

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Tivoli 329 & via Microsoft Teams – 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

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Meeting Leads:	Emma Fox and Luke Garcia
Minutes:	Fae Francisco

*Please note the agenda is subject to change by vote of the council.

I. Meeting Called to order

- a. Meeting called to Order by fox at 3:32

II. Roll Call

- a. COUNCILOR(S) PRESENT
 - i. William Coats present
 - ii. Kegan Keener Absent starting at 4:30
 - iii. Maisie Vilchis
 - iv. Rebecca Montoya Absent starting at 4:30
 - v. Stefy Calero Present starting at 3:58
 - vi. Bridget Quarshie
 - vii. Leo Townsell
 - viii. Nathan Allison
 - ix. William Coats
 - x. Emma Fox
 - xi. Luke Garcia Present starting at 3:46 Absent starting at 4:30
- b. COUNCILOR(S) ABSENT
 - i. Diego Aguirre-Ortiz
 - ii. Nathan Allison

III. Reading of the Mission Statement

- a. To support the evolving needs of the MSU Denver students, by advocating in their best interests to enhance the university experience and opportunities.
 - i. Read by Councilor Coats

IV. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to strike Executive session made by Coats
 - i. Seconded By Vilchis
 - ii. ***Motion to strike Executive Session passes Via Unanimous consent***
- b. Agenda approved Via Unanimous Consent

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- a. [General Meeting Minutes 10/7/26](#)
- b. Motion to approve made by Vilchis
 - i. Seconded by Montoya

- c. ***Minutes approved via unanimous consent.***

VI. Public Comment (15 minutes—unless otherwise noted)

VII. Old Business

- a. N/A

VIII. New Business (Until Four)

a. Vacancy candidate Overview

- i. The appointment committee interviewed three candidate. Out of our two finalists one candidate was able to make the meeting.
- ii. Andera is a stem major and a senior.
 1. She has a lot of advocacy experience within rights for immigrants and works directly with Auraria votes. She's good at organizing and writing. She is a first Generation student. She hopes to bring new initiatives to TSAC. She will not be available to join the council until mid-November.
- iii. Bryce who is here today, is a marketing major.
 1. Bryce has PR experience and did social media for a restaurant. Seems like the focus for Bryce is PR. Bryce has previous experience in high school student and has created events there that outlasted their time in high school student government. Bryce has experience working in groups.
 2. Bryce Q&A
 - a. How did you become aware of student Government?
 - i. I was in student Government in high school. And in my second year I saw that you guys had a tent up, and I wanted to get involved, and that passion came back to me.
 - b. What are your advocacy goals that you want to bring to the Student Government?
 - i. A year ago, I did not know you guys for the student government. My largest goal is to bring some light to what the Student Government does.
 - ii. How long have you been at MSU Denver? What is the largest challenge on campus for students, and how would you advocate for that?
 1. I have been on campus for two years and in school for Two years. The largest challenge I found on Campus is finding Community; this is something that impacts every student here. I want to change that, I want to make campus feel like home.
 - c. Are you aware of the committees within TSAC and are you interested in those?
 - i. I am really interested in Public Relations.
 - d. Can you talk a little bit about what your leadership style is?
 - i. I consider myself an introvert, I like to lead by example, if you're active, everyone will be active as well.
 - e. What other time commitments do you have?
 - i. I am not involved in student orgs, I was working as a lifeguard, but I recently left that position.

3. Here we have a flat structure, how do you feel about that?
 - a. Here I am looking for a place to get my voice in and I am looking forward to this.
- b. Candidate Discussion.
 - i. Bryce Stepped for this discussion.
 1. It is a good skill that Andera is bilingual and is already familiar with interacting with the student body. On the opposite Bryce has talked about being an introvert.
 2. Vilchis: I think what caught my eye about Bryce is that he already has experience doing marketing for places, I think that's what PR needs internally. Andera is very representative of what MSU Denver students already are.
 3. Coats: We need someone who can start right away.
 4. Garcia: I think it is very important to be connected to the campus.
 5. Fox: I think Bryce likes more personal experiences and connections. Bryce is connected with metro as his whole family has attended the metro and it is nice that he has some outside connections.
 - c. Concerns:
 - i. Johnathan: I think that everyone should have the opportunity to present themselves to the council if they can't be in the meeting at least to go about it in a different way. We don't know why Andera could not be here, and that is something we should consider.
 1. Fox: While I understand that we want to give a fair opportunity to present themselves, we have asked candidates to seclude our meeting time for this date.
 - ii. **With those concerns in mind, a motion was made by Montoya to take a vote on if we proceed with the appointment process today.**
 1. **Seconded by Fox**
 2. ***Motion to proceed with the appointment process today passed Via 4 yes 3 no and 2 Sustained.***
 - d. Candidate Vote
 - i. Bryce won the majority vote 7:9
 1. Bryce Confirmation Vote:
 - a. Super majority to Elecet Bryce to council passes 7:9
 2. We have a super Majority for Bryce, and we will elect Bryce to the council.
 - ii. Motion to have Fae made by Garcia reach out to candidates who were not selected.
 1. Seconded by Fox
 2. ***Motion to have Fae reach out to candidates Passes Via Unanimous consent.***

