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-l@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-l@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-l@mtu.edu)
      i. 4 missed office hours or 2 missed meetings is grounds for review
   b. Service (usgservice-l@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-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Is looking into bylaw revisions
   d. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Is looking into election reform
   e. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Working on new website
   f. Student Issues (usgissues-l@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-l@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