

# Michigan Technological University

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## Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for  
February 12, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. S. Steinhoff moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. D. Laforest moves to approve the agenda, 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))
  - b. Vice President ([cena@mtu.edu](mailto:cena@mtu.edu))
    - i. Dean Candidates
      1. The last candidate will come in a few weeks
    - ii. Retreat – March 23<sup>rd</sup>
      1. Location TBA
    - iii. Blue Light Phones
      1. No update
  - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
    - i. Budget hearing process has started
      1. Put papers in Kyle's mailbox
      2. Funding agreement is in office
    - ii. MUB Vision Group
      1. Looking at what our student union should be
      2. What we think it should be
        - a. A place for students to hang out in between classes
        - b. The current MUB is cold and dungeon-like
        - c. It should be the main hub for students outside of class
        - d. It needs to draw students in
  - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))
    - i. Computing Open Forum: Thursday, February 27th, from 5 to 6:55PM in Dow 642
- VII. Advisor Reports ([lpcook@mtu.edu](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jjcooper@mtu.edu](mailto:jjcooper@mtu.edu))
  - a. Joe
    - i. Student Leadership Award nominations are now open
    - ii. Thank you for help during Winter Carnival
    - iii. Successful Bigfoot Snow Shoe event
    - iv. HuskyLead will be taking a week off next week
    - v. Trivia night – Winning org will get \$500 for their org: February 27<sup>th</sup> 6-7
    - vi. Parents Fund has no requests again
  - b. Les
    - i. Thank you for Winter Carnival
    - ii. Good job MUB Board!
    - iii. Next week the board of control will be in town
      1. They will be talking about a couple different masters programs to be approved
    - iv. This is the last weekend of basketball, so make sure to attend
    - v. Career fair is next Tuesday
    - vi. A small group met about differential tuition

vii. Campus Forum with the President next Tuesday 2:30 pm M&M U115

VIII. Old Business

- a. Kohler Dinner is tomorrow

IX. New Business

- a. WAM ([usgwam-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-1@mtu.edu))

- i. ACM: \$21,275.53 requested

1. They have partnered with 5 other orgs
2. They would like to hold a new event
3. Palantir will be coming for the spring career fair as a result of a conference they attended last year
4. They held Tech Hacks which was a successful event and was sponsored
5. They believe this funding could improve Michigan Tech's image
6. The Game Development Conference would cost over \$10,000 altogether
7. The CS department will hold the equipment
  - a. It could be checked out by students for development or hack-a-thons
  - b. There would be a contract for students checking them out
  - c. The student would be responsible for the device
  - d. They could ask students to present projects to ACM
8. They have a list of speakers that they can request to come through ACM
9. They should not have to replace devices for 4 to 5 years
10. They are hosting a cyber career fair with Google and Cisco
  - a. Next year they would like to have 15 or more companies
11. They have reached out to the department, the parents' fund, and IRHC already
12. The companies that they are targeting are interested in all majors
13. S. Casey moves to allocate \$20,000 to opportunities fund from reserve fund, Seconded, **Motion not passed due to procedural error**
14. S. Casey moves to allocate \$10,625 for equipment, speakers, and miscellaneous, excluding conferences, Seconded
  - a. S. Casey moves to amend the motion to not exclude conferences, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - b. Kara moves to amend the number to \$10,235.87 because student orgs are tax exempt, Seconded, Motion Passed
15. Standing motion is to allocate \$10,235.87 to ACM
  - a. If they didn't go to any conferences, they would lose a lot of connections
  - b. They would make sure that the people who attended the conferences were enthusiastic
  - c. D. LaForest moves to amend the allocation to \$3,785, Seconded, Motion Fails
16. Standing motion is to allocate \$10,235.87 to ACM, Motion Fails
17. T. Gruber moves to allocate \$10,000 to ACM, Seconded, Motion Fails
18. K. Dulbanzhyan moves to postpone this request indefinitely, Seconded, Motion Fails
19. C. Dickenshied moves to allocate \$11,000 to ACM, Seconded
  - a. S. Casey moves to postpone the standing motion indefinitely, Seconded, Motion Fails
20. Standing motion is for \$11,000 to ACM
  - a. K. Dulbanzhyan moves for a 5 minute recess, Seconded, Motion Passed
21. Standing motion is for \$11,000 to ACM, Motion Fails
22. D. Palmer moves to allocate \$6,000 to ACM, Seconded
  - a. S. Casey moves to amend the standing motion to \$8,000, Seconded, Motion Passed
23. Standing motion is to allocate \$8,000, Seconded, Motion Fails
24. K. Dulbanzhyan moves to allocate \$10,500 to ACM, Seconded, Motion Fails
25. D. Shull moves to allocate \$7,500 to ACM, Seconded, Motion Fails
26. C. Cena moves to allocate \$6,000 to ACM, Seconded, Motion Fails
27. D. Shull moves to postpone discussion to next week, Seconded
  - a. Judicial ruling is that 2/3 majority vote is required
  - b. Motion Fails
28. Quorum is lost, so no motions can be made
  - a. Discussion will continue next week

