

# Michigan Technological University

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## Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for  
January 22, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. D. LaForest moves to approve the agenda with the change of the date, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. C. Cena moves to approve the minutes, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports ([usgeboard-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgeboard-1@mtu.edu))
  - a. President ([amsharp@mtu.edu](mailto:amsharp@mtu.edu))
    - i. Neala is taking care of the Winter Carnival sign ups
    - ii. Off Campus Housing Open Forum
      - 1. There is an anonymous question forum online
      - 2. GSG put together a flier
      - 3. Need to have the off-campus website up and running
    - iii. Board of Control presentation is coming up
  - b. Vice President ([cena@mtu.edu](mailto:cena@mtu.edu))
    - i. Retreat will be in March
    - ii. Committees should have weekly meetings, if they do not already
    - iii. If you haven't signed up for office hours, please do so
    - iv. Dean Candidates
      - 1. Sean Kirkpatrick
      - 2. Tuesday 12-1:30 Rehki G05
    - v. Talk to Chris if you have issues to bring up to Student Commission
  - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
    - i. Email Kyle if you are interested in taking a part in budget hearings
  - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))
    - i. Off Campus Housing Open Forum: Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8 pm Fisher 135
    - ii. Campus Budget Forum: Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2-5 pm Dow 642
    - iii. Working on getting name plates
- VII. Advisor Reports ([lpcook@mtu.edu](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jjcooper@mtu.edu](mailto:jjcooper@mtu.edu))
  - a. Joe
    - i. Student Leadership Awards
      - 1. Nominations open up on February 7<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. HuskyLead series kicked off
      - 1. Next week will be about budget and finance in Fisher 135
      - 2. Emails should be going out
    - iii. Greek organizations are doing well
      - 1. Grades are above Michigan Tech average
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. WAM ([usgwam-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Society of Mining Engineers: \$1200 Recommended Opp Fund
      - 1. It is the national Conference
      - 2. They assign industry mentors
      - 3. There is also a career fair

4. 7 people will be attending
  5. S. Richards moves to allocate the recommended amount, Seconded, Motion Passed
- ii. 2 pending requests that we will receive next week
- X. Task Forces
- a. Diversity Outreach Task Force
    - i. Talk to Sam C. if you are interested in this
- XI. Committee Reports
- a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Reviews are underway
  - b. Service ([usgservice-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Winter Carnival
      1. Please sign up for at least one shift
      2. There is a required training session at 4 pm on Wednesday of Carnival
  - c. Judicial ([usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Bylaw Amendment
      1. K. Axline moves to approve amendment, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - d. Elections ([usgselect-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgselect-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Year
      1. D. LaForest moves to postpone indefinitely, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - e. Public Relations ([usgpr-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Working on the website
  - f. Student Issues ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Meeting with Chris to put together a project
      1. It has to do with teacher satisfaction survey
  - g. External Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. SAM
      1. Affordable Care Act presentation will be next month
      2. They offered a phone bank packet
      3. Dan presents student tax credit resolution
        - a. It is getting fairly far in the senate
      4. Passed a resolution that would protect college students from serving jury duty
      5. Talk to Dan if you would like to go to the next SAM conference
      6. Looking at Rock-The-Vote campaign
- XII. USG Liaisons
- a. GSG
    - i. There is an error with the USG website: SAF
    - ii. A group met to discuss the International Surcharge Fee
    - iii. Tony us a point of contact for the Portage Health Advisory Board
  - b. IFC
    - i. Elected new E-Board
  - c. Panhellenic Council
  - d. IRHC
  - e. Houghton City Council
  - f. Parent's Fund
  - g. Senate
    - i. Discussed history behind physical therapy department
      1. Looking at starting 12 students in program next semester
    - ii. They will have a new director to oversee honors college
  - h. Student Commission
  - i. Blue Key
    - i. Need update regarding Winter Carnival
  - j. Other Liaisons
- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- a. OAP brought in a snow bike!

- XIV. Closed Session
- XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- XVI. Adjournment