



**Student Council General Body Meeting**  
Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 PM Central Time  
Havener Center, Carver-Turner Room  
1346 North Bishop Avenue, Rolla, MO 65401  
**Official Meeting Minutes**

**Officers Present:**

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

**Executives Present:**

Aiden Adams, Thomas Strohmeier, Madison Jolly, Auston Obsuth, Cameron Ashley, Trevor Stammler, Dylan Fritz, Venkata Gurram, Markus Baur, Sai Ganesh Boora, Mohamed Elshiekh, Venkata Velamuri, Josh Perkins, and Gavin Hays.

**Voting Representatives and Proxies Present:**

Jason Wu, Jordan Walters, Joseph Lamm, Marie Boogie, Aaron Dubale, Vincent Stanfill, Hawa Golamee, Kana Chung, Miguel Madrigal, Lucy Fritz, Austen Solvie, Piper Ancell, Matthew Young, Morgan Taylor, William Dorsey, Lucy Chapman, Cianne Arnau, Ryan Liley, Jacob Foster, Kate Fogarty, Celia Freed, Hailey Adams, Braedon Hawkins, Kaitlyn Dunahee, Miles Jaques, Connor Bell, Ethan Keuhn, Yannis Fu, Hunter Grashoff, Logan Becherer, Aiden Tow, Joshua Chamberlain, Jack Snider, Jackson Christian, Samuel Heffer, Emily Meyer, Samuel Steele, Sebastian Laurentius, Breanna Breedlove, Everett Yan, Matthew Dominicis, Bruce Burgo, Hanna Condrey, Ehtan Mcmillan, Alexander Saigh, Dylan Bell, Kannon Rowden, Samuel Farris, Vaishnavi Mogalani, Vishsha Bitla, Jack Ackerman, Oluwakunle Moyofoluwa Ogunsakin, Olamide Olabiyi, Patrick Lynch, Farzaam Khorasani-Gerdehkouhi, Reagan Watterson, Elizabeth Reyna, Landon Alexander, Shawn Rottinghaus, Jacob Wood, Leyton Porerfield, Josiah Hake, Keith Kasitz, Allison Poe, Parker Buckson, Charlie Heil, Gerald Obermeyer, Aiden Weber, Shawn Robinson, Hope Smiley, Samuel Anderson, Ava Dutton, Jacob Henderson, Andrew Geil, Colin Voss, Talon Jones, Emily Ohlendorf, Danielle Perkins, Jackson Loehr, Charles Wolter, Mohammed Raamj Albaqshi, Nathan Bernatow, Jason Kuchinski, Connor Kelley, Gemma Flores-Olivias, Sadracd Gamez, Molly Herbig, James Hopkins, Michelle Griffin, Kathryn Zychinski, Charles Carter, Kayla Edwards, Gabriel Snyder, Antonio McKay, Michael Madrid, Justin Terrell, Connor Gasparich, Ethan Schoonover, Eber

Perdomo Paz, Daniel Larson, Sterling Temple, Xavier Ross, Liatrix Parker-Reece, Ryan Highfill, Megan Baris, and Remy Haire.

### Speaking Members Present:

Abdalnafie Sibaie, Abdulaziz Fakher, Aislynn Baker, Chales Zahner, and Silas Porter.

### Guest Speakers Present:

Dave Spivey, Larry Gragg, Ashley Crilly

### Proceedings

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM, presided by Sammi Young  
108 Voting Representatives were in attendance, 57 were required to meet quorum.
2. The agenda was approved as published with no objections.
3. The minutes from February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were approved with no changes.
4. Call for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Figures
  - a. Larry Gragg, Missouri S&T Historian

Larry Gragg: Hello Students, I taught here for 44 years. After I retired, I was asked to be the Historian for the school. Two months ago, the Dean asked me to compile a list of 150 "Great Historical People" to honor for the school's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. I want people to suggest names to me so that I can look into them. It can not be any current student or staff member. If you know former students, please email them to me along with a sentence about their impact on campus. You can send me as many as you want; I will consider all of them. Feel free to send any recommendations any time during the semester.

