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-l@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-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (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
   b. Vice President (epcena@mtu.edu)
      i. 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
   c. Treasurer (kmaxline@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
   d. Secretary (sracey@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?
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]([lpcook@mtu.edu]) ([jicooper@mtu.edu]([jicooper@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 22nd
     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 McGuiness Houghton City Council Manager
         1. Speak on tenant rights
         2. It would be and 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-l@mtu.edu]([usgpersonnel-l@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-l@mtu.edu]([usgservice-l@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-l@mtu.edu]([usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu]))
     i. Next week he will present on reformatted bylaws
d. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   i. No report

e. Public Relations (usgpr-l@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-l@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-l@mtu.edu)
   i. Last week they attended their 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 20th
      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