- X. Task Forces
  - a. Diversity Outreach Group
    - i. Sam and Brendan attended the International Club Meeting over the weekend
- XI. Representative meeting
  - a. Moved to next week
- XII. Committee Reports
  - a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu))
  - b. Service ([usgservice-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Winter Carnival – Great Job Neala!
  - c. Judicial ([usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu))
  - d. Elections ([usgelect-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgelect-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Open Positions
    - ii. E-Board nominations are open
      - 1. Timeline will go out with minutes
    - iii. They will present to orgs to let people know about nominations
      - 1. Let Donnie or Sam R know if you would like to go talk to orgs
      - 2. A Google form could be good for nominations
  - e. Public Relations ([usgpr-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Blog Posts – Sam and Kirsten
  - f. Student Issues ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Student Teacher Evaluation Surveys
      - 1. Met with Mike Meyers and received another contact within the University Senate
  - g. External Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Kaitlin and Anthony went to the conference last week
      - 1. Pay It Forward bill is going through legislation now
        - a. You would not pay tuition, but would pay a percentage after you graduate
        - b. In Oregon, it is 3% of salary for 20 years after graduation
    - ii. The governor approved a 6% increase for college education
      - 1. \$100 million was approved for engineering education
    - iii. Rock the vote will happen next week
- XIII. USG Liaisons
  - a. GSG
    - i. Graduate Research Colloquium is coming up Wed. 2/19 and Thurs. 2/20 in the MUB Ballroom. See website for details <http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/colloquium.html>
    - ii. **Transportation**
      - 1. **There is a request for signs at bus stops indicating that they are bus stops**
      - 2. **There is a request to have a current shuttle schedule posted at all bus stops.**
      - 3. **There are reports of shuttle drivers texting while driving, which is illegal**
      - 4. **A suggestion has been made for the drivers to wear name tags for accountability**
    - iii. Ownership of the Portage Health group at SDC has changed
      - 1. **There have been problems with billing certain insurance as a result of changes.**
      - 2. **Students should double check bills from November to present for accuracy**
      - 3. **Before going to any appointments students should call Portage health and verify that their insurance is not having problems.**
      - 4. **Students may need to call their insurance company as well**
  - b. IFC
  - c. Panhellenic Council
  - d. IRHC
    - i. Approved funding for broomball equipment
  - e. Houghton City Council
  - f. Parent's Fund
    - i. They are looking for people to request funds
  - g. Senate
    - i. **They are looking at requiring professors to post syllabi on canvas**
  - h. Student Commission

- i. Blue Key
  - j. Other Liaisons
- XIV. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- XV. Closed Session
- XVI. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- XVII. Adjournment