Minutes – USG General Body Meeting
Nov. 19th 2014

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to move WAM to after committee reports – Andrey
   b. Passed

IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. Steve motioned to approve minutes
   b. Passed

V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!

VI. Officer Reports
   a. President (Andrey Merzlyakov)
      i. BOC Presentation
         1. Constitution
         2. E-Cigarettes
         3. Thanksgiving Break Bus
         4. Food Insecurities/Academic Calendar Task Force
         5. Meet Your Rep/Org
   b. Vice President (Reggie Hicks)
      i. Spring 2015 Retreat
         1. More information next meeting
      ii. Graduation Cords
   c. Treasurer (Steve Steinhoff)
   d. Secretary (Nate Peterson)
      i. Meet your Org/Rep
         1. December 12th 10am-2pm?
         2. Working on material over break

VII. Advisor Reports
   a. Joe Cooper
      i. LeaderShape application decisions went out
      ii. HuskyLEAD sessions are done for this year
      iii. OAP is hiring for next semester, due this Friday. More spots will open up in this fall, and applications will be in the Spring for those

   iv. Campus Clarity pt. 2 should have been completed by now, pt. 3 will come in the Spring

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. Steve motioned to approve Tony Sharp as a 4th year representative
      i. President last year, has been involved for 2 years
      ii. He has less credit load next semester and would like to jump back on the body
      iii. Failed due to lack of 4th representatives present, that are needed for approval
   b. Ways And Means (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. SLS Reserve Fund Request ($30,000)
         1. Current video system is very outdated
         2. Affects University Welcome, Homecoming, Winter Carnival, Film Board, etc.
         3. Equipment can be rented for up to 2 weeks for free by organizations
         4. Full system from camera -> rack -> projector
         5. Benefits go beyond orgs to a lot of students
         6. Joe – The request is much more practical than previous requests
         7. Plan to advertise the new equipment is to place postcards/posters campus
         8. Steve motioned to approve full WAM recommendation
         9. Motion passed
1. Beanie hats/table
tents/PR
material/giveaways
2. Darien motioned to
approve full
recommended amount
   a. Failed

X. Task Forces
   a. Food Insecurities
      i. Wording of survey questions have
         been worked on to gauge the
         students
   b. Constitution
      i. Launched website
      ii. Table tents are up
      iii. Posters have been made to hang
            around campus
      iv. Buttons have been made to wear
      v. Hats are being ordered today
      vi. Waiting to talk to Film Board until
            voting period about
            advertisements
      vii. Visited IFC, Panhel, and IRHC about
           the initiative
      viii. Meeting with the Deans soon to
           discuss the college representatives
      ix. Recording the town-hall meeting,
          December 4th @ 8pm in DOW 642
   c. Academic Calendar
      i. They met last Friday, created a
         rough draft proposal for the registrar
      ii. After getting some feedback and
          bring it back to USG
      iii. Proposal is for changing dates in
           the calendar

XI. Committee Reports
   a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      i. E-board comments/evaluations
      ii. Steve
         1. Bryce moves to
            recommend full 500$ stipend
            a. Passed
      iii. Reggie
         1. Bryce moves to
            recommend full 500$ amount
            a. Passed
      iv. Andrey
   b. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      i. DeJah + Joey are meeting with Joe
         to discuss the boarding procedures
      ii. Winter Bus sold out in 2 days
         1. The extra fee was for
            credit card processing
            fees and EventBrite usage
            fees
         2. USG still needs 2 people
            to ride the winter bus, if
            you are interested please
            let Joey or Joe Cooper
            know
         3. 3 people are on the
            waitlist
         4. Parents are thrilled, good
            brownie points
   c. Judicial (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      i. No report
   d. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      i. No report
   e. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Mostly Constitution stuff, table
         tents and posters
   f. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Caution tape – reseeding the lawn,
         to stake off the area so that the
         grass can grow back
   g. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
      i. SAM Conference – Western –
         Saturday/Sunday this weekend
         1. 2 motions are to be
            discussed
         2. Kendra is going
   h. Budget (usgbudget-l@mtu.edu)
      i. No report
   i. Finance (usgfinance-l@mtu.edu)
      i. No report

XII. USG Liaisons
   a. Graduate Student Government (Chelsea
      Nikula)
   b. Inter Fraternity Council (Nate Peterson)
   c. Panhellenic Council (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
      i. Elections on Dec. 2nd
      ii. Seriously looking at an event on
          Dec 7th – Holiday Social – donation
          to Baraga Women’s Shelter
   d. Inter Residence Housing Council
      i. Appointed a USG liaison
   e. Houghton City Council (Jarrod Hanson)
      i. Did not meet this week
f.  Parent’s Fund (Alissa Alexander)
   i.  Met last week
   ii. Approved the following requests
       1.  SLS full inflatable screen costs (6,000$)
       2.  Startup costs for Robotics Club
       3.  Approved 400$ for Alpine Ski Team registration fees

g.  Senate (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
   i.  General business

h.  Student Commission (Steve Steinhoff)
   i.  Moving to advertising the meetings for greater attendance
   ii. Anyone can go to the meetings, Thursdays at 2:30PM

i.  Other Liaisons
   i.  IT Governance
       1.  Met again yesterday
       2.  Background information on where IT is and how it has gotten here

XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
   a.  Vote for Constitution Task Force WAM request failed, however Dan would like to revoke
   b.  Dan motions to reconsider the vote (re-vote)
       i.  Motion passed

XIV.  Closed Session (If necessary)

XV.  Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
   a.  See DeJah if you attend the one of Tarantino Movies this week for free popcorn
   b.  Motion to approve LeaderShape sponsorship for Joey and DeJah
       i.  Joey has a vision to improve the service chair position
       ii. Passed
   c.  Week of MUB – MUB Board would like to have assistance with a scavenger event; one stop would be our office. More information coming soon

XVI.  Adjournment
   a.  8:20PM