Sammi Young – Please email your organizations about this and have them send stuff too.

Larry Gragg's email is: [lgragg@mst.edu](mailto:lgragg@mst.edu)

### 5. Admissions Presentation

- a. David Spivey, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, and Ashley Crilly, Director of Undergraduate Admissions

David Spivey: We have changed a couple of things, our team is more quickly getting in front of students, more exciting things. Direct admit criteria has been changed so we can get to student more quickly. For incoming students includes 3.5 and 24+ ACT. A brand-new admission packet has been released, there is a ton of relevant information and more ways to share that information. ECC allows students to take classes at community colleges with credits at S&T. This is to build up loyalty in these community colleges.

Ashley Crilly: The Swag Store is open now. We can get an email where they can get 1 of 3 branded items. The 3 items are a Backpack, a hat, and a blanket; the blanket was the most popular. We reviewed the marketing, and we know the message we are sending to the students. We also have launched a Visit Magazine to share and celebrate what our campus is

doing and all our awesome traditions. We are also adding Self-Guided tour for our future students. There are new Opportunities for those who have submitted their deposit to receive yard signs. We have new emails to promote that to the students. Something else exciting is our online orientation piece that will allow future to have access to information about our school and campus.

Ashley Crilly: FAFSA simplification has been delayed a ton of time and there are about 400 changes to it. Institutions are just now getting files back for us to load into our system. Financial aid has in turn been changed tremendously. We have come up with our own solution, financial aid packages. We were the fastest school to respond to this issue and make our own system. The goal is to reduce the financial burden on our students and families. Reminder that the new financial aid office is in the student success center.

Mohammed Elshiekh: There are new implementations, how will there be feedback to this system?

Ashley Crilly: We have ambassadors and random student surveys and how that appeals to them. They have been in the know about all of these decisions. We have had students help throughout this process. We will be doing a new student intake survey to find out why people go to this school. We can use this to find what was successful in our changes.

Mohammed Elshiekh: Will you also be promoting student organizations in your magazine?

Ashley Crilly: We have been highlighting student orgs for students to visit in the magazine already. We have also increased student stories/testimonials where people are in clubs. There are a good number of students that participate in our magazines. Please talk to us so we can promote you. Miner welcome bash is June 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Half of the incoming class will be at these. That is an excellent opportunity to get to meet the new freshman.

Brian Liley: Is there an anticipated decrease in the guided tours on campus, because of these new self-guided tours.

Ashley Crilly: No, these will not be replacing our guided tours, nor will it decrease our use of student tour guides. These positions and jobs are too important to replace. This is just an alternative for those who cannot make it to a guided tour.

Auston Obsuth: What led to the decline in students in 2013, why is there such a dry stretch?

David Spivey: That was before my time, I got here in 2021. We are looking toward the future now.

Marcus Baur: Many students are concerned about the city; do we have a Rolla guide?

Ashley Crilly: We want to tackle this. Please give us ideas and advice. Also please use social media to tell people about this. We know that social media will be taking us to the next level. We really want to make this school exciting and a household name.

Abdalfnafie Sibaie: Do you collaborate much with organizations that bring in diversity to the university?

Ashley Crilley: We are trying to do better. We work closely with NSBE and if you would like to collaborate with us you have my contact information. We have monthly and biweekly meetings. Anything from the students will be more authentically received by the new students.

## 6. Referendum Results

### a. Student Body President Election

Neither Candidate received a majority of the votes. There was a plurality candidate, however because of the way the election bylaws are written a candidate must receive 50% of the votes.

Sammi Young – Neither candidate receiving 50% of the vote indicates that Campus (the student body) cannot decide on a President. We will be having a revote. Please tell people to go and vote again. Remember to be truthful and analyze what you hear around campus. Please do not spread lies. Please everyone go and vote again.

## 7. New Business

### a. Discussion on Procedure in case of Inconclusive Run-Off Referendum

Mohammed Elshiekh: Apparently people did not know that no confidence is not a “no” vote.

Xavier Ross: If we are worried about people not voting again maybe we should have another debate.

