



**Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government**

Minutes for  
December 4, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. S. Steinhoff moves to approve 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. Joint venture with GSG – Switch off funding
      2. Similar to what we did with state reps
      3. Host with a particular faculty member who
    - b. Vice President ([cpcena@mtu.edu](mailto:cpcena@mtu.edu))
      - i. Teacher Satisfaction
        1. Working with Senate and Mike Meyers
        2. It would tell how well specific teachers performed
      - ii. Technology
        1. There are 2 Servers
        2. Just bought a brand new server
        3. Moved all information off old server to new server over break
        4. 4 hard drives failed at once – 1 in a million chance
        5. A company sold us a network that is not adequate for our servers
        6. Things will be worse tonight, but then they should be better
    - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
      - i. Stipends
        1. Based off of their bylaw description
        2. S. Richards moves to give Kyle Axline his full stipend of \$500, Seconded, Motion Passed
        3. D. LaForest moves to give Anthony Sharp his full stipend of \$500, Seconded, Motion Passed
        4. D. LaForest moves to give Chris Cena his full stipend of \$500, Seconded, Motion Passed
        5. D. LaForest moves to give Sam Casey his full stipend of \$500, Seconded, Motion Passed
      - ii. Logo
        1. New Logo!
          - a. Still needs some minor editing
    - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))
      - i. Lists
        1. Talk to Sam if your list needs to be updated
      - ii. Experience Tech
        1. The ETF Group's final proposal has been put together
  - VII. Advisor Report ([lpcook@mtu.edu](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jjcooper@mtu.edu](mailto:jjcooper@mtu.edu))
    - a. Joe
      - i. Last HuskyLEAD was last night
      - ii. December 12<sup>th</sup> dog playtime with wellness 5-7 pm
      - iii. Please clean up the office before break

- iv. OAP
      - 1. Have ordered 5 snowbikes
      - 2. When they get them in, they will bring one to show us
    - v. Be careful on the roads!
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. WAM ([usgwam-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-1@mtu.edu))
- X. Task Forces
  - a. Diversity Outreach Group
    - i. Survey will be sent out with minutes
    - ii. I Club is having a Christmas social Saturday 6-10 pm
  - b. Technology Task Force
    - i. Will be meeting soon
- XI. Committee Reports
  - a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Individual reviews will take place next semester
      - 1. Assessing this entire semester's performance
  - b. Service ([usgservice-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Storage Barn
      - 1. Wait until beginning of next semester
  - c. Judiciary ([usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Bylaw Reformatting
      - 1. Reformatting of Article 6
  - d. Elections ([usgselect-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgselect-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report
  - e. Public Relations ([usgpr-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Next week we will show new off campus housing website
    - ii. Updated WAM page on new website so that it is more clear
    - iii. They are putting together a Debt Wall video
    - iv. Prudential Life wants to publicize our event
    - v. We were in the Lode, Mining Gazette, and Channel 6 News
    - vi. WAM Request Tracker
      - 1. Austin is interested in working on it
  - f. Student Issues ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Starting next semester we will have monthly Lode articles and on our blog
  - g. External Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. This weekend is Wayne State SAM Conference
    - ii. 4 resolutions
    - iii. Dan will no longer attend SAM Conferences, so Kendra will take over that portion of EA
    - iv. Talk to Dan if you're interested in going to this conference
- XII. USG Liaisons
  - a. Liaisons
    - i. GSG
      - 1. Positive and negative feedback about gender specific pool hours
      - 2. They are addressing transportation issues and blue light phones
      - 3. Looking into Dining Services coffee vending machine
    - ii. IFC
      - 1. Tom is stuck in Detroit
    - iii. Panhellenic Council
    - iv. IRHC
      - 1. Travis Pearce talked about increases to housing

- 2. Facilities did not request an increase
    - 3. Dan will not be able to attend IRHC next semester
  - v. Houghton City Council
    - 1. Did not meet
  - vi. Parent's Fund
    - 1. No requests
  - vii. Senate
    - 1. VP of Research talked about budgets
      - a. Looking at differential tuition plan
    - 2. Also looking at changing absence policy
    - 3. They are not making changes to the Gen Eds
  - viii. Student Commission
    - 1. New printing system – High volume printers
    - 2. 25 new computers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
    - 3. They are addressing noise
    - 4. There are specific places that you can park overnight, but the process is complicated
    - 5. They are looking into making parking available for the late hours library
  - ix. Blue Key
    - 1. No report
  - x. Other Liaisons
- XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
  - a. J. Stefko moves to allocate \$40 to Kirsten for LeaderShape, Seconded, Motion Passed
    - i. J. Stefko moves to amend motion to require a half page essay about what was learned, Seconded, Motion Passed
    - ii. Stnading Motion Passed
  - b. J. Stefko moves to allocate \$100 to Sam for LeaderShape with a half page essay, Seconded, Motion Passed
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION
- XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"
- XVI. Adjournment