I. Attendance
President Kat Klawes: Present
Vice President Katie Liubakka: Present
Treasurer Vito Giannola: Present
Chair of the Assembly Alex Hawke: Present
Advisor Lina Blair: Present
Advisor Carter Wilson: Present
Anne Marie Wellman: Present
Mitchell Sevigny: Present
Brianna Wright: Present
Teala Howell: Present
Sara Spragg: Present
Danielle Schafer: Presented
Spencer Deering: Present
Lindsey Lieck: Present
TJ Aiyash: Present
Sheila Williams: Present
Jonathan Korpi: Excused Absence
Cecilia Smith: Present
Jess Gula: Present
Olivia Steil: Present
Secretary Katie Stumman: Present

II. Public Comment
a. None

III. Approval of Consent Items
a. Agenda 03.11.15
   Motion to approve made by Danielle Schafer
   Seconded by Jess Gula
   Unanimous.

IV. Executive Reports
a. President Kat Klawes: We put the sun lamp in the Health Center. We're installing the new ones in new science on Friday at 4pm and if you want to help that would be great.
   b. Vice President Katie Liubakka: No report.
c. Treasurer Vito Giannola: We’ll have a big budget for SAM conference that we’re holding next week so don’t be surprised. I’ll be getting a quote for more bike for the bike share soon.

d. Chair of the Assembly Alex Hawke: Let’s get started.

V. Committee Updates
   a. Jess Gula: I had food advisory board tonight and talked to them about the health inspection thing. They said they have been documented for a few things that were minor but it’s not like they’re being written up for it. They wanted to reinforce that 4/5 health inspectors have a meal plan so they eat here regularly and if something was really wrong they wouldn’t be eating here. They have a lot of time going through everything so they’re doing a good job so don’t be worried.

VI. Action Items
   a. Recommendations of changes to ASNMU Constitution and Bylaws:
      Presented by Constitutional and Bylaw Review Committee
      Katie Liubakka: If you have certain issues let’s do it by a change-by-change basis, but that’s just a recommendation.
      Spencer Deering: If we have a change such as the ‘his/her’ issue, if we agree to vote those in now it would take care of it immediately.
      Motion to vote to change ‘his/her’ pronouns to gender neutral pronouns
      made by Spencer Deering
      Seconded by Lindsey Lieck
      Unanimous.

      Vito Giannola: Speaking as a referendum member, change executive council to executive board.
      Motion to approve ‘executive council’ to board made by Anne Marie Wellman
      Seconded by Danielle Schafer
      Unanimous.

      Spencer Deering: Can we make it so if there’s descent we descent and then approve
      Kat Klawes: We can as long as no one raises any questions.
      Anne Marie Wellman: First change; the 1,000 students enrolled to match the representatives, so change it to 850. (No Change) Next change is making the two down campus reps to represent quad one and two, and we would move Magers and Meyland from up campus to down campus. (No Change). Chair of the assembly by the first, to for the first, removing president of the chair, making vacancy’s exclusively through appointment committee, each eBoard member is guaranteed five minutes at the beginning of the meetings, changing committee of appointments to appointments committee, adding of by the appointments committee to the students recommended, guaranteeing student affairs as permanent, removing other standing committee section will be dealt with bylaws, all members must be approved by members, letter F.
      Lindsey Lieck: Aren’t members automatically on a committee once elected?
Anne Marie Wellman: They are and it refers to other standing committees like PR or external. Adding the chair of assembly is official parliamentarian, this is just the secretary if we don’t approve of one, clarifying that the president is a member of ASNMU committees, the VP has sole authority to approve appointments, giving treasurer access to audit reports, addition of executive secretary on e-board. Removing the elected in case of resignation or removal, adding university to be more specific about the committees, striking article 2 section 2 letter f.

Mitchell Sevigny: I thought I saw that we forgot to take out the undergraduate student government.