Sammi Young: We will consider that Xavier.

Unknown: Why is “no” getting its own vote option?

Sammi Young: EPC decided to count it as the no confidence vote, People who opened the ballot but didn't choose an option were counted as the abstain vote. That situation did happen.

Sammi Young: Appeals were not taken by either candidate. Currently there is no more allowed appeals to the vote.

Xavier Ross: There is a section of the Bylaws that says we can move the election back 2 weeks.

Sammi: We do not want to push the election back; people will probably be even less likely to vote in 2 weeks.

Austen Solvie: Do the candidates want to push it back?

Martin De La Hunt: Are you asking me? I do not think this is a good idea, we want this to end.

Abdalfnafie Sabaie: I am on the same boat, why are we redoing the ballot? The same people who don't vote will have an issue with democracy. Let's do a runoff without a no confidence vote.

Sammi Young: We are still doing it with a no confidence vote, I will explain.

Unknown: Doesn't it say that those people who voted no confidence didn't want to vote?

Sammi Young: We cannot do anything about the last election or that 1.18% votes were no confidence. I had an idea to allow No Confidence votes up to 1.18% in the runoff, but any votes after that would be void.

Unknown: Wouldn't that still mean that it needs to be fixed?

Sammi Young: This new method would encourage people to vote for a new person. Last time the fact that no one got 50% votes was the problem.

Jacob Henderson: If the no vote is made into no confidence, why is the solution getting voided?

Sammi: I foresee that people will just choose no confidence for fun, I want to prevent that. There should be no reason for people to vote overwhelmingly No confidence.

A motion was made to table the Presidential Discussion until the end of the end of New Business.

**b. Vice President of Engagement and Outreach Nominations**

- Braxton Schmedeke
- Jordan Ropp
- Sowmya Velamuri
- Aislynn Baker
- Aiden Adams
- Landon Alexander

**c. Vice President of Operations**

- Auston Obsuth
- Xavier Ross
- Jordan Ropp

**d. Vice President of Student Services**

- Jordan Ropp
- Ryan Caton
- Aislynn Baker
- Mohammed Albaqshi
- Victoria Regitz
- Madison Vieth

**e. Vice President of Operations**

- Xaiver Ross
- Mohammed Albaqshi
- Aiden Adams
- Dylan Fritz

- Delaney Pipkin

**f. Discussion on Procedure in case of Inconclusive Run-Off Referendum**

The discussion was taken from the table, and it continued from the point at which it was tabled.

Sammi Young: If we do not like the previous suggested "fix" we can vote it down.

Unknown: What if we just tried to dissuade people from voting no confidence?

Ryan Highfill: I believe it is important for us to have a no confidence vote.

Auston Obsuth: How would it work if there was another tie in the vote?

Sammi: It would be a hearing before the General Body because we have no By-Laws to specify a procedure.

Sammi Young: Another problem I am foreseeing is that St. Pats is coming up and people are less likely to take the election seriously.

Unknown: Can we just flip a coin?

Ryan Lilley: That is basically what it is...

Olimeydia: Elections start again tomorrow, Let's do one last push and not drag this out. I believe that the no vote is necessary, and I do not think it will be a problem.

Auston Obsuth: The candidates all have a budget what will happen with that?

Sammi Young: This will be extended.

Abdalnafie Sibaie: I would like to make it known that the votes were not 50/50. There was a majority candidate.

Sammi Young: Plurality, one candidate got Plurality. Plurality means most votes. Majority means over 50% of the votes.

Ryan Highfill: If we have another tie the EPC committee could bring the election to us and have us (the general body) vote on it. This is what they did with the house of representatives speaker last year.

Sammi Youn: EPC will figure out what to do. We are a legitimate body with 3 members that represent Student Council.

Xavier Ross: Are we allowed to just cut off the no confidence vote?

Aislynn Baker objected to closing discussion.

Auston Solvie: There is nothing we can do, so we might as well wait. If everyone votes no confidence, then we will deal with it.

Sammi Young: His point is that there is nothing to say after that we are just going to see how it goes.

