

# Minutes – USG General Body Meeting

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 2015



- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Dan motioned, Approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Kara motioned, Approved
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. President (Andrey Merzlyakov)
    - i. Retreat plans
      - 1. Still in the works
    - ii. Joey motioned to approve Reggie's resignation, 1 nay, Passed
    - iii. Abbey S. was sworn in
    - iv. Joey motioned to appoint Nate to VP
      - 1. Motion passed
    - v. The Secretary position is now open
    - vi. BOC meeting went well, they were particularly interested in the Food Insecurities task force
  - b. Vice President (Reggie Hicks)
    - i. Resignation
  - c. Treasurer (Steve Steinhoff)
    - i. New WAM Member
  - d. Secretary (Nate Peterson)
    - i. Off Campus Housing Forum?
    - ii. Meet your Org
- VII. Advisor Reports
  - a. Joe Cooper
    - i. MLK Jr dinner at the CDI, tickets are free ~ 200 tickets are available
    - ii. ResLife or OTL training sessions, 8-9PM this Thursday and Sunday
    - iii. You must attend the info session to apply
    - iv. Magician – on Friday (MUB Board)
    - v. Comedian – on Saturday (MUB Board)
    - vi. Blood Drive (MTU vs. NMU) 11am – 5pm
    - vii. Working with Heather Simpson to fill the Parent's Fund request
  - b. Les Cook
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Ways And Means ([usgwam-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report
- X. Task Forces
  - a. Food Insecurities
    - i. BOC is interested in staying up to date on the progress
  - b. Constitution
    - i. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Town Hall meetings
    - ii. Lots of PR coming up, Meet Your Rep and Meet Your Org
    - iii. There is a meeting in the Datolite Room on Sunday from 12-2pm to review the
  - c. IT Governance
    - i. Understanding the current IT funding model
    - ii. Offering suggestions to IT for current actions
    - iii. Moving on to strategic planning
  - d. Academic Calendar Review
    - i. Resolution #4 – Dan will be going around and getting feedback from major student orgs on the resolution
- XI. Committee Reports
  - a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu))
  - b. Service ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. Winter Break Bus
      - 1. Went well, no issues
      - 2. DeJah asked about having movies on the bus, it would be ok, but students would have to bring them
      - 3. Survey to bus riders
    - ii. Winter Carnival planning
      - 1. Chili Van and Cross-Walk
  - c. Judicial ([usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report
  - d. Elections ([usgelect-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgelect-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report

- e. Public Relations ([usgpr-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. Photoshop is currently DOA, but Kara is working on the situation
    - ii. The website is currently being reevaluated for storage space, because it is running out. Darien is looking into having Student Activities take over the website hosting.
  - f. Student Issues ([usgissues-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. Downtown Houghton Parking
  - g. External Affairs ([usgea-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-l@mtu.edu))
- XII. USG Liaisons
- a. Graduate Student Government (Chelsea Nikula)
    - i. Elected new Academic Chair
  - b. Inter Fraternity Council (Nate Peterson)
    - i. New E-Board, transitioning in
  - c. Panhellenic Council (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
    - i. First general meeting next week
  - d. Inter Residence Housing Council
    - i. This weeks meeting was E-Board only
  - e. Houghton City Council (Jarrod Hanson)
    - i. Less complaints to the police
    - ii. Houghton businesses will be hanging pictures of winter carnival past in their windows.
  - f. Parent's Fund
    - i. We need a new Parent's Fund liaison – Joe is working
  - g. Senate
    - i. We need a new Senate liaison
    - ii. This is very important to have a liaison
  - h. Student Commission (Steve Steinhoff)
    - i. Meets next week
  - i. Other Liaisons
- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- a. Officer directing traffic after Hockey Games at Sharon intersection
  - b. Path shoveled from dirt lot to the sidewalk – Student Issues
  - c. Smash Club will be having their first large meeting, this Sunday at 6PM
  - d. Autism awareness group 'The Spectrum' Library 302 Thursdays 9PM
  - e. DeJah asked about having specific meetings for each rep class, 1<sup>st</sup> years meeting 1<sup>st</sup> years, 2<sup>nd</sup> years meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> years, etc.
    - i. We will look into having this set up for meet your rep events
  - f. Repetitive USG events, to help build a reputation
  - g. Printer needs to be kept up to date with toner, we need to keep up with that
  - h. Sam brought up a concern about the email from Glenn Mroz about the ban on e-cigarettes, that it made USG look like it supported the ban on e-cigarettes.
    - i. USG didn't have an official say, but it did forward its opinion.
    - ii. Executive team did take a look at the impacts here, and elsewhere, and the future.
    - iii. Ultimately it was Glenn's decision
  - i. The ETEC initiative to insulate the Keweenaw moved on to the Semi-Finals for the 5 million dollar grant
    - i. There is a 10% discount on energy efficient products from 14<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of January at hardware stores in Houghton
  - j. The treasurer, secretary, and a WAM position are open
  - k. Secretary: Braeton, Joey, Lukas
  - l. Treasurer: Braeton, Darien, DeJah
  - m. Broomball Roster changes close at 10PM tonight
- XIV. Closed Session (If necessary)
- XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- a. Steve is engaged
  - b. January 17<sup>th</sup> – Bridge Closed - 9PM-7AM**
- XVI. Adjournment
- a. Motion passed