Kat Klawes: Under article 2 section 1, should we clarify the secretaries?
Kat Liubakka: Since it falls under executive branch it stands for itself.
Kat Klawes: Makes a friendly amendment to add the word executive in front of secretary. Oh sorry, it’s already there.
Anne Marie Wellman: The removal of other comparably student judiciary and the other one to part D.

Lindsey Lieck: Why is that there in the first place? I’m not familiar with ASNMUJ but if something goes for Student Code and had to go to another board, would they have that ability?
Lina Blair: Before ASNMUJ was created, all student judiciary and facility would make assumptions about ASNMU and they created it.
Kat Klawes: This happened three years ago with a President because they tried to create their own judiciary to avoid impeachment.
Anne Marie Wellman: Changing appointed to nominated, and giving executive board authority instead of just the president.
Lindsey Lieck: I understand why we have control over our advisor, but is this saying that if the board doesn’t approve they’re vetoing the decision?
Kat Liubakka: We would give it to the assembly but it’s always picked during the summer so to save time we gave it to the executive board because they work strongly with the advisor and other organizations have the ability to pick their advisor, and we just want to have a say in it if we feel like we can’t work with them.
Vito Giannola: I would add by majority to it
Kat Liubakka: It has to be over two people out of the four though.
Anne Marie Wellman: Section A, Referendum of the ASNMU…section C. We had discussion at the last meeting about the groups affected by this change, and Kat has reached out to them and they have provided us with statements of support for this change, and if it were to happen it would be important enough. Saying a referendum could mean that anyways, as of right now we’re the only three organizations that can’t change funding every semester, so we’re all in support of this change.
Vito Giannola: The blue letters are being changed.
Anne Marie Wellman: Article 4, removing the word up to for ASNMUJ members. The addition of the word judiciary, the additional of article 5, student rights.
Spencer Deering: Friendly change, for Section 2, it says students shall have the right…it should be of participation for grammatical errors.
Kat Klawes: Under section one it should be student handbook, and it should be capitalized in section three too.

Lina Blair: Part three is the section of the handbook, which is the code.

Lindsey Lieck: Number two is our own wording? Was it taken from the book?

Kat Klawes: Some is inspired from the handbook

Spencer Deering: Was two taken from a different university?

Kat Klawes: Number two taken from is Purdue University.

Anne Marie Wellman: Final two changes, article 6, section b. Brianna went through all the peer schools and found that 8 of the 9 are all done through student modification, it's not done through the board and they're all independent, LSSU is the one that isn't. We didn't go as far to find majority, but we were looking for another level above the students ratification, and those 8/9 are done through students rather than the board of trustees or any equivalent. They're independent organizations and are autonomous.

Lindsey Lieck: Curious as to when you looked at the other schools, the board of trustees is there overlooking us to make sure its all been reviewed, so it's like a check to make sure we're having the work and procedures in the constitution, and some people made the point of legitimacy of ASNMU and it would prove it. If there's an issue where we butt heads with someone, we can say we have that right because we're backed by the board.

Sara Spragg: Is it ok if we vote specifically to add this in?

Kat Klawes: I think the majority of elections is what legitimizes us and while I appreciate them, no one was concerned on the board when I brought this up to them.

Mitchell Sevigny: Would it be ok to vote for the changes on articles 1-5 and then do 6?

Motion to approve the changes in Articles 1-5 made by Mitchell Sevigny

Seconded by Teala Howell

Votes in approval: Brianna Wright, Sheila Williams, Danielle Schafer, Mitchell Sevigny, Jess Gula, Cecelia Smith, Olivia Steil, Lindsey Lieck, Teala Howell, Spencer Deering, Anne Marie Wellman

Abstain: TJ Aiyash

Passes.

Katie Liubakka: I do understand the desire to be recognized as a legit government, but I don't think it comes from the administration, it comes from the students. I recognize it should be checked by the board, but instead of them voting on it, I would rather it say reviewed by the board, so we're still getting input but if the student body approves it I would disagree if the board disapproves that. I think that looks bad.

Danielle Schafer: ASNMU is a different student organization than others and we do work closer with the university and they allow us to appoint students to these university committees and we should keep them on there because we're operating separate from them but they do trust us.

