

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
 - 5. Insecurities/Academic Calendar Task Force
 - 6. 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 Current video system is very outdated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
 - ii. Constitution Task Force Op. Fund Request (~4,000)

1. Beanie hats/table tents/PR material/giveaways
2. Darien motioned to approve full recommended amount
 - a. Failed

1. Bryce moves to recommend full 500\$ amount
 - a. Passed

- 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

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

- 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

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

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 revote
 - 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