



Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for
October 2, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. J. Stefko moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. D. LaForest moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors- Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-1@mtu.edu)
 - a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
 - b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Retreat
 - 1. October 27th – Mark the date!
 - ii. Office Technology
 - 1. Purchasing order for new computers will be submitted this week
 - iii. Committees
 - 1. C. Cena will be meeting with committee chairs to document goals and keep track of progress
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Logo
 - 1. Working to get a new logo from University Marketing
 - ii. Online Submission Form
 - 1. Completed except for logo
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Diversity Group
 - 1. Goal is to better advocate for underrepresented students
 - 2. First steps include meeting with RSOs
 - ii. Experience Tech Fee Meeting
 - 1. Phase III is to explore additional venues and services and changes to existing
 - 2. Contact S. Casey if you have any comments or concerns about the Fee
 - iii. Pictures
 - 1. Make sure to get your picture taken!
- VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Husky Lead starts October 15th
 - i. D. LaForest will be presenting on Robert's Rules
 - b. Org reregistration is due this Friday
 - i. Late registration will decrease funding: 25% loss for up to 1 week late, 50% loss for up to 2 weeks late, NO funding for more than 2 weeks late
 - 1. This is a policy that was set in place last year
 - 2. Org is held accountable
 - 3. Reregistration and mandatory sessions have been open since early August
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Linux User's Group (LUG): \$3,375

1. The MTU career fair is much less of an opportunity for CS majors due to companies that attend
 2. Startups and large tech companies will attend this conference/competition/career fair
 3. Have known about it 2-3 weeks ago, but was not brought to LUG until this week
 4. Half LUG members and half other CS students
 5. At least 10 students, but funding is for up to 16 students
 6. Everyone will pay for own food
 7. 2-3 teams of 3 people will compete
 8. D. Palmer moves to allocate \$950 to LUG, which would fund 4 people to attend
 - a. If this is classified as a conference, Bylaws allow funding for 4
 - b. Not seconded, Motion dies
 9. Classification as a trip would allow funding for up to 12 people
 10. Z. Mauerman \$2,885, seconded
 11. S. Casey moves to table the current motion on means of more information from judicial, Seconded, Motion Passed
- ii. Society of Technical Communications
 1. Asking for reimbursement of interest on credit card
 2. K. Axline moves to withhold interest from reimbursement, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - iii. K. Axline moves to accept all other reimbursements as stated, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - iv. K. Axline moves to untable discussion for Copper Country Cycling Club's funding request for \$3,500, Seconded, Motion Passed
 1. Reserve fund request for "missed funds" from fall of 2012
 2. Many emails were sent out to all orgs
 3. The org failed to mention anything during budget hearings
 4. Request for reimbursement must have been filed last year
 5. Section 7.04 of bylaws clearly prohibits this request
 6. Due to negligence of E-Board of org and advisor
 7. An individual may have provided funding in good faith, expecting to be reimbursed
 8. They have already presented to WAM and the body
 9. D. Shull moves to table discussion, Seconded
 - a. Proof of miscommunication would be helpful
 - b. Would like to hear out organization's case
 - c. Motion Passed
- X. Task Forces
- a. Technology Task Force
 - i. Meeting this Saturday 1-2:30 with GSG
 - ii. More IT related concerns have been brought to Facebook page
- XI. Committee Reports
- i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 1. Put signup sheet in office for tshirt/polos/etc
 - ii. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 1. Storage Barn
 - a. Need to meet with Joe to get a key
 - b. Check mailbox for request
 - iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 1. Needs to talk to Joe after meeting

- iv. Elections (usselect-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. First Year Elections
 - a. S. Richards moves to open first year elections, Seconded
 - i. 8 nominees
 - ii. Motion Passed
- v. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. No report
- vi. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Projects
 - a. First meeting yesterday; Was slightly rushed
 - b. Went over K-Day board
 - c. Must go through Janet Hayden for approval on website
 - i. Joe will work to set up meeting
 - d. PR/SI meeting on Sunday
- vii. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. SAM
 - a. SVSU
 - b. Ask Z. Mauerman about what other Universities do
 - c. C. Perrin will work on PR for voter registration
 - d. IT issues were brought up
 - i. Wayne State said emails could go through marketing to ensure that students are better targeted
 - e. Potential for hosting Conference at MTU
 - f. Projects
 - i. Open forum with State senators
 - 1. Higher Ed of MI
 - ii. Mipsers
 - 1. Money lost from university
 - 2. Resolution will follow
 - iii. March Lobby trip to Lansing to have voices heard
 - iv. Meeting Sunday for EA Committee

XII. USG Liaisons

- a. Liaisons
 - i. GSG
 - 1. GSG fighting for better communication with students
 - 2. New brochures to go out once per month
 - a. Positive feedback so far
 - ii. IFC
 - 1. Looking into helping Quincy Mine with Haunted Tour
 - iii. Panhellenic Council
 - 1. Formal Recruitment
 - iv. IRHC
 - 1. Safehouse preparation
 - v. Houghton City Council
 - 1. Did not meet
 - vi. Parent's Fund
 - 1. Meeting tomorrow
 - a. 3 requests to be discussed
 - vii. Senate
 - 1. Not meeting this week
 - 2. More to come on faculty health care
 - viii. Student Commission

1. People from Dean of Students office
 - a. Subscribable text messages
 - i. Test with particular departments
 2. Library will be open 24/7 starting in a month
 3. Labs are closing early
 - a. Not supposed to close labs until library renovations were done
- ix. Blue Key
 1. Did not meet
 - x. Other Liaisons
 1. Broomball staff applications are now open through the 28th
 2. Fishing club competed in their first competition
- XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
- a. C. Dickenshied moves to untangle motion to allocate LUG \$2,885, Seconded, Motion Passed
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION
- XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
- XVI. Adjournment