Jess Gula: I agree we should be working with them, but there will be times we disagree with them. I think it's important that we are separate, but not totally
different bodies and not work together, but like Katie said, the students are the ones who legitimize us, we're working for the students so our constitution should be for the students.

Lindsey Lieck: The legitimacy is another step; obviously the students give us some. I'm saying it's another step forward and it shows that our university is supporting us in the handbook and constitution. Looking at the number of students that come out to vote, I'm not sure if it's not totally represented of the student body, but I'm concerned about how many are voting and if they have the time to think about these changes.

Carter Wilson: I am proud of the way you conduct meetings, very reasoned and thoughtful comments and debates, but I'll share this. When I was at Toledo we had a similar situation where there were strong feelings with the senate and governance and that they weren't controlled by administration. The medical university merged and that side took over and tended to be autocratic than the original university and it was a strong push to make sure constitutions had this in it, and it generated enormous conflict and tension with administration and we were not as kind to each other like you guys. I have looked for ways to compromise, in terms of having an organization that requires the approval of the board, technically and legally the board has authority over all organizations in a university. Facility members understood that but we still had that pride and I think we would've felt more comfortable with instead of requiring the approval, we submitted it without having that statement that we need their approval. I find your debates very interesting and I'm proud of how reasoned they are, but I suggest a compromise.

Anne Marie Wellman: The current language does say it should be presented and that they have voting power to vote it down. I know they do, but it doesn't really say anything past that. Can we keep that and put it after?
Kat Klawes: Shall be presented asking for endorsement?
Lindsey Lieck: Formal consideration?
Kat Klawes: I take my thing back.
Spencer Deering: The only concern I have is the board has their own operating procedures and they maybe have it set it up to check that our constitution is valid.
Katie Liubakka: That's why we say we're autonomous.
Anne Marie Wellman: That end part would be the same, so it wouldn't be conflict.
Kat Klawes: We weren't always ratified this way, so if it did exist it's hiding very well.
Sara Spragg: The big concern is if it's ratified by the students, we don't have much voting participation at this school, so with the legitimacy
Kat Klawakka: Even with the lowest voting turnout, it was 5% of the student body, and most student governments at other schools are about 5-10%. Same with the country, so how is the president legit with that logic?
Anne Marie Wellman: The only changing we're making is to approve to have it ratified, since we don't have much specifics with what the board does, it just says it has to be presented.
Danielle Schafer: Can I move to vote whether we keep B or not?
Katie Liubakka: We’re changing it whether it’s ratified instead.
Lindsey Lieck: If we keep what we have and do the changes listed, then it doesn’t say it’s presented right?
Anne Marie Wellman: We would be adding ratified.
Lindsey Lieck: I think it’s a great idea that they should see it but not have to approve it. Now that I realize that the board doesn’t vote but it’s still approved, so will they might think they still have the approval if we don’t say it, or does autonomous body come in there?
Hawke: Look at this language, is this acceptable?

Motion to approve the changes made in B made by Jess Gula
Seconded by Danielle Schafer
Votes in approval: Brianna Wright, Danielle Schafer, Mitch Sevigny, Jess Gula, Cecelia Smith, TJ Aiyash, Anne Marie Wellman, Olivia Steil, Lindsey Lieck, Sheila Williams
Abstain: Teala Howell, Spencer Deering, Sara Spragg

Anne Marie Wellman: final change is the striking of the director of informational director because it doesn’t exist, and addition the last part is saying we’re an autonomous body.
Motion to approve both changes made by Jess Gula
Seconded by Mitchell Sevigny

Lindsey Lieck: On the striking, does it say in the constitution how it will be updated or is that the bylaws under PR?
Vito Giannola: it’s under executive secretary.
Votes in approval: Danielle Schafer, Mitchell Sevigny, Jess Gula, Cecelia Smith, Sheila Williams, Brianna Wright, Sara Spragg, Anne Marie Wellman, Teala Howell, Spencer Deering, Olivia Steil
Abstain: TJ Aiyash and Lindsey Lieck
Passes.

