



**Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government**

Minutes for  
November 13, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. K. Axline moves to approve the agenda with WAM before officer reports, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. J. Stefko moves to accept agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors- Thanks for coming!
- VI. WAM ([usgwam-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-1@mtu.edu))
  - a. ASCE: \$780 Opp Fund
    - i. They would like pool time to test concrete canoe
    - ii. Due to policy change they cannot use student lifeguard who will be in the pool paddling
    - iii. They have consistently performed well
    - iv. K. Axline moves to allocate \$780 to ASCE, Seconded, Motion Passed
- VII. Officer Reports ([usgeboard-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgeboard-1@mtu.edu))
  - a. President ([amsharp@mtu.edu](mailto:amsharp@mtu.edu))
    - i. Ombudsman
      1. Decided representative
      - ii. Thank you to everyone who helped with the debt wall
      - iii. Someone will present next week on MyMTU
    - ii. Office Technology
      1. Computers are installed
      - ii. Please pick up trash in the office if you see it
      - iii. Chris went to SAM this past weekend and learned a lot about other Universities
        1. Our IT department is miles ahead of other universities
        2. We are the only university that has unlimited black and white and we are on the cheaper end of color printing
  - b. Vice President ([cpcena@mtu.edu](mailto:cpcena@mtu.edu))
    - i. Logo
      1. Should be completed next week
    - ii. Bylaw Amendment
      1. Add
        - a. Anything funding for a project must be completed in 4 years
        - b. Orgs have 3 months to submit receipts
  - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
    - i. Experience Tech Proposal
      1. GSG did not support the full increase based on usage
      2. A group met over the weekend and put together a proposal that would use a differential
        - a. Undergraduates would slightly more
      3. The money isn't necessarily a concern, but why should undergrads have to pay more for the same services that grads are getting
      4. The redistribution increases undergrad's fee by \$2.30
      5. Why can't grads support an extra \$11.70?
  - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))

6. It is important for us to reach a compromise so that our decision reflects the entire student body
    - a. Ultimately, we are here to represent the undergrad body
  7. K. Axline moves to not support the differential, but support the increase, Seconded, Motion Fails
  8. S. Casey moves to postpone discussion indefinitely, Seconded, Motion Passed
- VIII. Advisor Report ([lpcook@mtu.edu](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jjcooper@mtu.edu](mailto:jjcooper@mtu.edu))
- a. Les
    - i. Congrats on making front page of Mining Gazette
    - ii. Les will be out of town next week
  - b. Joe
    - i. Leadershape applications are due November 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - ii. Next week's HuskyLead is "What's Important? How Do I Fit It All In My Schedule?"
    - iii. November's focus is intellectual wellness
      1. If you answer trivia question you will be entered for a drawing
      2. Alumni relations has forms
      3. Enter at OAP House
    - iv. Met with Scott McGuinness Houghton City Council Manager
      1. Speak on tenant rights
      2. It would be an open forum
      3. We would like student support
      4. We could look into hosting an open forum
      5. He is more than happy to help with anything
      6. He came and spoke last year to the Greek Community
        - a. He was very helpful
        - b. He got back about any questions he couldn't immediately answer
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Task Forces
- a. Diversity Outreach Group
    - i. Will be meeting next week to discuss how to proceed with pool initiative
  - b. Technology Task Force
    - i. No report
    - ii. If this group is no longer working then it shouldn't still be in place
- XII. Committee Reports
- a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Make sure to communicate office hour absences
    - ii. If you are going to miss, please try to ask another member to fill in
  - b. Service ([usgservice-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Storage Barn
      1. Has sent out final notice
      2. They have until next Sunday to respond
      3. He has gone through extensive efforts to find correct contact information for orgs
  - c. Judiciary ([usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Next week he will present on reformatted bylaws

- d. Elections ([usselect-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usselect-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report
  - e. Public Relations ([usgpr-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Debt Wall
      - 1. Thank you for everyone who has helped so far
      - 2. We need more people to sign up for Sunday
      - 3. In the future, events should give prior notice of when they will need help
  - f. Student Issues ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Last Week's Lode had a couple articles targeting where money was being placed and the carbon monoxide problem in Daniel Heights
      - 1. We could work with them to get some of our initiatives publicized
    - ii. We would like to address the issue of busy library
  - g. External Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Last week they attended they SAM conference
      - 1. We introduced a resolution about some simple procedural changes
    - ii. Open forum next Monday at 7pm
      - 1. It is not mandatory, but attendance would be appreciated
      - 2. It will only be an hour long
      - 3. D. LaForest moves to allocate \$150 towards the event, Seconded, Motion Passed
- XIII. USG Liaisons
- a. Liaisons
    - i. GSG
      - 1. Did not meet this past week
      - 2. They decided on ombuds rep
        - a. Dan will be a non-voting alternate
    - ii. IFC
      - 1. Open Nominations for E Board
    - iii. Panhellenic Council
      - 1. SWE needs volunteers for conference
      - 2. E Board elections are open
      - 3. Social on 20<sup>th</sup>
      - 4. Spaghetti Dinner Sunday
      - 5. Paper Drive – Please donate!
    - iv. IRHC
      - 1. They had Dan DeBeaubien and Ellen Marks come to present
      - 2. Anthropology Club got an additional \$1000 from them
      - 3. Travis Pierce will be presenting on Room and Board Rates
    - v. Houghton City Council
      - 1. Biggest discussion was a proposal to build an apartment complex on the property of the Goodwill Farms
        - a. There isn't a lot of one bedroom apartments
      - 2. Over a 9 day period there were a lot of public safety incidents
    - vi. Parent's Fund
      - 1. Not present
    - vii. Senate
      - 1. No report
    - viii. Student Commission
      - 1. Meets tomorrow
    - ix. Blue Key
      - 1. Winter Carnival Rule book is being released
    - x. Other Liaisons

- XIV. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
- XV. CLOSED SESSION
- XVI. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
- XVII. Adjournment