

Agenda – USG General Body Meeting

Dec. 10th 2014



- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Joey motioned
 - b. Approved
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Andrey Merzlyakov)
 - i. Alissa Alexander Resignation
 - 1. Andrey approves
 - 2. Motion passed
 - 3. A WAM spot is still open for next semester
 - ii. 3rd Year representative spots still open
 - 1. Abby S. would like to become a member of USG
 - 2. Andrey appointed her to USG
 - 3. Steve motioned to accept her nomination
 - 4. Approved
 - 5. 3rd year representatives approved of the appointment was well
 - iii. 4th year representative spot is still open
 - b. Vice President (Reggie Hicks)
 - i. No report - absent
 - c. Treasurer (Steve Steinhoff)
 - i. WAM Appointment
 - ii. Please look at the requests during the week, not right before meeting.
 - d. Secretary (Nate Peterson)
 - i. Meet your Rep
- VII. Advisor Reports
 - a. Joe Cooper
 - i. Take advantage of the library 24/7 open hours
 - ii. Drink/Think 8PM – Rick Barnes
 - iii. RA/PA/OTL's information sessions are happening now
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Ways And Means (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. 23,908\$
 - ii. Copper Country Robotics
 - 1. Organization founded by the old members of Robotics enterprise on campus (FIRST)
 - 2. Working with local high school students and mentoring them with FIRST robotics programs
 - 3. Interested in competing in a collegiate level robotics competition in Indianapolis.
 - 4. Mentoring, Houghton, Lake Linden, Calumet, and possible Hancock.
 - 5. 4234\$ total, 3000\$ recommended by WAM, with no restrictions.
 - a. Kara motioned to approve WAM recommendation
 - b. Motion passed

iii. Relay for Life

1. Newly founded org at MTU, to run Relay for Life
2. Usually rely on donations for entertainment at the event, however it isn't the most reliable
3. Trying to make sure it is not a flop.
4. Also would like to attend a leadership conference to learn some best conferences
5. 4366\$ total request, WAM recommended 2700\$.
 - a. Jarrod moves to accept the recommended amount.
 - b. Motion passed

iv. Silver Wings

1. Sister organization to the Arnold Air Society, it is open to civilians unlike Arnold Air Society
2. Requesting 5592\$ originally, however WAM recommended 3000\$
 - a. Motion to approved full recommendation
 - b. Approved

v. Reimbursements

- a. Ski & Snowboard
- b. FastPitch Softball
- c. AiChE
- d. Swing Dance Club
- e. SAE
- f. Andrey motions to approve
- g. Approved

vi. Sailing Club

1. Reserve fund request for a used sailboat, a 2008 420.
2. Last year USG funded a repair for 4 boats of the fleet.
3. The goal is to have 6 quality boats, and currently they have 5. This is so they can properly train and compete
4. Placed 3rd in a competition in New York; only teams to beat them was Ohio State, and the Naval Academy.
5. Boat racks have been built to properly store the boats, so they can be kept up better
6. WAM recommended the full amount of 3500\$
 - a. Kirsten motions to approve the full amount
 - b. Motion passed

X. Task Forces

- a. Food Insecurities
 - i. Working on a survey still, will go out next semester
- b. Constitution
 - i. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Town-Hall
 - ii. Kara and Dan met with the deans this morning, they wondered about representation for the honors college
 - iii. Starting to prepare for second town hall.
 - iv. Meeting with BOC next week
- c. IT Governance
 - i. No report, meets tomorrow

- d. Academic Calendar
 - i. Dan handed out proposed calendar changes to help alleviate some current issues
 - ii. Potentially having a survey going out, however it would be tricky to convey the proper message
 - iii. The orientation staff is aware of the proposal
 - iv. Student Activities would prefer to have it after the 1st week of classes, however they would have full control if it was moved to the weekend.
 - e. Houghton City Council (Jarrod Hanson)
 - i. Meets next week
 - ii. MDOT is holding a presentation on campus next Thursday Dec 18th. Fisher 138 6-8pm
 - f. Parent's Fund (Alissa Alexander)
 - i. Will need a new parent's fund liaison
 - g. Senate (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
 - i. Presentation for BOC
 - ii. Talked about e-cigs, ban indoors, but allowed outdoors
 - iii. Salary of alumni, and happiness of jobs post graduation
 - 1. Leadership skills
 - iv. Working on a vision for the Senate
 - h. Student Commission (Steve Steinhoff)
 - i. Not meeting until next semester
 - i. Other Liaisons
- XI. Committee Reports
- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. Yield
 - b. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. Winter Bus Progress
 - ii. Storage Barn cleanup?
 - 1. Lots of work is needed to be done
 - 2. It will start next semester
 - 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. Progress
 - f. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. Trying to hit the ground running next semester.
 - g. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- XII. USG Liaisons
- a. Graduate Student Government (Chelsea Nikula)
 - b. Inter Fraternity Council (Nate Peterson)
 - i. E-board transitions went well
 - ii. Rick Barnes speaker event is tonight, IFC helped to host the event
 - c. Panhellenic Council (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
 - i. Finished E-board elections
 - d. Inter Residence Housing Council
 - i. Still trying to get a representative to come to meetings
- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- a. Finance Meeting had its room changed to the Forestry Building room G002
 - b. President's Forum is next week
 - c. Dan would like to see a Financial Report from USG
- XIV. Closed Session (If necessary)
- XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- a. Mitch's Misfit's will be hosting a ride to the hockey game at NMU on January 9th
- XVI. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn
 - b. Approved