

# Michigan Technological University

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## Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for  
February 26, 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. 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. Board of Control Presentation
      1. Talked about bylaw amendments, differential tuition, Diversity Outreach Group, USG awareness, Rock the Vote, Student satisfaction surveys, our ideas on constitutional changes, eboard nominations, and budget hearings
    - ii. Please come to Computing Open Forum
      1. Someone copied our email, added text about “retaliation,” and forwarded it on
      2. This is not the intention of the open forum
    - iii. Negotiations about Daniel Heights have ceased
    - iv. All of the honors programs are now under the Honors College
  - b. Vice President ([cena@mtu.edu](mailto:cena@mtu.edu))
    - i. Dean Candidates
      1. Last candidate was introduced last week
      2. They will now begin the selection process
    - ii. John Lehman will give a presentation on differential tuition next week
    - iii. Retreat – March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
    - i. USG Budget
      1. We will not be requesting funds next week
    - ii. USG Accounts
      1. Our Opp fund has \$9,094.34
      2. We have \$536.25 that is unallocated and uncommitted
      3. Our constitution requires us to hold \$50,000 in the reserve fund
  - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))
    - i. Experience Tech Group
      1. They had a meeting where all venues gave updates
    - ii. 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. Thanks to everyone who gave blood
    - i. We had tons of volunteers!
    - ii. We are the most successful blood drive in the region
  - b. HuskyLead is next week on recruiting and retaining members
  - c. SBG hearings are scheduled and ready to go
  - d. They are looking at oozeball locations and hoping to be
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. WAM ([usgwam-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-1@mtu.edu))

- i. ACM – Update
  - 1. K. Axline moves to limit discussion to ten minutes, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - 2. WAM Recommendation is \$6,000 with no exclusions, but emphasis on equipment
  - 3. The library will be distributing equipment
  - 4. IT Oxygen also supports the ACM request
    - a. They received \$2,000 to attend a conference
  - 5. From the Board of Control bylaws, we are required to follow our constitution, which requires us to keep the Reserve Fund at \$50,000
  - 6. Recommendation was based on the feasibility, time left in the semester, money left in the opp fund, etc.
  - 7. N. Wade moves to allocate \$10,000, Motion Fails in WAM
  - 8. Z. Mauerman moves to allocate the WAM Recommendation, Seconded, Motion Passed with more than 2/3 majority
- ii. Men’s Volleyball Club: \$1,450 requested, no WAM Recommendation
  - 1. President of Men’s Volleyball Club and Assistant Coach for Women’s Volleyball Team
  - 2. He would like to go to conference in Malibu, California with another coach
  - 3. There is approximately \$1,200 left in the opp fund
  - 4. D. Laforest moves to move \$526.25 from reserve to opp fund, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - 5. He would be leaving May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 6. C. Dickenshied moves to postpone the request indefinitely, Seconded, Motion Passed

X. Task Forces

- a. MUB Vision Group
  - i. They were working on creating a vision for the University
  - ii. They are looking for feedback on mission statement
- b. Diversity Outreach Group
  - i. I-Night: March 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - 1. They were given a list of interested USG volunteers

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. S. Richards moves to move into closed session, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - ii. S. Casey moves to move out of closed session, Seconded, Motion Passed
- b. Service ([usgservice-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. No report
- c. Judicial ([usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. No report
- d. Elections ([usgelect-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgelect-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. Elections open tonight
  - ii. There is an ad in the daily bull
  - iii. Next week, nominations will open for representative positions
    - 1. They will look into a Google form for representative nominations
  - iv. S. Richards moves to open elections after meeting, Seconded, Motion Passed
- e. Public Relations ([usgpr-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. All of the houses should be on the new website in a week
- f. Student Issues ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. Student Teacher Evaluation Surveys
    - 1. Waiting on Senate
    - 2. They might be writing a proposal for us to vote on
  - ii. Michigan Tech mobile app will be updated
    - 1. Computer occupancy in the library will be up
    - 2. Dining services portion has been fixed
- g. External Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. SAM is looking at having less conferences next year
  - ii. Talk to Dan if you want to go to the March or April Conferences
  - iii. There is a resolution to support requiring professors to put their syllabi on Canvas

1. S. Steinhoff moves to approve resolution, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - iv. There is a national conference in DC for the United States Student Association
    1. They do a lot of lobbying etc.
    2. There is interest, so talk to Dan if you're interested
    3. We should look into attending next year
    4. For 2 people it would be:\$1913 For 3: \$2382 For 4: \$2851
- XII. USG Liaisons
- a. GSG
    - i. Transportation Ad-Hoc committee
      1. Agrees that posting signs identifying a location as a bus stop is a good idea
      2. Also agrees that the posting a schedule is a good idea
      3. Is planning on conducting an audit.
        1. Ride bus and count people
        2. is it on time?
    - i. On the committee is
      1. 2 GSG members
      2. 1 professor
      3. some other grad students across campus
      4. Manager of Husky Motors has been invited as well
    - ii. IT Open forum
      1. Advertising, Advertising, Advertising
      2. Emails have hit some mailing lists with talk of a group of students forming to attend open forum and raise issues in a less than professional manner
      3. Was not listed on either GSG or USG website this morning - since fixed
      4. List of questions will be present
    - iii. Subscribable Calendar for Seminars
      1. GSG is looking into creating a google calendar for seminars on campus
      2. This would be something that students could subscribe to to add it to their own google calendar
    - iv. GSG would like a representative on Blue Light phone committee
  - b. IFC
    - i. Judicial bylaw amendment was passed
  - c. Panhellenic Council
    - i. They don't feel represented by the Undergraduate Student Government
  - d. IRHC
    - i. There were complaints about dining hall food
    - ii. They have a problem with not receiving positive feedback to good food
  - e. Houghton City Council
    - i. Don't shovel the snow from your driveway into the road
  - f. Parent's Fund
    - i. Not present
  - g. Senate
  - h. Student Commission
    - i. Blue Light Phones
  - i. Blue Key
    - i. The blue key open forum produced a lot of feedback
  - j. Other Liaisons
- XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- a. Dan requested constitutions and other governing documents from other universities
  - b. Saturday Night 7-9 is African Night
  - c. GRC was a great success
  - d. D. Shull would like to resign
    - i. S. Richards moves to accept resignation, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - e. Daily Bull is having a creativity contest, so send them submissions
- XIV. Closed Session
- XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment