



Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for
October 16, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. D. Palmer moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. D. LaForest moves to approve the minutes, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors- Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-1@mtu.edu)
 - a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
 - i. Meeting with Bonnie Gorman
 1. Talked about what she and Tony can accomplish by working together
 - a. Promote student success
 - b. MyMichiganTech
 - i. There is interest in having a presentation for the body
 - ii. Meeting with University Senate
 1. Next Wednesday
 2. Email Tony if you have anything
 - b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Retreat – **Sunday the 27th**
 1. Reserve the date
 2. Notify Chris of conflicts 1 week in advance
 - ii. Office Technology
 1. Beginning to plan lab closures
 2. Chris will update the body as information is released
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Logo
 1. With the help of Joe we have moved away from UMC
 2. Now with housing to develop a logo
 - ii. Finances are on track
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Diversity Group
 1. Sam, Dan, and Neala are meeting with orgs as a starting point
 - ii. Experience Tech Meeting
 1. Ripley - \$3 increase requested
 - a. Would like to add tubing park, beginner run, westward expansion, new groomer, and a new chalet (through fundraising)
 2. Golf Course - \$1.93 increase requested
 - a. Practice range, fleet cars, tee boxes, hole renovations, drainage improvements, mower purchases, equipment and facility maintenance
 3. Intramurals - \$1.00 increase requested
 - a. Would like to add lights on softball/volleyball, employment, technology improvements, new programs
 4. OAP – \$3.25 increase requested
 - a. Currently function on a break-even-basis
 - b. Would like to add high ropes course, more equipment, more trail transportation options

- c. Wellness would like to increase general programs for students, would like to add a smoking cessation clinic, increase training available for peer educators
 - VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Les
 - i. Room and Board Rates review group is currently meeting
 - ii. Week of Wellness is going on this week
 - iii. Alumni Way
 - 1. Mall area of campus will be more aesthetically pleasing
 - a. More of a distinctive feel
 - 2. Campus has transformed over the past ten years and is continuing to improve
 - 3. Generations of Discovery capital campaign had a large contribution to these improvements
 - 4. Plaza outside of library was a first step
 - a. Thank you, Dave Brule
 - 5. Archway on west end of campus
 - a. More welcoming than a stop sign
 - 6. A few parking spots will disappear
 - 7. The plan is to build:
 - a. Bell/Clock tower
 - b. Husky Statue
 - 8. Alumni board is aggressively raising funds
 - 9. Conservation of Snow Statue space has been up for discussion
 - a. This should not inhibit large statue sites
 - 10. Why are donations going to campus instead of academics?
 - a. Some donors will specify where their money goes
 - i. Some donate to academics, some to campus improvement
 - b. State money must go to academic buildings
 - iv. Joe
 - 1. First HuskyLead this past week – Thanks Dan!
 - 2. Next week is dealing with difficult people
 - 3. LeaderShape applications are up
 - 4. Midterms are here!
 - 5. Make a Difference Day registration is up
 - a. Individual sign up
 - b. More accurate count of who will participate
 - c. SAF primarily funds shirts
 - 6. Health Fair by Wellness
 - 7. 223 reregistered orgs
 - 8. 7 new orgs on registered this year
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - b. Literary Arts Club: \$1428 Opp Fund
 - i. Collection of publishers
 - 1. Weeklong conference and book fair
 - ii. Previously members have been able to gain valuable internships from this

