

Minutes – USG General Body Meeting

Oct. 22nd 2014



- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. 7:05 PM
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Kirsten D. & Nate P. are excused
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. approved
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Andrey Merzlyakov)
 - i. Danielle Janny Resignation moved & accepted
 - ii. Discussion on roles of associate members- continuation of constitution/bylaws discussion. Dan will look at bylaws more closely with whomever wants
 - iii. John Los & Braeton Artell sworn in
 - iv. 2nd year Representative appointment- vote held between Christina & Jarrod
 - 1. Jarrod Hanson won & sworn in
 - b. Vice President (Reggie Hicks)
 - i. Retreat comments- saved money
 - c. Treasurer (Steve Steinhoff)
 - i. E-Cigarettes- President's deadline on feedback is the 31st, Senate doesn't meet until Nov. 5th, and Steve is on the agenda for that meeting.
 - ii. Constituents' consensus that no one wants them indoors- anywhere else is fine. Grad students are neutral on the issue. Steve will draft a resolution by next meeting
 - d. Secretary (Nate Peterson) - absent
 - i. LeaderShape applications are open
 - ii. Meet your Org initiative info will go out soon. ~8 orgs per person to visit, all items are already on the USG drive.
- VII. Advisor Reports
 - a. Joe Cooper
 - i. LeaderShape info- attendee testimonial from Kyle, Joe & Les talked more about specifics.
 - ii. Make a Difference Day on Saturday
 - iii. Safehouse on Saturday October
 - iv. Halloween Costume contest @ Hockey game on October 31st
 - v. Nice job to everyone who went to constitution retreat
 - vi. Vandalism at Greek Houses brought to attention
 - b. Les Cook
 - i. Also nice job on retreat
 - ii. Monday is the review on the strategic plan
 - iii. Outdoor Nation competition reminder
 - iv. Student Commission cancelled- moving to a once a month format
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Ways And Means (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. WLC Op. Fund Request
 - 1. Initial request for \$11,797.53 - airfare for 15 members, 3 hotel rooms, Registration
 - 2. WAM recommended \$2,500
 - 3. Picked a different conference (Washington DC) because the Chicago conference was not in line with CDI's diversity views. Want to take 15 women to conference because of increase in membership.
 - 4. WAM allowed use of their existing budget to give flexibility, giving extra funds amounts to an increase in their budget for a line item. May not have

been an anticipated cost because of the conference change, becomes a new opportunity.

5. Issue is that our funding is supposed to be specifically for at least 15 people
6. Counterpoint is that the recommended amount does not cover full cost, may cause some of the people to not be able to attend, falling below the 15 as planned.
7. Looking for private donors, CDI funding and departmental funding as well as member fund raising as well as personal expenses.
8. Dan motions to approve the WAM recommended amount with no member amount restriction, seconded. Votes counted- Motion fails.
9. Steve motions to approve the WAM recommended amount with 15-member restriction, seconded. Votes counted- Motion passes.

- ii. Upcoming requests- Super smash bros club, Alpine ski club

X. Task Forces

- a. Food Insecurities- meets tom

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. New office hours sheet, committee sign up sheets, contact info sheet.
- b. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Thanksgiving Day Bus Survey results
 1. 973 responses, discussed results of those responses
 2. Pre- sign up suggested, first come first serve. Need to subsidize discussed.
 3. Reggie moves for a vote of confidence in favor of a

Thanksgiving Day bus, seconded. Motion passed.

- c. Judicial (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Bylaws changes- funding redundancies fixed. "Removal of Gunk" - a Steve Steinhoff original
 - ii. Motion to approve, seconded. Motion passed.
 - iii. Lingering questions from constitution retreat
 - iv. Resolution about constitution handed out.
- d. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
- e. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Project updates
 - ii. Website Bios- a few needed along with headshots.
 - iii. Photoshop/design course proposed.
- f. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. No meeting because of retreat
- g. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Rock the Vote

XII. USG Liaisons

- a. Graduate Student Government (Chelsea Nikula)
 - i. Friday- treat street volunteering
 - ii. MUB renovations?
- b. Inter Fraternity Council (Nate Peterson)
 - i. Nov. 7th chili cookoff
- c. Panhellenic Council (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
 - i. increasing GPA requirement to 2.5
 - ii. increasing total membership cap
- d. Inter Residence Housing Council
 - i. Broomball rinks are going up
 - ii. There are still openings for broomball positions
 - iii. looking at new programming
- e. Houghton City Council (Joseph Heltsley)
 - i. absent
- f. Parent's Fund (Alissa Alexander)
 - i. did not meet
- g. Senate (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
 - i. did not meet
- h. Student Commission (Steve Steinhoff)
 - i. monthly meetings proposed
 - ii. Student Issues committee is looked at as being a soundboard
- i. Other Liaisons
- j. Broomball-
 - i. looking to get rid of boards
 - ii. player registration is open soon

- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- a. Lynn Artman- ETEC advisor
 - i. Weatherization project with at-risk high school students. Weatherize houses to help people save on energy costs.
 - ii. Georgetown Energy Prize- \$5 million prize for cutting electrical and natural gas costs in the community. Difficult times ahead for the UP, especially the Keweenaw. Winning this prize is attainable because energy costs are so high here and the only rural entrant other than Aspen, CO.
 - iii. Looking for volunteers to help weatherize people's homes, collecting donations for materials. Not much cost for the possible savings. <http://www.guep.org>
 - iv. Bryce moves for a vote of confidence, seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Baby with the Bathwater is this weekend
 - c. Headshots with Kara

XIV. Closed Session (If necessary)

- a. none

XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment

- a. moved, seconded, ajourned.