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-l@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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@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 reaching
      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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu))
      i. New members should talk to Bryce afterwards
   b. Service ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))
      i. They are looking into a couple meetings in the spring
c. Judicial (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
d. Elections (usgelect-l@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-l@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-l@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-l@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](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