Alex Hawke: One quick note, I will go through the document after the meeting and make sure everything is capitalized correctly, currently Associated Students of Northern Michigan University is in all caps.

VII. Public Comment
a. None

VIII. Open Forum
a. Anne Marie Wellman: I would like to point out that the chair of ASNMUJ and they’ve been through our constitution all year and just found out about this meeting tonight, and they would be interested in creating a position so they have a spot on our meeting, so in the future I’ll propose that so they know what’s going on.
Kat Klawes: I sent them the email when we called the referendum. Also I met with them to discuss it and told them to contact me if they were interested, and did not hear back from them.

Anne Marie Wellman: They weren’t aware of us voting tonight. On a separate note the CR 595 Resolution from last Monday that was presented by Mitch: we required the majority of votes to pass, and an abstention means you don’t vote so they don’t count, so it passed with 6-3 votes.

Alex Hawke: That is my fault, sorry for the confusion. So, just to be clear then CR 595 passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.
Constitution

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (ASNMU)

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Preamble
We, the students enrolled at the Marquette campus of Northern Michigan University, in order to provide for democratic self-governance, to insure the preservation of student rights, to take action in the best interest of the student body and university community, to provide an official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, and to promote the academic, social, and cultural well-being of all students, hereby establish the legislative assembly, executive, and judicial branches of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

Article I - Legislative Branch

1. Legislative Assembly
   The legislative powers of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University shall be vested in the Assembly.

2. Membership
   The Assembly of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University shall consist of representatives based on the following criteria:

   A. Academic Representatives
      i. One representative per academic college
      ii. One General university programs representatives
      iii. Additionally, for each 1,000 students enrolled in the above College and General Program areas, one additional representative will be added for that College or General Program.
      iv. Population numbers will be gathered and used from the Fall semester of the current academic year during which the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University elections are held.
      v. In the event of a decimal fraction for representation, using the formula outlined above, the number will always be rounded down.

   B. Residence Representatives
i. One Representative shall be elected to represent students residing in Quad I and II (Gant, Spalding, Halverson, Payne) Van Antwerp, Hunt Halls, Magers, Meyland.)

ii. One Representative shall be elected to represent students residing in Quad II (Van Antwerp, Hunt, Magers, Meyland)

iii. One Representative shall be elected to represent students residing in on-campus apartments.

iv. One Representative shall be elected to represent students residing in Magers, West, Meyland, and Spooner Halls as the up campus representative.

v. One Representative shall be elected to represent students in off campus housing.

vi. Additionally, for each 850 students residing in the above living areas, one additional representative will be added for that residence.

vii. Population numbers will be gathered and used from the Fall Semester of the current academic year during which the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University elections are held.

viii. In the event of a decimal fraction for representation, using the formula outlined above, the number will always be rounded down.

C. Chair of the Assembly
   i. The Assembly is required by during the first official session of the fall semester to elect a Chair of the Assembly. The President of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University must also approve the Chair.

3. Vacancies
   A. A vacancy shall occur when a member informs the Assembly in writing of his/her resignation or is removed from office. Vacancies shall be filled through the appointments committee an application and interview process, followed by approval of three-fourths of the Assembly.

4. Rules and Procedures of the Assembly
   A. Quorum: A quorum consisting of a majority of the Assembly's voting members shall be necessary to conduct all formal business. Vacant positions shall not be considered a part of the total voting membership for purposes of establishing a quorum and other voting requirements.

   B. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the Assembly in cases in which they are inconsistent with this Constitution and its Bylaws.

   C. Minutes: Minutes shall be taken at all Assembly proceedings. These minutes shall be considered public and available upon request.

   D. Meetings: Meetings of the Assembly shall be held no less than every other week during the Fall and Winter Semesters when classes are in regular session.

   E. Voting: Each Representative shall have one vote with the exception of the Chair of the Assembly who shall be a non-voting member of the Assembly. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Assembly shall vote.
F. **Presidential Executive Privilege:** Each member of the executive board President of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University is entitled to a time period of no less than five minutes at the beginning of the Assembly's meeting to address the Representatives.