- iii. 2 people will be sent to Seattle
 - iv. S. Casey moves to allocate \$1428 to Literary Arts Club, Seconded, Motion Passed
- c. Grappling Club: \$589 Opp Fund
- i. Requesting money to host a seminar
 - ii. Ju Jitsu instructor from Midland
 - 1. 7 year purple belt
 - iii. This weekend
 - iv. This org has been around for a long time
 - v. Interest has grown immensely this year
 - vi. Currently meet 3 days a week
 - 1. Average of 10-15 people per meeting
 - vii. Total membership is 20-30 students
 - viii. They do not currently have a budget because they have never really had expenses
 - ix. S. Casey moves to allocate the full amount, Seconded, Motion Passed
- d. OAP: \$24,300 Reserve Fund
- i. 10 mountain bikes (\$1300/pc), 5 snow bikes (\$1500/pc), and 3 kayaks (\$850/pc)
 - ii. They fall under student activities, but receive SAF funding through USG
 - iii. 4 years ago USG provided funding for 15 bikes to create the bike program
 - iv. The bikes are coming to the end of their life cycle
 - 1. Example bike would cost up to \$60 in parts
 - 2. Brake calipers on disk brakes are wearing out
 - v. Yesterday and today the bikes have all been rented out
 - vi. WAM recommended 5 mountain bikes and 3 snow bikes for a total of \$11,750
 - vii. No snow bikes currently
 - viii. Out of the 12 bikes, 4 are our of commission
 - ix. There are holes in almost every single kayak
 - 1. Currently looking into aluminum or steel cover for new kayaks
 - 2. Fiberglass kits can patch holes and should be looked into
 - x. \$1300 per bike over 4 years equates to more than \$300 per year per bike
 - 1. This means that if a bike could be rebuilt for < \$300 to last a year it, it would be a better value
 - 2. Even if bikes are rebuilt, they would not be the same quality
 - xi. These bikes were selected because higher quality should last longer
 - xii. Downwind could do the tune up for about \$50
 - 1. Tune up is done after every use
 - xiii. Has already done 42 events this year
 - 1. Family weekend saw at least 300
 - xiv. OAP generates revenue but is nonprofit
 - 1. Funding from USG
 - 2. Funding from Experience Tech fee
 - 3. The rest is revenue
 - 4. They raised prices one time
 - xv. OAP is open year round, compared to seasonal venues
 - xvi. Tech trails are expanding snow bike areas
 - xvii. Corporate sponsorship should be looked into
 - 1. Usually you have to be a dealer
 - 2. Currently receive discounted gear for many areas
 - xviii. Would like to consistently offer good quality equipment
 - xix. Parents Fund could be an option to explore
 - 1. They usually limit funding to around 2k
 - xx. D. LaForest moves to allocate \$11,750, Seconded

- xxi. D. Shull moves to amend standing motion to \$18,000, Seconded, Amendment Passed
 - xxii. S. Casey moves to amend standing motion to \$11,750 with equipment stipulation of 5 mountain bikes and 3 snow bikes, Seconded
 - 1. They are considered part of the USG process
 - 2. Amendment fails
 - 3. Standing motion is for \$18,000
 - xxiii. Safety should be a valid concern
 - xxiv. D. Shull moves to end discussion, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - xxv. Motion Fails, 13 yay, 7 nay, 1 abstention (2/3 required)
 - xxvi. T. Gruber moves to allocate \$11,750, Seconded
 - xxvii. Z. Mauerman moves to amend the standing motion to include equipment restrictions of 5 mountain bikes and 3 snow bikes, Seconded
 - xxviii. D. Shull moves to postpone standing amendment until next week, Seconded, Motion Passed
- X. Task Forces
- a. Technology Task Force
 - i. Did not meet
- XI. Committee Reports
- i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. No report
 - ii. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Storage Barn
 - a. Met with a few people
 - iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. No report
 - iv. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. No report
 - v. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Working on new website
 - vi. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Projects
 - 2. Meeting with Janet Hayden is next Tuesday
 - 3. Many guys are going out to departments to get blog info
 - vii. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Presentation on MPSERS Resolution
 - a. D. LaForest moves for a vote of confidence to bring the resolution to SAM, Seconded
 - i. We are paying for several universities
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - 2. Dan will ask about diversity
 - 3. Better department communication
- XII. USG Liaisons
- a. Liaisons
 - i. GSG
 - 1. Experience Tech fee is still a large topic of conversation
 - 2. Would like to see more usage data
 - ii. IFC
 - 1. Haunted Mine Tour
 - iii. Panhellenic Council
 - 1. Successful recruitment
 - iv. IRHC

1. They have been funding people to go to conferences
 - a. This probably shouldn't be under their jurisdiction
 - v. Houghton City Council
 1. Did not meet
 - vi. Parent's Fund
 1. Did not meet
 - vii. Senate
 1. 24/7 library on October 20th
 - viii. Student Commission
 1. Looking into moving time for Fundamentals of Engineering event
 2. Closing fishbowl in MEEM for renovations
 - ix. Blue Key
 1. Short meeting
 - x. Other Liaisons
 1. Friends of the Library
 - a. Library celebration on Sunday night at midnight (Monday Morning)
- XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION
- XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
 - a. Les likes our discussion
 - b. OAP started in the basement of the MUB and has grown immensely over the years
- XVI. Adjournment