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-l@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 (epcena@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 untable 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-l@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-l@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-l@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-l@mtu.edu)
   1. No report

iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Looking to revise bylaws regarding election process

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@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-l@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-l@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