5. **Committees**

The Assembly shall assume authority on behalf of the student body to establish standing and special committees, as it deems necessary. These committees may be created or abolished by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly. Committees are created by the approval of a committee charge and membership roster.

A. **Committee for Appointments**

i. At its first regularly scheduled meeting of the Fall Semester, the Assembly shall choose from among its voting members, four representatives to sit with the Vice-President on a Committee for Appointments.

ii. This committee shall recommend students to fill all appointed positions and vacant positions under the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University. Students recommended for appointment by the appointments committee shall require majority vote approval of the Assembly.

B. **Elections Committee**

i. An elections Committee shall be formed annually to handle all Associated Students of Northern Michigan University student body elections and referendum.

C. **Student Affairs Committee**

i. The Student Affairs Committee is a permanent standing committee of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University. All representatives serving from residential constituencies shall sit on the Student Affairs Committee.

D. **Academic Affairs Committee**

i. The Academic Affairs Committee is a permanent standing committee of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University. All representatives serving from Academic Colleges and the General University Programs shall sit on the Academic Affairs Committee.

E. **Student Finance Committee**

i. The Student Finance Committee is a permanent standing committee of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University and will be chaired by the Treasurer of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University in accordance with Article II, section 3.4 of this Constitution.

F. **Other Standing Committees**

The members of all standing committees under the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University must be approved by majority vote of the Assembly. Each
standing committee may interview candidates to fill vacancies on their respective committees and present their recommendations to the Assembly for approval.

G. The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Assembly and Executive Council Board shall establish new committees, as it deems necessary. The members of all standing committees under the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University must be approved by majority vote of the Assembly.

6. Authority of the Assembly and its Members Representatives
   A. The Assembly shall assume authority on behalf of the student body for developing legislation. In the development of such legislation, each representative shall attempt to take into consideration the wishes of his/her constituents.
   B. The Assembly may recommend to the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees by three-fourths approval, a revision of the student activity fee, to be assessed upon all students enrolled at the Marquette campus, provided the student body has approved a referendum concerning the fee. This fee shall be collected as specified in the Bylaws.
   C. The Assembly may override a presidential veto by a three-fourths majority vote, providing the vote to overturn occurs within two weeks of the original veto by the President.
   D. The Assembly shall have the power to regulate and conduct all Associated Students of Northern Michigan University elections.
   E. The Assembly shall have the power to insure the existence of a student judiciary system and to periodically evaluate its effectiveness in reference to Constitutional, Bylaw, and student government review.
   F. The Assembly shall have the power to create or abolish special or standing committees by two-thirds vote of the assembly.

7. Chair of the Assembly
   A. The Chair of the Assembly serves as the official Parliamentarian of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
   B. The chair of the Assembly facilitates the Assembly’s meetings by ensuring that proper procedures are followed.

Article II- Executive Branch

1. Executive Council Board
   The executive power of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University rests with the Executive Council Board of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University. The Executive Council Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, and Executive Secretary of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

2. Powers and Duties of the President
A. The President is the official head of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, and as such speaks for the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

B. The President of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University shall serve as the chair of the Executive Council Board.

C. The President or his/her/their designate shall serve as the official representative of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University and be a member ex-officio of University and Associated Students of Northern Michigan University committees, with the exception of the Elections Committee, established under this Constitution, Bylaws, or under the executive decree.

D. The President may call special sessions of the Assembly if he/she they deems it appropriate to the functioning of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

E. The President shall call for the determination of an election schedule.

F. The President may veto any legislation passed by the Assembly within two weeks from when action was taken. The President must submit in writing to the Assembly his/her/their reasons for the veto.

G. The President has the power to recommend policies to the Assembly at the beginning of each semester and periodically thereafter. This must be in the form of a written report.

3. Powers and Duties of the Vice-President

A. The Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Executive Council Board in the absence of the President.

B. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the execution of his/her/their duties.

