center, the Design Center (SDELC), the Student Success Center, the Student Veterans Resource Center, the Study Abroad program, and the Writing Center. Essentially, our job is to ensure you're doing well in your courses at Missouri S&T. I believe that anything we do for the students, should include the students, which is why I'm here today.

We are considering a new student support service – my department has narrowed it down to two options. We're looking for you to help us pick one of the two at the end of this presentation.

Option 1: Mentor Collective.

One of the presidential candidates spoke about getting onto campus and getting overstretched and overinvolved. It's also possible to be under involved and not know what to do. When I got to college, I didn't get advice about which classes to take when, and when not to take them. Mentors are a great resource for new students to avoid that situation.

Option 2: Knack

Knack is different from Mentor Collective in that Knack is strictly for academic tutoring. The tool will solicit successful students for one-on-one tutoring or small group tutoring of students who need it. The tutoring is on-time, as in immediate – not scheduled. The tutors, which you will have options to choose between, will be available even on evening and night hours, as opposed to the schedule on which LEAD sessions operate.

In short, Mentor Collective provides a mentor for new students, while Knack provides academic tutoring. Both services would be by S&T students, for S&T students – tutors and mentors would both be S&T students. Both services would pay approximately \$18 per hour, which is better than many on-campus jobs.

Q: Keith Miller, Eta Kappa Nu: As far as Knack goes, how can you ensure that there are enough tutors at any given time to meet demand? LEAD has trouble scheduling PLAs sometimes as it is.

A: Daniel Reardon: This would help to supplement LEAD. Getting enough tutors will be left up to Knack. According to the company, they have a 95% success rate getting 3 tutors at all times at schools of our size.

Q: Amelia Martinez, KMNR: This is solely based on student participation. What is it about Knack that students can't facilitate between themselves?

A: Daniel Reardon: Our department is paying for this, not the students. The number one issue with tutoring is availability and scheduling. Facilitating between students doesn't always work with the busy schedules many students here have.

- Q:** Amelia Martinez, KMNR: So the school is paying for the platform?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: Yes. Tutors also get to set their own hours. Hiring this service will increase the pay rate for student tutors who join.
- Q:** Lucas Ethington, Rocket Design Team: How can they pay students more than we can?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: We pay a flat rate per year based on our size, but they have 180 partner institutions around the country. So, we're also benefitting from the big contracts that they have with schools like MIT or California Tech.
- Q:** Amelia Martinez, KMNR: So pay rate is dependent on the other schools that participate in Knack. If other schools drop, will the rate go down as well?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: No. The rate is set for the length of the contract.
- Q:** Michael Lowes, Automoto Performance Engineering Society: Any chance the funding for this could be better used somewhere else?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: Maybe. If you have a better idea, let me know! These are the two ideas that will be most helpful to students on campus, according to surveys we've collected.
- Q:** Raheemat Rafiu, Vice President of Academic Affairs: What is the contract length?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: One year. I will come back after that to see if it's working for students, and from there I'll try to get it funded indefinitely.
- Q:** Benjamin Roth, Sigma Nu: Is there a rating system for tutors?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: Absolutely. You will be able to rate them after every session.
- Q:** Olajide Adetunji, Student Diversity Liaison: What plans have been put in place for people just coming in to the school – how do we convince people to use it?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: Through my partnerships with directors of every student involvement program on campus, we'll be publicizing this at every advising and registration event, in the eConnection, and through various other tools.
- Q:** Sam George, Southwinds: What's your solicitation process for tutors? Recommendations from faculty? GPA? Through an application?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: Tutor positions are applied for at the start of the semester. Whether or not a student is accepted will depend on their performance in particular courses. Applicants will have the option to say what they would like to tutor or mentor in. On Knack, faculty members can also send in a recommendation to hire a student.
- Q:** Delaney Pipkin, American Society for Engineering Management: We have both of these services on campus, but not to the same capacity. Since they will be paying higher rates, would it draw tutors away from things such as the Student Success Center?
- A:** Daniel Reardon: We've been told that will not be the case. If it turns out tutors and mentors are being drawn away from the services on campus, we'll discontinue this program. We expect that some tutors will likely double up and do both.

Link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/SySxPKjulyiEdCas9>

6. Old Business

a. Bill 2223B1 – Discussion and Approval

- Author: Martin De La Hunt
- Full Text: <https://stuco.mst.edu/2223b1>

Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations: On the screen [on the website at time of publication] you can see the short version of the changes made to the Constitution in this bill. The full text is on our website. Here are some of the key points. I've changed the membership structure to allow for more Representatives at Large (equivalent to Members-at-Large). There is a formula in place to ensure that organizations will still have the opportunity to hold two-thirds of the seats on Student Council. Better definitions have been given to the term "good standing" for the purposes of funding. The duties of the Officer positions have been modified to be more feasible. The Honor Code has been written into the constitution. Representatives will not be allowed to represent more than one organization. Finally, provisions have been made to allow for the correction of clerical errors. Voting will be on the next slide, so ask your questions now.

