



Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for
October 9, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. S. Steinhoff moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A. Merzlyakov moves to approve 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 Bonnie Gorman
 - 1. Next Wednesday, they will run through and see what USG could accomplish
 - 2. Meeting with University Senate next Wednesday to give them an update on our progress
 - b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Retreat
 - 1. October 27th
 - ii. Office Technology
 - 1. Still in IT queue
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Logo
 - 1. Marketing said they don't work with "student groups"
 - 2. Kyle informed them of our position
 - 3. Still waiting on their reply
 - ii. A breakdown of budget will go out with minutes
 - iii. Put budget forms in wire basket
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Diversity Group
 - 1. Will meet this coming week
 - ii. Experience Tech Meeting
 - 1. Coordination group met
 - 2. Phase I was completed
 - a. Current distribution was reviewed and validated
 - 3. Phase II and III
 - a. Consider add-ons and changes
 - 4. Changes to Hockey Tickets
 - a. Received mostly positive feedback
 - b. Previously 30% of reserved tickets were unused
 - c. All 750 seats were filled
 - 5. Prerequisite regarding use of facilities
 - a. Problem: Some inexperienced users negatively affect others' experiences
 - i. EX: Poor golf etiquette, Dangerous skiers
 - b. Solutions:
 - i. 15 min video explaining requisite knowledge
 - ii. Coupon for a bucket of balls on the driving range

- iii. Instruction for beginners
 - c. Reactions
 - i. Bucket of balls should be optional
 - 1. Requirements could deter some students
 - ii. PE classes currently offer instruction
 - iii. Look into pamphlets explaining golf etiquette that would be provided before starting match
 - iv. Video could potentially deter students
 - iii. Pictures
 - 1. See Chris if you haven't had it taken yet
- VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Les
 - i. Family Weekend is this weekend
 - ii. Next week we will have a presentation on Alumni Way
 - b. Joe
 - i. Husky Lead starts next week
 - 1. Please choose two sessions to attend
 - ii. Applications for LeaderShape are now open
 - 1. You should go because:
 - a. One of the most transformative weeks
 - b. Relationships built, experiences gained, skills developed
 - c. It focuses on raw emotion that you put into being a leader
 - d. How to relate to your audience
 - e. You come out with a different perspective on how to deal with people as a leader
 - f. You will grow as a person
 - 2. Would be notified in November
 - 3. \$100 per student including everything
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Copper Country Cycling Club
 - i. K. Axline moves to untangle the discussion, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - ii. S. Steinhoff, as judicial chair, ruled last week that funding could not be approved
 - 1. Beyond past academic year
 - 2. Bylaws 6.07.4
 - iii. Allowing this funding would set a precedent
 - iv. Org's E Board normally transitions December January
 - 1. Poor communication with graduating officers
 - 2. Didn't know about deadlines
 - v. Receipts were from last semester, some from more than a year ago
 - vi. Previously had been filing for entire previous year's reimbursement
 - 1. The money was then stuck into a bank account
 - 2. Their org then functioned by paying out of this account
 - 3. The reimbursement process we have in place is meant to disallow this type of operation
 - vii. Transition documents should be provided by E Board
 - viii. USG could improve on email notification
 - 1. Several emails were sent out spring of last year
 - 2. These emails were sent to ALL E Board members
 - 3. They contained detailed information on deadlines

- ix. No members of the org are owed money because of the way they were handling their reimbursements
 - x. This is the incorrect method of receiving funding
 - xi. He is now aware of how the reimbursement process works
 - xii. S. Steinhoff stands by ruling that funding is ineligible due to bylaws
- IX. New Business
- a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. 3 Orgs came with Opp and Reserve requests
 - 1. Remember to view these during office hours
 - ii. K. Axline moves to accept all reimbursements, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - b. Elections
 - i. 220 voters – great turnout!
 - ii. J. Stefko moves to accept nominees, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - 1. Joseph Heltsley
 - 2. Kat Farkas
 - 3. Nathaniel Wade
 - 4. Austin Ellsworth
 - 5. Darien Benner
 - 6. Kaitlin Halonen
- X. Task Forces
- a. Technology Task Force (TTF)
 - i. Met with GSG – Very productive
 - ii. Working to craft our official stance on the lab closure
 - 1. Spread out labs so that at least one is open in each building
 - iii. Will put out a walk through on how to access Remote Desktop
 - iv. IRHC will join group
- XI. Committee Reports
- i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Will need to meet with first years
 - 2. T-shirts
 - a. Waiting on logo
 - 3. Project Documentation
 - a. Student Issues should submit their projects
 - ii. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Storage Barn
 - a. Will meet with all orgs that are currently storing equipment there
 - b. Consolidation, out of use, etc
 - c. Should look into possibly handing off control
 - iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. No report
 - iv. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Looking to revise bylaws regarding election process
 - v. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Blog post per week
 - a. Highlights issues that PR is addressing
 - 2. Working on updating website
 - a. Page with consolidated resources
 - 3. Early November, semesterly email to go out to Student Body
 - 4. Student Debt Wall
 - a. How much debt will you graduate with
 - b. November 14th
 - i. Partnership with Philanthropy and Financial Aid

- ii. Will show how much debt you'll graduate with and how much you would without scholarships
 - iii. Work with publicizing event
 - vi. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Projects
 - a. Met with Public Relations
 - b. Biggest concern is the communication
 - i. Work with Transportation Services on timeline
 - vii. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - 1. Eastern SAM conference next weekend
 - 2. Next week will present a resolution to USG
 - 3. Meeting with GSG
 - 4. Working on securing legislation to come visit Tech
- XII. USG Liaisons
 - a. Liaisons
 - i. GSG
 - 1. Would like to have a lawyer on hand for student consultation
 - ii. IFC
 - 1. Recruitment
 - iii. Panhellenic Council
 - 1. Monday was Bid Night
 - a. Successful
 - 2. Planning social with IFC
 - 3. Brett Campbell will put on presentation
 - 4. About 50 Women joined Greek life
 - iv. IRHC
 - 1. SLS came to IRHC and was looking to bring concert to Tech
 - a. Pending more information
 - v. Houghton City Council
 - 1. Someone wants to buy house and turn into housing complex
 - a. In between Kappa Delta Psi and St. Albert's Church
 - vi. Parent's Fund
 - 1. No report
 - vii. Senate
 - 1. Decided to keep two faculty plans
 - viii. Student Commission
 - 1. No Report
 - ix. Blue Key
 - 1. No report
 - x. Other Liaisons
 - 1. Greek Week
- XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
 - a. First Years are sworn in
 - b. Make a Difference Day Registration Is Open
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION
- XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
 - a. Happy Leif Erickson Day
- XVI. Adjournment