C. The Vice-President also serves as Chair of the Appointments Committee. The Vice-President has the sole authority to approve appointments to University and Associated Students Northern Michigan University committees.

D. The Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President in the event of a vacancy in that office.

4. Responsibilities of the Treasurer

A. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President.

B. The Treasurer of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University will also serve as the Chair of the Student Finance Committee.

C. The Treasurer shall prepare and present to the Assembly and Executive Council Board a detailed request for the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Operating Budget for the Fall, Winter, and Summer Sessions.

D. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate, up-to-date ledger by line item for all expenditures from the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Operating Budget.

E. The Treasurer shall present a written report of all expenditures and the present balance by the line item at each regular meeting of the Assembly and Executive Council Board.
F. The Treasurer shall have unlimited access to all records of financial transactions involving the Student Discretionary Activity Fund.

G. The Treasurer shall be privy to all findings of any audit report involving the Student Discretionary Activity Fund.

5. Responsibilities of the Executive Secretary
   A. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President.
   B. Records and preserves all minutes of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
   C. Maintains a record of the actions taken and correspondence received by the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
   D. Maintains and executes the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University’s record keeping policies.
   E. Publicly maintains and updates the Constitution and Bylaws electronically which shall be printed upon request.

6. Powers and Duties of the Executive Council Board
   A. The Executive Board shall meet no less than once a week during the Fall and Winter Semesters when classes are in regular session.
   B. The Executive Board shall assist the President in the execution of his/her their function.

7. Vacancies in the Presidency and Vice Presidency
   A. In the event of removal, resignation, incapacity, or extended absence of the President, the elected Vice-President shall assume the office of President.
   B. In the event of removal, resignation, incapacity, or extended absence of the Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled by Presidential appointment and is subject to confirmation by a three-fourths vote of the Assembly.
   C. In the event that both the President and Vice-President are removed, resign, or otherwise vacate their offices, the Assembly shall choose from among its voting members a President and Vice-President who shall assume the roles of the Executives.

Article III- General Provisions
   The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University are furthermore governed by the additional:

1. Requirements and Qualifications
   Only persons who meet the following criteria shall be eligible for membership in the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, Subcommittees and appointments to other University committees:
A. Must be registered for six or more credit hours during the Fall and Winter Semesters on the Marquette campus of Northern Michigan University.
B. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
C. Must be free of any form of University imposed Disciplinary Probation, as defined in the Student Handbook, part 2-Student Code, 2.7-Sanctions, imposed through the University's judicial process.
D. Associated Students of Northern Michigan University members must live in their constituency or be enrolled in their constituency during the Fall and Winter Semesters of their term of office.
E. ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary members are exempt from Constituency requirements.
F. Executive Council Board for the purpose of constituency requirement must be enrolled on the Marquette campus.

2. Election Requirements
   A. The President shall set the timeline for annual elections. in accordance with Article II, section 2, letter F of this Constitution.
   B. Australian ballot shall elect all representatives of Associated Students of Northern Michigan University from their constituencies during the general elections.
   C. General elections shall be held no later than two weeks prior to the end of the Winter Semester on a date set by the Elections Committee with the approval of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
   D. The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University shall assume office no later than one week following the election and shall serve until the next Assembly assumes office in the next academic year.

3. Impeachment and Removal
   A. The President, Vice-President, members of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary and Assembly representatives shall be liable to impeachment for misconduct and neglect of office.
   B. Any member of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University and ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary may bring impeachment charges through their respective branch before the Assembly. Upon a three-fourths affirmative vote of the Assembly, the charges will be referred to the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary or other comparable student judiciary.
   C. Upon conviction by the members of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary or other comparable student judiciary, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University or ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary member charged shall be removed from office and forever be banned from service in any form in Student Government and any committee or position
of appointment granted by the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

D. The Chairperson of the Assembly, Treasurer, and Affairs Chairs may be removed by a three-fourths affirmative vote of no confidence by the Assembly, without the need of Impeachment and review of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Judiciary.

