



Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for
October 30, 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. S. Casey 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. Retreat Ideas
 1. Will be compiling retreat ideas and posting them in the office
 - ii. Meeting Attire – Business Casual
 1. Please continue to dress up for those of you that have
 2. Those who have been slacking, please dress up
 - b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Retreat – Success!
 1. Pictures are on Google drive
 - ii. Office Etiquette
 1. Appropriate shirts
 2. Please do not wear letters in the office
 - a. Should include all clubs
 - b. We want to represent USG and not other orgs while we are in the office
 3. Guests in the office
 - a. We should allow it until it poses an issue
 - b. Make sure your guests are being courteous
 - i. Language, attire, etc.
 - iii. Office Technology
 1. Waiting on IT
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Logo
 1. Waiting on developers
 - ii. Standard Budget – Bylaw Amendment
 1. Standard budget form that all orgs will have to use
 2. Working with Steve to work this into bylaws
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Experience Tech Proposal
 1. \$9 adult tickets for hockey
 - a. The information Sam was given said \$12
 2. OAP receives funding from USG and ETF
 - a. Is it necessary to receive both?
 3. Are tablets necessary for IM?
 4. Tech Trails is used immensely by students
 5. VPA adds something besides STEM to campus
 6. Mt. Ripley does not currently fund ski patrol; We do
 7. Why is the ETF not augmented in smaller amounts periodically?

- a. SAF was increased within past few years, so that may have been the focus
 - 8. \$65 with inflation would be around \$76.14
 - a. \$9.13 is a small price for the amount of services offered
 - 9. Hockey ticket changes are awesome
 - 10. S. Richards moves for a vote of confidence to support a \$16.53 increase to the ETF, Seconded
 - 11. D. LaForest moves to amend the standing motion to remove the dollar amount, Seconded
 - a. This value could change through further planning, so it may be good for us to just support an increase
 - b. Motion Passed
- VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. LeaderShape application deadline pushed back to November 22
 - b. HuskyLead – 3 more this semester
 - i. Please pick two out of the remaining 3
 - c. Make A Difference Day was successful
 - i. Thank you to participants – Thanks Dan!
 - d. Next week is Greek Week
 - e. Delta Phi Epsilon is selling pasties
 - f. Alpha Gamma Delta is selling discount cards
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. One pending Opp Fund Request
- X. Task Forces
 - a. Diversity Outreach Group
 - i. Resolution to support single gender pool hours
 - 1. Pending vote next week
 - ii. Regular liaisons should could a spot
 - iii. Allowing one liaison means we have to let all orgs have a table spot
 - iv. Technically everyone at University is technically a member of USG
 - v. Audience seats could be valued more
 - 1. Anyone has the right to raise a hand to interject on discussions
 - vi. A couple associate members could present a better option
 - vii. Look into interest first
 - viii. We should look into more advertisement about our meetings
 - b. Technology Task Force
 - i. We have been asking questions on the student issues page
 - ii. Specifically asked of constructive ideas
 - 1. Asked for what they perceived as lost in the lab
 - iii. You can remote in to access any programs
 - 1. Looking into how to promote that
 - iv. Wireless Lounges were a departmental idea; not IT
- XI. Committee Reports
 - a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Midterm reviews will go out for our E-Board
 - 1. We should look into Survey Monkey or Google Forms
 - ii. T-shirts are still waiting on logo
 - iii. Office hour sheet, phone tree sheet

1. Write any updates on the sheet
2. It will be updated at the end of each week
- b. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Storage Barn
 1. Sent out eviction notice
 2. This motivated many responses
- c. Judiciary (usjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Bylaws revision
 1. Many formatting changes
 2. Changes of wording
- d. Elections (usselect-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Election Reform
 1. Reintroducing revision that Sam R. introduced last year
 2. It says that all pictures must be unedited and reviewed by elections committee before being placed on a ballot
- e. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Website
 1. Should be released soon
 - ii. Met on Sunday at 6
 1. Did some training on how to update the website
 - iii. Debt Wall
 1. State rep coming the following Monday
 2. This could be a good opportunity to have our voices heard
 3. Philanthropy council decided that they don't want their name on it
 - a. It may have had to do with the title "debt wall"
 - b. They did not focus on positives of scholarship
 4. We still have to look into location
 - a. Fisher Hallway?
 5. Focusing on scholarships and grants can show a positive and not make MTU look bad
 6. This will get the message to Lansing, but still shed positive light on MTU
 7. D. LaForest moves for a vote of confidence that the body will participate, Seconded, Motion Passed
- f. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Transportation Services
 1. Over the summer all old parking meters were sent out and updated
 2. 80% of the meters feature "Cash Key"
 - a. Time can be loaded onto key in \$25 increments
 - b. 10% off until November 1st
 - c. Would like to be able to use debit function of IDs for parking meters
 - d. Eventually they would like to have this for all debit/credit cards
 3. Visitor lot has been reduced from \$4 to \$3
 4. Zipcars are not being used as much as they would like
 - a. More deals and advertisement to come
- g. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. We will have an open forum with a State Rep
 1. Working with PR to advertise event
 2. Great Lakes Research Center
 - a. Is it big enough?
 3. Give them updated contact info

- ii. MPSERs resolution
 - 1. It was amended last week
 - 2. D. LaForest moves to accept resolution as presented, Seconded, Motion Passed
- XII. USG Liaisons
 - a. Liaisons
 - i. GSG
 - ii. IFC
 - iii. Panhellenic Council
 - 1. No report
 - iv. IRHC
 - 1. SafeHouse was a success
 - v. Houghton City Council
 - 1. Did not meet
 - vi. Parent's Fund
 - 1. Did not meet
 - vii. Senate
 - 1. Did not meet
 - viii. Student Commission
 - 1. Zipcars
 - a. They have been thinking about reducing fleet down to one
 - b. \$25 to sign up
 - c. Refer a friend bonus
 - 2. Campus Safety Officers will carry small video cameras to use at their discretion
 - a. It provides a transparency
 - b. No he-said-she-said
 - c. They do not have it on all the time
 - d. It is partially for their safety
 - e. They don't technically have to notify students
 - f. This does not violate any privacy laws
 - ix. Blue Key
 - 1. Dates and deadlines for winter carnival events were released
 - x. Other Liaisons
 - 1. Memo from MUB Board documenting policies for 106
 - 2. Distributed to all orgs yesterday
- XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
 - a. This weekend there were a lot of complaints about the hockey tickets
 - i. If someone has a time conflict, they can't get in
 - ii. Last week was NMU game and it was packed
 - iii. \$5 tickets are available to students once student seats are gone
 - iv. 750 seats are for students only
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION
- XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
- XVI. Adjournment