

**Michigan Technological University**  
**Undergraduate Student Government**



Agenda for  
December 11, 2013

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. J. Stefko moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. D. LaForest moves to approve the minutes, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports ([usgeboard-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgeboard-1@mtu.edu))
  - a. President ([amsharp@mtu.edu](mailto:amsharp@mtu.edu))
    - i. Open Forums
      1. January – Off campus housing
        - a. Second or third week we are back - Tuesday?
      2. February – IT
      3. April – Student-related Campus Open Forum w/ President Mroz
    - ii. Advisor
      1. We would like to reach out to Bonnie Gorman to be an advisor
      2. S. Casey moves for a vote of confidence to formally invite Bonnie to be an advisor for USG, Seconded, Motion Passed
    - iii. Will be presenting at the board of control
    - iv. Academic affairs committee will be meeting with Tony and Amberlee
  - b. Vice President ([cena@mtu.edu](mailto:cena@mtu.edu))
    - i. Teacher Satisfaction Surveys
      1. Hiatus until next semester
    - ii. IT
      1. Still bringing in new hardware
      2. Things should continue to get better
  - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
    - i. Logo
      1. Sent off logo to UMC
    - ii. Bylaw Reform
      1. We will get a packet that will go through changes to finance
      2. Should clear up any questions
  - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))
    - i. Next Tuesday, presenting ETF proposal to Financial Data Group
- VII. Advisor Reports ([lpcook@mtu.edu](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jicooper@mtu.edu](mailto:jicooper@mtu.edu))
  - a. Les
    - i. Good luck on finals!
    - ii. Busy week for University
    - iii. Board meeting on Friday – Feel free to attend
      1. 9 am in the Ballroom
      2. Proposal to develop and build a welcome center on campus

- a. About 5,000 sq. feet on the back of the MUB
  - 3. Room and board rates
    - a. Avg increase is around 2.7%
  - iv. Thanks for the card!
- b. Joe
  - i. Adventure spring break trips should be publicized next semester
  - ii. Stop by OAP
  - iii. Costa Rica
    - 1. Airfare went up slightly, but overall cost should be around \$1200
  - iv. Buffalo River, Rocky Mountains
  - v. HuskyLEAD schedule for next semester
    - 1. Talk to Joe if you have any proposals for sessions next semester
  - vi. Facilities is doing its best job
  - vii. For those interested in applying to be RA, PA, or OTL there is a meeting tonight
    - 1. There will be two more next semester

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. WAM ([usgwam-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Rugby Club: \$3,500 Opp Fund
    - 1. They would like to go to a unique tournament
      - a. 7 person team
      - b. International tournament
      - c. They could be fairly competitive in collegic bracket
      - d. It is hard for them to find spring tournaments
      - e. They would like to expand competitive edge
      - f. They would bring 10 Michigan Tech students
    - 2. Z. Mauerman moves to allocate \$3,500 to Rugby Club, Seconded
      - a. K. Axline moves to amend the motion to include that the opp fund money will not go toward meals, Seconded
        - i. D. Shull moves to amend the amendment to include that they must write a blog post to highlight what they gained, Seconded, Motion Passed
      - b. Motion Passed
    - 3. Motion Passed
  - ii. Disc Golf Club: \$753 Opp Fund
    - 1. They are a new club
    - 2. The club generated revenue hosting tournaments
    - 3. Some would go towards course maintenance
    - 4. They tried to reach Facilities and IMs, but didn't have much success
    - 5. Students have complained about the current upkeep of the course
    - 6. D. Shull moves to allocate \$753 to Disc Golf Club, Seconded, Motion Passed

X. Task Forces

- a. Diversity Outreach Group
  - i. Survey Results
    - 1. Survey results came back positive
    - 2. Next semester we will work with SDC
    - 3. We will assess attendance at the current time slot
- b. Technology Task Force
  - i. Met last Sunday

- ii. Had some good discussion
- iii. They would like to track down more information
  - 1. They would like to get anonymous IT Ticket information
  - 2. They spent time trying to understand the difference between IT User Services and IT
    - a. How do they work together?
    - b. What do the students see?
  - 3. They would like to look at high turnover rates

#### XI. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Individual interviews next semester with E Board and Personnel
  - ii. Will put out a survey for apparel
  - iii. No office hours next week
- b. Service ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Storage barn will be continued next semester
- c. Judiciary ([usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. No report
- d. Elections ([usgelect-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgelect-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. We will address our open positions next semester
    - 1. We may have associate members returning
- e. Public Relations ([usgpr-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Off campus housing website
    - 1. The website is very user friendly
    - 2. Looking into having a “find a roommate” section
- f. Student Issues ([usgissues-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. No report
- g. External Affairs ([usgea-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. 5 resolutions at the SAM Conference
  - ii. Formal resolution about tax credit on student loans
  - iii. Rewriting some of the SAM bylaws
  - iv. Resolution for LGBTQ resources across the state
  - v. They might have Rick Snyder come talk to SAM
  - vi. Report on Affordable Care Act
  - vii. Talk to Dan if you’re interested in going to a conference
- h. Committee chairs need to put together a budget for next semester

#### XII. USG Liaisons

- a. GSG
  - i. Did not meet
- b. IFC
  - i. Elected the new E Board
  - ii. Many of the fraternity houses have lights up for light competition
- c. Panhellenic Council
  - i. Elected the new E Board
- d. IRHC
  - i. They voted Bryce in as a Liaison
  - ii. Frisbockey is now under Intramurals
- e. Houghton City Council
  - i. Couldn’t attend
- f. Parent’s Fund

- i. Did not meet
  - g. Senate
    - i. Les presented on student affairs
    - ii. It looks like there may be an increase in students
    - iii. There is enough housing, but it may not be ideal housing
      - 1. That happens almost every year
    - iv. GSG presented
      - 1. Talked a lot about U/GSG joint ventures
  - h. Student Commission
    - i. Doesn't meet tomorrow
  - i. Blue Key
    - i. Had a presentation from Scott McGuiness
  - j. Other Liaisons
- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
  - a. C. Dickenson moves to accept A. Merzlyakov as an associate member, Seconded, Motion Passed
- XIV. Closed Session
- XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- XVI. Adjournment