Q: Cindy Wilson, Archery Team: Will there be a grace period for us to find new representatives since we can no longer represent more than one club?

A: Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations: Yes. It will take time to implement the changes, and it's not feasible to expect enforcement or compliance until the beginning of the fall semester.

Q: Hans Pommerenke, Rugby: Does it take effect later, or now? The constitution says it comes into effect immediately. Are you saying that the rules you're proposing won't be followed?

A: Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations: Firstly, when it comes to funding, SAFB will decide whether or not to recommend funding, so if there's a concern about suddenly losing funding over this, SAFB may be able to help mitigate the issue. While there is no written grace period in the constitution, as I mentioned, it will take time for the enforcement mechanism to be created. I can't update my entire spreadsheet overnight. If you're still concerned, we could consider adding a grace period provision during discussion.

A: Wulfe Retzlaff, Student Body President: When writing these amendments, Martin's goal was to think ahead for future years. It makes sense that some things will need time to be changed and won't be feasible until next semester.

A: Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations: The new constitution will immediately take effect over the old one, but everything will take time to update. The gears will not be fully spinning until the end of the semester, most likely. Once again, if you're concerned, we could add an amendment to the bill to add a grace period until next semester.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Unknown: In Article 4, Section 3, where it says no representative shall be allowed to fill more than one seat, how will that be enforced?

Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations: We just won't approve the membership application, since it violates the constitution.

The question was called.

A $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority was required for approval.

Aye	76 Votes (89.41%)
Nay	9 Votes (10.59%)

Bill 2223B1 was approved as presented and scheduled to be placed on the Student Body Referendum for the week of February 27th, 2023. Final approval requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority of votes cast in the Student Body Referendum.

7. New Business

a. SAFB Campus Events Budget Approval – Christian Campus Fellowship St. Pats BBQ Events

➤ Budget:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z_ZZHNASHaRyFzqSGEycHCoq1pqSUdqXUF3EzmGZjtQ/edit#gid=677701351

Josh Rehwaldt, SAFB Chair: CCF is hosting their BBQ event during St. Pats weekend. This was successfully hosted before COVID and has similar line items to the budget for their O-Week BBQ.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Blake Elder, Christian Campus Fellowship: If you've never been to our events, we have brisket and hot dogs. Last time we served over 700 hot dogs from 7pm to 2am on Friday night. We also set up a fire pit in front of CCF and cooked hundreds of pounds of brisket. Traditionally, we receive 100% funding.

A motion was made to amend the budget to fund the event with 100% the budgeted amount, and was seconded.

Q: Unknown: Do we have the money for that?

A: Josh Rehwaldt, SAFB Chair: Yes.

The floor was opened for discussion on the amendment.

Unknown: What would CCF do if this isn't approved?

Blake Elder, Christian Campus Fellowship: It would just come out of our budget, but we wouldn't get to serve as much.

Unknown: I like free food!

The question was called.

A $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority was required for approval.

Aye	71 Votes (92.21%)
Nay	6 Votes (7.79%)

The amendment was passed.

Discussion resumed on the now amended budget.

The question was called.

A supermajority was required for approval.

Aye	73 Votes (94.81%)
Nay	4 Votes (5.19%)

The Campus Events Budget for the Christian Campus Fellowship St. Pats BBQ Events was approved with amendments.

b. SAFB Campus Events Budget Approval – India Association Holi

➤ Budget:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z_ZZHNASHaRyFzqSGEycHCoq1pqSUdqXUF3EzmGZjtQ/edit#gid=153012332

Josh Rehwaldt, SAFB Chair: They are hosting this event to celebrate Holi in 2023 on April 8th. The expected attendance is 500-600 people, which serves as their explanation for the large cost. I can't speak to the specifics of each number, but the members of SAFB did not see anything egregious which would lead us to not recommend the maximum 50% allowed.

Q: Cameron Ashley, American Nuclear Society: Do we have enough money?

A: Josh Rehwaldt, SAFB Chair: SAFB can only recommend up to 50%. Student Council can allocate higher amounts if you so wish.

Q: Jacob Henderson, Perfect 10 Improv, Pi Kappa Phi: Wulfe, you've been there, is this as large of an event as they say it is?

A: Wulfe Retzlaff, Student Body President: I can't attest to any of the specific quantities.

A: Josh Rehwaldt, SAFB Chair: This budget is very similar to the budgets they have submitted in the past.