An argument began among the general body about the ability to appeal the election.

Abdalnafie Sibaie and Martin De La Hunt: We previously agreed not to appeal the election.

Landon Alexander: Is this an EPC power?

Sammi Young: This is an election procedure; therefore, it goes to the EPC. We have been given full discretion. The definitions and rules have already been decided on.

Xavier Ross: I want to know what you are being held up on

Landon Alexander: I just want to know how the "no" vote got on the ballot.

John Gallagher: This has been included historically.

Landon Alexander: Why is it included though?

Ryan Highfill: It is an option of a democracy so that the people can choose that they dislike both of the candidates.

Abdalnafie Sibaie: That makes more sense; however, Section 14 of the bylaws says that if no candidate receives a majority they will have a runoff. No majority should mean that the next ballot should not have no confidence.

Sammi Young: It must.

Landon Alexander: Why?

Thomas Strohmeier: We have selected the 2 people campus want to run. We should take out the no vote.

John Gallagher: Make a motion then to eliminate it from the ballot.

Ryan Highfill: This is a close vote there was not a majority to do this would be a mistake.

Cameron Ashley: Ryan has a lot of experience and is a competent person we should listen to him.

Sammi Young: We go off previous knowledge, we were discussing no votes. Everyone who spoke up said 50% was the necessary. Majority versus plurality.

Austen Obsuth: So you did not reference Roberts rules of order?

Thomas Strohmeier motioned to override the Election Procedures Committee decision to include No Confidence on the ballot during the Runoff Election. A two-thirds majority was required to reverse the decision. The vote was taken by electronic ballot.

Aye	32 Votes (36.36%)
No	56 Votes (63.64%)

The motion failed, and the decision to include No Confidence on the Runoff ballot was upheld.

## 8. Reports

There was a motion to give paper reports which was passed by acclamation. These are listed below.

### a. President – Sammi Young

- See yo girl at the International Women's Event.
- Will be attending a lot of interviews for Campus positions/awards.

### b. Vice President of Engagement and Outreach – Jordan Ropp

- Meeting with Marketing on Friday @9am
- Outreach Questions Form ----->
- This or That: Who is more goated – Goku or BBQ President
- Committee's: I will send out a form for meeting times :)

### c. Vice President of Operations – Martin De La Hunt

- Recognition Item and Graduation Honor form opening soon – expect an email!

### d. Advisor – John Gallagher

- Student Health & Student Services Fees together?
- Update on Director of Student Involvement Search
- Safe St. Pat's

### e. College of Arts, Science and Education Committee Lead – Madison Jolly

- "In CASE You Didn't Know..." CASE Trivia Night!
- Open to all students!
- Trouble with advisors?
- Let us know! (CASE ONLY)
- CASE Students: Share your achievements in the CASE Newsletter!

### f. Student Diversity Liaison – Mohamed Elshiekh

- Upcoming SDI Events for march, Email me.

### g. Membership Liaison – Thomas Strohmeier

- Proxies
- Changing Committees
- Missed Scan
- Org Standing



**h. Student Activity Finance Board Lead – Marcus Baur**

- A few reminders:
- On campus accounts, and why we encourage them.
- Club Appropriations due March 8th at 5 pm.
- Club sports workshop March 8th from 5 pm - 6pm.
- How to join SAFB.

**i. St. Pats Board President – Lex Rauer**

- Last day of snake pits is tomorrow, come kill a snake!
- The celebration is here, come participate!
- Please feel free to ask any questions.

**j. Associated Students of the University of Missouri – Lucy Fritz**

- Student Advocacy Day is April 4th.

Ryan Highfill moved to adjourn the meeting. Say Anything and Announcements were skipped, but no objection was made before the Members stood and began to leave the room.

**9. Say Anything (Complaint and Suggestions Forum)****10. Announcements****11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 (116 Minutes).****Information Regarding Minutes**

Minutes Completed By: Cameron Ashley, Clerk of the Council  
Minutes Completed On: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Minutes Reviewed By: Martin De La Hunt, Vice President of Operations  
Minutes Reviewed On: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024