IX. Internal Updates

- a. Staff members (2 min per staff member)
 - i. Stephen:
 1. I will be out of the office from October 22nd-November 3rd I will be back in the office on November 4th.
 - ii. Johnathan:
 1. I have no updates.
 - iii. Fae:

1. I just wanted to remind the Council that as we are going into a heavy event season, that if you are having an event before you go home at the end of the night, it is also your responsibility to put away anything you use for the event.
- b. Standing committees (1-2 min per committee)
 - i. Accountability: If you have office hours please attend your office hours, I will be looking at those. If you can't make your office hours communicate with Fae and change them if you cannot make it regularly.
 1. We are meeting our success quota, and campus rec has offered to pay for the remainder of the students.
 2. Currently we are going over our guidelines and procedures. At the latest it will be done in February but most likely done sooner.
- c. Advisory committees (1-2 min per committee)

X. Open Floor Announcements & Updates

- a. Office Space discussion and committee
 - i. **Leo Townsell:** I would like to bring an issue to the floor regarding students leaving their personal belongings in the student government office. I personally do not agree with council members being responsible for other students' personal belongings. While I understand that our office is a shared space intended to support students, I believe there should be clear boundaries regarding personal responsibility and accountability. As council members, our responsibility is to represent, advocate for and support the student body. However, I do not believe that responsibility should extend to safeguarding or monitoring personal property that belongs to someone else. My concern is that if an item belongs, becomes lost or stolen or damaged, council members could potentially face accusations or be placed in uncomfortable situations involving property they never agreed to safeguard. I believe every student should remain responsible for their own belongings. Therefore, I would like to recommend that the Student Government establish a clear policy sustaining that Council members are not responsible for storing, monitoring or safeguarding student's personal belongings. This recommendation is not intended to discourage students from using our office; rather it is intended to protect students, council members and the integrity of our student government. I would appreciate hearing my fellow council members' thoughts on this matter.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Coats
 - i. Seconded by Garcia
 - ii. ***Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm***

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SG:TSAC Committees & Representatives

Standing Committees (Internal Committees)	Advisory Committees (Representatives)
Budget Committee <i>Chair:</i> Nathan Allison. <i>Vice chair:</i> Luke Garcia <i>Membership:</i> Standing committee Chairs	Board of Trustees Stefy Calero
	SACAB Rebecca Montoya and Diego Aguirre-Ortiz
	Staff Senate Diego Aguirre-Ortiz
Sustainability Committee <i>Chair:</i> Bridget Quarshie <i>Vice chair:</i> Rebecca Montoya <i>Membership:</i> Councilors in attendance	Univ. Policy Advisory Maisie Villchis
	Univ. Shared Gov. Council Leo Townsell
	Univ. Planning & Budget Advisory Nathan Allison
Public Relations Committee <i>Chair:</i> Maisie Villchis <i>Vice Chair:</i> Keagan Keener <i>Membership:</i> Councilors in attendance	Faculty Senate Rebecca Montoya
	Student Travel Keagan Keener
	Univ. Grade Review Keagan Keener, Rebecca Montoya
	Workday Student Committee Nathan Allison.
Accountability Committee <i>Chair:</i> William Coats <i>Membership:</i> Stefy Calero and Leo Townsell	Period Equity Project Keagan Keener
Chairs Committee (Chairship of SG:TSAC) Co-Chairs: Emma Fox and Luke Garcia (Representatives to MSUD President's Cabinet)	Tivoli Reimagined Steering Diego Aguirre-Ortiz
	Tech Fee Diego Aguirre-Ortiz, Nathan Allison
Ad-Hoc Office Committee 	Space Analysis Luke Garcia

Co-Chairs Maisie Villchis, Keagan Keener Membership: Councilors in attendance & EA	Academic Policy Stefy Calero
Ad-Hoc Appointment Committee Co-Chairs Maisie Villchis, Keagan Keener Membership: Councilors in attendance.	Student Affairs Board Emma Fox, Stefy Calero
	Integrated Planning Luke Garcia