

Michigan Technological University

Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for
February 19, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. D. Laforest moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Student Commission report should be under Senate
 - b. The \$20,000 addition to the Opportunities Fund was not approved due to improper procedure
 - c. The GSG report required additions
 - d. D. Laforest moves to approve the minutes with said revisions, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-1@mtu.edu)
 - a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
 - i. Graduate Research Colloquium is going on today and tomorrow
 - ii. Talk to as many people as you can about differential tuition so that we can gauge student concern
 - iii. Danny made a pamphlet for new student orgs
 - b. Vice President (cena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Dean Candidates
 1. Last candidate is coming in next Tuesday at noon
 - ii. Retreat – March 23rd
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Next week Kyle will be presenting the USG budget for next year
 1. There is a possibility that we won't request anything
 2. Last year, request and allocation was in the teens-of –thousands
 3. Committee chairs should send Kyle a budget
 - ii. MUB Vision Group
 1. The MUB has not been utilizing national standards for student unions
 2. They are working towards making a vision statement for the MUB
 3. David will give a presentation for the body next week
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Computing Open Forum: Thursday, February 27th, from 5 to 6:55PM in Dow 642.
- VII. Advisor Reports (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Joe
 - i. There is a blizzard warning starting tomorrow night
 - ii. Congratulations on career fair!
 - iii. This Friday there will be a wrap up meeting with Winter Carnival Safety Task Force
 - iv. Next Tuesday is HuskyLead
 - v. Next Tuesday/Wednesday is blood drive
 - vi. Joe is not buying everyone Blizzards from DQ ☹
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Tony appoints Tucker Campbell for open Second Year Representative position
 - i. S. Casey moves to approve Tony's appointment, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - b. Tony appoints Cody Eppert for open First Year Representative Position
 - i. S. Casey moves to approve Tony's appointment, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - c. S. Casey moves to approve Nate Peterson as an associate member, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IX. New Business

- a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Film Board: \$2,000 Requested Opp Fund
 - 1. Software upgrade for main office equipment
 - 2. They've begun working on developing advertisements and trailers
 - a. They need a machine capable of doing this
 - b. Their current machine is 7 or 8 years old
 - c. It would be more price efficient for them to buy a new computer
 - d. Z. Mauerman moves to allocate \$2,000 to Film Board, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - ii. ACM – Update
 - 1. WAM met with ACM again this week
 - 2. Their request will be \$26,444.38
 - 3. They have set up a contract with the library

X. Task Forces

- a. Diversity Outreach Group
 - i. I-Night: March 23rd
 - 1. They are in need of volunteers, so talk to Sam or Tony if you are interested
 - 2. Reggie, Neala, Kirsten, Zach, Matt, and Brendan expressed interest
 - ii. I-Club will be putting out a newsletter with an article from USG
 - 1. We could advertise in it for a small price
 - 2. This would allow us to reach a demographic of students that we typically have trouble reeaching
 - iii. S. Casey moves to allocate \$300 to Diversity Outreach Group, Seconded, Motion Passed

XI. Representative meeting

- a. 1st Years
 - i. Banners
 - ii. Ads around campus
 - iii. O week presentation
 - iv. Advertising in dorms
 - v. Stickers on food
 - vi. Everyone needs to go and invite all friends to USG FB page
- b. 2nd years
 - i. Asking to talk in front of your biggest class about USG
 - ii. Library monitors
 - iii. We need a good list of USG accomplishments, current projects, and what we have the power to do
 - iv. Getting out to bulletin boards in res halls and talking to RAs
- c. 3rd Years
 - i. These students have been around long enough to know what they'd like to see change
 - ii. Put USG's name on things that we fund
 - 1. Orgs then help us advertise
- d. 4th Years
 - i. They are probably the hardest to reach
 - ii. Coffee shops and bars are good places to find them
 - 1. Put flyers in the KBC
 - iii. Using bulletin boards in grocery stores
 - iv. We should use the bulletin board right outside the office
- e. TV outside USG office for advertisement
- f. Michigan Tech App – Get USG a page on there
- g. Putting USG's full name on everything that we do
- h. USG stickers
- i. Kiosk in front of MUB

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. New members should talk to Bryce afterwards
- b. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. They are looking into a couple meetings in the spring

- c. Judicial (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
- d. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. There is a mistake on the timeline – The later dates should be March
 - ii. E Board nominations are supposed to close tonight
 - iii. They are working on getting an ad in the Daily Bull and the Lode
 - iv. S. Steinhoff moves to close nominations, Seconded
 - 1. D. Laforest moves to amend the standing motion to close nominations on Friday
 - a. This would delay the entire timeline, because there needs to be a week in-between nominations closing and voting opening
 - 2. Not Seconded, Motion Dies
 - v. Standing motion is to close nominations, Motion Passed
- e. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. They are looking at getting t-shirts
 - ii. Talk to Kaitlin if you would like anything on the Facebook or Twitter pages
- f. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Student Teacher Evaluation Surveys
 - 1. Talked to Simon and is setting up a meeting
 - ii. Broken water bottle fillers
 - 1. Talk to Zach or Kara if you know of any broken water fountains
 - 2. It is concerning that some have been broken for 1 or more semesters and the director of facilities had no idea
- g. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. There is SAM Conference the weekend of retreat
 - 1. There is also an April conference as well
 - 2. Email Dan if you are interested

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
 - 5. Current shuttle is not ADA compliant - there is movement to make it ADA compliant which will likely lead to a larger shuttle.
 - iii. International Club
 - 1. I - night
 - 2. Upcoming Thai night, African night, and more
 - iv. IT open forum
 - 1. Not many students know about it
 - 2. Need to improve marketing to all students
 - v. 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
 - i. Has been working on financial and judicial bylaws
 - ii. Student Leadership Awards are open
 - 1. There is an award specifically for Student Governance
 - 2. There is also an award for leadership
- c. Panhellenic Council
 - i. They are going through constitution revisions
- d. IRHC

- i. They never provided any funding to ACM, contrary to what we were previously told
 - e. Houghton City Council
 - i. No report
 - f. Parent's Fund
 - i. They are still looking for requests
 - g. Senate
 - i. They are looking into requiring professors to put syllabi on Canvas pages
 - 1. Faculty and staff did not support the initiative
 - a. They felt like this was an attack to make them use Canvas
 - h. Student Commission
 - i. Library was looking for input on locking the library down on All-Nighter
 - 1. There was mixed feedback on it
 - ii. Library also put in a new food policy
 - 1. Food cannot leave first floor unless it is in a container
 - iii. Blue Light Phone Committee
 - 1. They had a presentation highlighting past reports
 - 2. USG could look into partially financially support the initiative
 - i. Blue Key
 - i. They have a Blue Key Open Forum about Winter Carnival tomorrow at 6 pm in EERC 214
 - j. Other Liaisons
- XIV. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
 - a. Rugby Club
 - i. Attended a tournament in Las Vegas funded by USG
 - ii. They have a reflection statement from every attendee
 - iii. They met professionals, coaches, vendors
 - iv. They played 4 division 1 teams and played well
 - v. They had a reputation as a "hard hitting team"
 - vi. They were responsible and reflected Michigan Tech very well
 - vii. They received irreplaceable experience
 - b. Wahtera Center is hiring
 - c. New reps are sworn in
- XV. Closed Session
- XVI. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- XVII. Adjournment