Q: Olajide Adetunji, Student Diversity Liaison: Has anyone used the kitchen in Havener? Do you get charged for that?

A: Unknown: No.

Ryan Highfill, Member-at-Large, motioned to postpone until the next meeting. The motion was seconded, and no objections were made.

The Campus Events Budget for India Association Holi was postponed until the meeting on March 7th, 2023.

8. Reports

a. President – Wulfe Retzlaff

- Trashion Show

- Rewards of \$5,000; \$2,500; and \$1,250
 - 1 – 2 page statement about artistic vision and technical process
 - March 23rd deadline
 - cci@mst.edu
 - Launch Your Leadership on Sunday, February 26th (11am – 4pm)
 - Voting starts next week! Table volunteering opportunities (10am – 1pm)
- b. Vice President of Engagement and Outreach – Will Jeffries
- Follow @sandtstuco on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) (reach out to me or Lee Coyle to help advertise your organizations).
 - Please look out for announcements posted in teams after General Body meetings to show to your organizations).
- c. Vice President of Operations – Martin De La Hunt – mjd3k9@mst.edu

Tell everyone to vote in the election/referendum next week!

Stay tuned later this spring for By-Law revisions.

- d. Vice President of Student Services – Jared Caldwell – jrc5dy@mst.edu
- I'll be looking to have meetings with both the health services and career services advisory committees so if you are on those committees keep an eye out.
 - If you have any suggestions for Havener reach out to me.
- e. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Raheemat Rafiu – rbrvkf@mst.edu

Career Fair! Career Fair!! Career Fair!!!

Don't forget to connect with recruiters.

For Interviews – You can reserve private rooms online at <https://library.mst.edu>.

- f. Academic Resources Lead – Kiran Makkapati
- I'll be meeting with Dr. Winiarz to discuss improving LEAD sessions.
 - If anyone has any suggestions, let me know at km3w3@mst.edu
- g. Leadership Development Committee Lead – Chase Johnson – chasejohnson@mst.edu
- If you know anyone that you would like to recognize for their leadership and achievements, nominate them here: <https://cglink.me/2nk/s291>
 - If you've missed it, fill out the committee evaluation form: <https://cglink.me/2nk/s266>
 - Launch your Leadership is this weekend.
- h. Public Relations Committee Lead – Lee Coyle

Nothing to Report!

- i. Student Activity Finance Board Lead – Josh Rehwaldt
 - Club Appropriations Fall 2023 Budget Submission
 - Informational meeting on 2/24 in Engineering Management 103 (5-6 PM)
 - Window to submit a Fall 2023 budget opens at 5:00 PM, February 24th and closes at 5:00 PM, March 10th.
 - HIGHLY recommended attending the information meeting for all RSOs planning on submitting a budget this semester.
 - Covers common information, frequently asked questions, and the MinerLink submission process.

Please share this feedback form with your organization's treasurer:

<https://forms.gle/zc1hRvfWW6dC4fRx6>

- j. St. Pats Board President – Andrew Winingar

- Report given by Kiran Makkapati

THERE'S ONLY TWENTY-THREE DAYS UNTIL THE ONE-HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL BEST EVER ST. PATS! LET'S GET FIRED UP!!

- Green Friday 2pm on Havener Lawn
- Get your Merch
- Let's get fired up

- k. Associated Students of the University of Missouri – Kiran Makkapati

- No meeting this week
- Meeting next week
- Voter registration from 2/27-3/3, 10-2 in Havener

A brief pause was taken to allow attendees to vote on the Student Success Service Form from the guest speaker, as the QR code had malfunctioned earlier.

9. Say Anything (Complaint and Suggestions Forum)

- Organizations can sign up to welcome students at A&R days, contact PIAs or John Gallagher
- Last week – campus-owned car was driving on campus during class switch time
- Guy with microphone preaching in front of library – less than ideal
- Who planted tulips and dandelions so early????

10. Announcements

- Southwinds literary arts magazine taking submissions. <https://sites.mst.edu/southwinds>. The theme is seasons.
 - Chi Omega's Annual Spaghetti Dinner is next Sunday (Mar 5). \$10 tickets for non-Greek students, 11am-7pm. "Mission Impastable" theme.
 - KMNR Presidential debate, Monday Feb. 27th at 5pm
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- Mars Rover Design Team – Rover Reveal (March 11th, 2pm)
- FCA Guest Speaker, March 1st, 8pm in Gale-Bullman Hall of Fame Room
- BBQ Club selling at the puck on March 7th and 8th from 9 to 3
- Women’s hall of fame induction on March 8th. More info coming soon

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM (85 Minutes).

Information Regarding Minutes

Minutes Completed By: Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations
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