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-l@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 (epcena@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) (jicooper@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-l@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 out 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 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)
xv. T. Gruber moves to allocate $11,750, Seconded
xxvii. Z. Mauerma 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-l@mtu.edu)
  1. No report
ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
  1. Storage Barn
     a. Met with a few people
iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
  1. No report
iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
  1. No report
v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
  1. Working on new website
vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@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-l@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