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-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (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)
      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)
      i. Email Kyle if you are interested in taking a part in budget hearings
   d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
      i. Off Campus Housing Open Forum: Jan 30th 6:30-8 pm Fisher 135
      ii. Campus Budget Forum: Jan 31st 2-5 pm Dow 642
      iii. Working on getting name plates

VII. Advisor Reports (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
   a. Joe
      i. Student Leadership Awards
         1. Nominations open up on February 7th
      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 (usgwm-l@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-l@mtu.edu)
   i. Reviews are underway
b. Service (usgservice-l@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 (usgiudicial-l@mtu.edu)
   i. Bylaw Amendment
      1. K. Axline moves to approve amendment, Seconded, Motion Passed
d. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   i. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Year
      1. D. LaForest moves to postpone indefinitely, Seconded, Motion Passed
e. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   i. Working on the website
f. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
   i. Meeting with Chris to put together a project
      1. It has to do with teacher satisfaction survey
g. External Affairs (usgea-l@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