4. Advisors
A. The Advisor(s) for Associated Students of Northern Michigan University shall be appointed nominated directly by the President of Northern Michigan University.
B. No less than one Advisor must be appointed by the second week of the Fall Semester.
C. The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Executive Board has the authority to approve or deny any nomination(s) for advisor by a majority vote.

5. Referendum
A. Referendum of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Constitution and Student Activity Fee shall take place no less than every two years.
B. The sole authority to call a referendum is a privilege of the President of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
C. Any referendum administered by the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University may be called at any time by the President of Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, and approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the Assembly.

Article IV - Judicial Branch
1. ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary
   A. The judicial responsibility of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University shall be vested in the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Judiciary.

2. Membership and Eligibility
   A. Eligibility requirements of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary shall be in accordance with the provisions of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Constitution and subsequent Bylaws.
   B. The ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary shall consist of five members. Each member will be appointed by the President of ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, followed by approval of three-fourths of the Assembly. Judiciary members’ terms are up two academic years.
C. The membership of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary shall pick a Chair during the first official session of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary in the fall semester.

3. Vacancies
   A. A vacancy shall occur when a justice informs the Chair of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary and the President of ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY in writing of his/her their resignations or is removed from office. Vacancies shall be filled by Presidential appointment and approval of the Assembly of ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.
   B. If no presidential appointment is approved by the Assembly by the third regularly scheduled meeting following the resignation of an ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary member, the Academic Affairs chair and Student Affairs chair may collectively submit one name per ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary vacancy as a nomination.

4. Rules and Procedures
   A. Quorum: A quorum consisting of a majority of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY judiciary members shall be necessary to conduct all formal business. Vacant positions shall not be considered a part of the total voting membership for purposes of establishing a quorum and other voting requirements.
   B. Meetings: The Chair shall call sessions of the judiciary if he/she they deems it appropriate to the functioning of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary. Meetings shall grant no less than five minutes for both the plaintiff and the defense to present their cases.
   C. Voting and Opinions: Each judiciary member shall have one vote, with the exception of the Chair. The Chair shall vote only to make or break a tie. The chair shall provide a written opinion of the judiciary. These opinions shall be considered public and available upon request.

5. Powers
   The ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary shall have final jurisdiction in the following areas:
   A. The constitutionality of any action taken by the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University and its committees.
   B. Questions concerning the qualifications of any member of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
   C. Interpretations of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.
D. Appeals of complaints lodged with the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Elections Committee concerning elections and referendum.

E. The ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Judiciary shall be responsible to swear in all members of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

Article V - Student Rights
1. Students shall have the right to Shared Expectations of our University as outlined in the Student Handbook, which includes but not limited to:
   A. provide courses taught by knowledgeable faculty who are effective teachers;
   B. provide academic resources which support the teaching and learning processes;
   C. make available clear information about majors, program requirements, courses offerings, etc.;
   D. offer courses at sufficient frequency and times to encourage timely completion of degrees or programs;
   E. offer good value for students’ dollar spent;
   F. maintain a safe, clean, friendly and civil environment, free from harassment and discrimination; and,
   G. encourage student involvement in University governance.
2. Students shall have the right to clearly defined means of participation in the formation of University policy affecting academic and student affairs, including representation on University committees. Students shall have the right to submit statements to university committees.
3. Students shall have the right to clear and understandable Official Requests, as defined by Student Code Section 2.3.5, from University officials. Students may protect their rights by verifying the legality of requests.
4. Students shall have the right to access all Associated Students of Northern Michigan University’s public records.

Article VI- Constitutional Provisions
A. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University Assembly or by petition of ten percent of the qualified voters.
B. Having been approved ratified by a simple majority of those votes cast during the referendum election, the proposed amendments shall be presented to the Board of Trustees.
C. The ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Constitution must be ratified by approval of the simple majority of student votes cast during referendum.
D. The ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Constitution shall be available to students on the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY website and in paper form. The Constitution will be updated online on an
E. The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University is an autonomous body whose existence is guaranteed at Northern Michigan University.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University on September 26, 2014.