



Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for
October 23, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Z. Mauerman moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. C. Cena 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 University Senate
 - 1. Received a few ideas for committee projects
 - b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Retreat – **Sunday the 27th**
 - 1. Meet in front of the MUB
 - ii. Office Technology
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Logo
 - 1. We received a few mock-ups, but still have a lot of progress to make
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Diversity Group
 - 1. Has met with several orgs
 - 2. Will meet this weekend to decide course of action
 - ii. Experience Tech Meeting
 - 1. What type of increase would the student body be comfortable with?
 - a. If tuition increase will max out again, we would like to see it go somewhere valuable
 - 2. Sam will present all data next week
- VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Joe
 - i. Safehouse takes place this Saturday
 - ii. HuskyLead last night: Dealing with difficult people
 - 1. Next week is “Utilizing Creative Marketing and Multimedia Techniques”
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Archery Club: \$257.21 Opp Fund
 - 1. They have a couple bows for new members
 - 2. They were short on arrows since the beginning of the year
 - 3. They have put forth effort to try to minimize arrow damage
 - 4. These are cheapest arrows available for full sized bows
 - 5. 8 arrows broken this year
 - a. 36 requested
 - 6. They have had very good turnouts to open shooting this year

7. Z. Mauerman moves to allocate Archery Club \$257.21, Seconded, Motion Passed
- ii. OAP
 1. K. Axline moves to untable the amendment to include equipment restrictions of 5 mountain bikes and 3 snow bikes to the standing motion of \$11,750 to OAP, Seconded, Motion Passed
 2. Amendment fails
 3. Standing motion is to allocate \$11,750 to OAP
 4. D. LaForest moves to amend motion to allocate OAP \$18,000
 - a. Breakdown of student savings was presented
 - i. Since January 1st, 2013, they have saved students \$43,008
 - b. They have been working with the university to develop a maintenance and cost assessment computer program
 - i. They currently use Excel, which is very inefficient and unreliable
 - ii. This new program is being developed free of cost
 - c. The past few weeks have seen all bikes rented out
 - d. Would like to offer bikes to more students
 - e. Most groups who come to rent bikes are between the sizes of six people and an entire residence hall
 - f. Seconded, Amendment Passed
 5. Standing motion is to allocate \$18,000 to OAP, Seconded
 - a. We may have been too quick to try to micromanage them
 - b. They receive SBG funding because we trust them to be able to know where money needs to go
 - c. Motion Passed
 - iii. K. Axline moves to accept all standing reimbursements, Seconded, Motion Passed
- X. Task Forces
- a. Technology Task Force
 - i. No report
- XI. Committee Reports
- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. 4 missed office hours or 2 missed meetings is grounds for review
 - b. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Storage Barn
 1. Has continued to meet with orgs
 2. Some orgs have begun to clear out barn
 3. Quite a few orgs have ignored his outreach
 - a. Eviction process should be looked into, as it may be necessary
 - c. Judiciary (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Is looking into bylaw revisions
 - d. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Is looking into election reform
 - e. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Working on new website
 - f. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Will present on Transportation Services next week
 - ii. Met with Janet Hayden about housing website
 1. Worked through a few minor mistakes
 2. It would be best to wait until end of semester to make it live

- a. If we do it before Karma returns, we will have to train someone twice and would have to deal with a transition process
 - g. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Attended SAM Conference
 - 1. Talked about MPSERs
 - ii. USG Resolution about MPSERs has been revised
 - 1. We will wait to vote on it next week
 - 2. Ballooning costs have been impacting university
 - iii. Resolution is being brought before administration of all 7 MPSERs Universities
 - iv. State Representatives attended
- XII. USG Liaisons
- a. Liaisons
 - i. GSG
 - 1. Experience Tech Fee was a major topic
 - 2. Looking into providing legal services to students, particularly student tenants
 - a. This service was offered in the past, but was discontinued
 - 3. MSA is petitioning to offer “women only” pool hours
 - a. They currently receive USG funding for this
 - i. Currently receive discounted rate and only pay for lifeguard’s salary
 - b. Religious and cultural practices are one reason
 - c. A study showed that there were many non-Muslim women who would be more comfortable using the pool during “women only” hours
 - 4. A lot of discussion surrounding shuttle services
 - a. Last year’s enterprise did a lot of research
 - b. \$43 per student/semester would offer many more options
 - ii. IFC
 - 1. Yesterday was Monster and Candy day in the library
 - iii. Panhellenic Council
 - iv. IRHC
 - v. Houghton City Council
 - 1. Trick or Treat is 5-8 pm
 - 2. Last year Police received 112 calls
 - a. 12 misdemeanors 14 civil infractions
 - vi. Parent’s Fund
 - vii. Senate
 - 1. Bonnie Gorman presented on how they observe problem students
 - 2. Dan De Beaubien presented on IT changes
 - viii. Student Commission
 - 1. They were working on trying to put class requirements online
 - a. Whether books are required hard or digital
 - ix. Blue Key
 - 1. Did not meet
 - x. Other Liaisons
 - 1. Broomball registration is up Sunday
- XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
- a. Signs have been posted about lab closure dates
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION
- XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
- XVI. Adjournment



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