

# Minutes – USG General Body Meeting

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 2014



- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. 7:18pm – Gained Quorum
  - b. 8:50pm – Lost Quorum
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda – Reggie
  - a. Approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approved
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. President (Andrey Merzlyakov)
    - i. Joseph Halford Resignation
      - 1. Motion – Steve
      - 2. Passed
    - ii. Breakfast with Les/Bonnie
      - 1. Exams/Class during career fair week topic will be brought up
      - 2. The issue of the McNair/DHH bathroom renovations project status will be brought up as well.
  - b. Vice President (Reggie Hicks)
    - i. Retreat plans for Spring 2015
      - 1. Goals, plans, team-building etc.
  - c. Treasurer (Steve Steinhoff)
    - i. E-Cigarettes presentation
  - d. Secretary (Nate Peterson)
    - i. Meet your Org /Rep
    - ii. University Finances open forum – Spring 2015
      - 1. Talking with Dave Reed to set this up
- VII. Advisor Reports
  - a. Joe Cooper
    - i. LeaderShape applications are still open
    - ii. Husky LEAD – 2 sessions left
    - iii. No more boat rentals – Challenge Course is closing soon (2 weeks)
    - iv. Blue Key – winter carnival email list
      - 1. [wintercarnival-l@mtu.edu](mailto:wintercarnival-l@mtu.edu)
    - v. Good job on the Thanksgiving Bus
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Ways And Means ([usgwam-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. Women’s Volleyball Club – Reserve Fund Request
      - 1. Motion for full allocation
      - 2. Passed
- X. Task Forces
  - a. Food Insecurities
    - i. Meets tomorrow
  - b. Constitution
    - i. One carryover representative
    - ii. Add a clause under Student Affairs committee that a representative should attend Student Commission
    - iii. Associate members will be subject to personnel committee
    - iv. Removed all alternate positions
    - v. Vice President / President chairing meeting
      - 1. President
      - 2. Hard to communicate ideas for vision
      - 3. Vice-President
      - 4. Is able to work with the body more closely due to abilities defined in the constitution
      - 5. Already has a lot of duties
      - 6. President would become a figurehead, as compared to a facilitator
      - 7. Vote of confidence was motioned in favor of having Vice-President run meetings
      - 8. Motion Passed
    - vi. The possibility of having a certain chairperson running meetings is being brought back to
- XI. Committee Reports
  - a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report

- iii. Rules will be sent out with the minutes
    - c. Panhellenic Council (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
      - i. Order of Omega applications are open, until Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – apply in the Student Activities Office
      - ii. Chris Kelly is the Greek Student of the Month
    - d. Inter Residence Housing Council
      - i. Not here
    - e. Houghton City Council (Joseph Heltsley)
      - i. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weds of each month
      - ii. Joey asked if someone else could go for him, its inconvenient for him.
    - f. Parent’s Fund (Alissa Alexander)
      - i. Next Thursday is next meeting
        - 1. Talking to Alpine Ski Team
    - g. Senate (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
      - i. E-Cigarettes presentation
      - ii. Strategic Plan comments
      - iii. Masters Degree in Physics has been shelved
    - h. Student Commission (Steve Steinhoff)
      - i. Didn’t meet
    - i. Other Liaisons
- b. Service ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Thanksgiving Bus Update
    - 1. Bus is sold out, we are still taking reserve spots for cancellations
  - ii. Christmas/Future breaks?
    - 1. Taking a look at the bus for Christmas Break, nothing hard set yet
  - iii. Cleaning up the storage barn
- c. Judicial ([usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu))
- d. Elections ([usgselect-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgselect-l@mtu.edu))
- e. Public Relations ([usgpr-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Project updates
    - 1. Website has been updated with bios for everyone but first years
    - 2. Texting service would not be economically feasible to do.
    - 3. Updating tri-fold/bulletin board
- f. Student Issues ([usgissues-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Project updates
    - 1. Assigned projects
    - 2. Meeting next week, and goals are due by next meeting
- g. External Affairs ([usgea-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Rock the Vote
    - 1. Not too many people used the bus service, but it was poorly advertised
    - 2. This was a learning experience for next year

## XII. USG Liaisons

- a. Graduate Student Government (Chelsea Nikula)
  - i. International Career fair
    - 1. Online, possibly in the spring
    - 2. Geared towards graduate students
- b. Inter Fraternity Council (Nate Peterson)
  - i. Chili Cookoff is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in Wads Annex
  - ii. Any student organization may register for the event, to make 2 gallons of chili

- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
  - a. IT Governance – Next Tuesday first meeting
  - b. Broomball got a new trailer
- XIV. Closed Session (If necessary)
- XV. Announcements/”Remarks for the Good”
- XVI. Adjournment