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)

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 postitions
      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.
      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, adjourned.