

# Michigan Technological University

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## Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for  
March 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 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))
    - i. Strategic Planning Process
      - 1. Dave Reed will be contacting this year and next year's e-board to set up a meeting
    - ii. Thanks for showing up to retreat
  - b. Vice President ([cena@mtu.edu](mailto:cena@mtu.edu))
    - i. Dean Candidates
      - 1. They may be picking a candidate to come back for a second interview
    - ii. Retreat
    - iii. Banquet
      - 1. Will be sometime in April
  - c. Treasurer ([kmaxline@mtu.edu](mailto:kmaxline@mtu.edu))
    - i. Levels of Accounts
      - 1. 30 (General): \$163,695.10
      - 2. 32 (Reserve): \$79,957.90
      - 3. 39 (Spending): \$7,218.89
      - 4. Does not include outstanding commitments
  - d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto:srcasey@mtu.edu))
    - i. No report
- VII. Advisor Reports ([lpcook@mtu.edu](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jjcooper@mtu.edu](mailto:jjcooper@mtu.edu))
  - a. Joe
    - i. Preview day was this past weekend
      - 1. Thanks if you were in the office during the day
    - ii. HusklyLead will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>
      - 1. Will be in Peninsula Room
    - iii. Student Leadership Awards closed and are being processed
    - iv. SBG Hearings are underway
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. WAM ([usgwam-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-1@mtu.edu))
    - i. Men's Hockey: \$1053.24 Reserve Fund Request
      - 1. They didn't have enough jerseys at the beginning of the year
      - 2. He bought new jerseys using money that he didn't have yet
      - 3. 3 players quit, so he ended up not receiving their members' dues, resulting in him not having enough money
      - 4. He used some of his own money to zero the negative balance in their account
      - 5. The old jerseys "wandered off"
        - a. They are placing a security deposit on them in the future

6. S. Richards moves to allocate the full amount, Seconded
  - a. It's unfair to him to be responsible for his org
  - b. Motion Passed
- ii. Budget recommendations
  1. Literary Arts Club – Does not fit under the purpose of the SAF
  2. Inter-Christian Council – Umbrella organization
  3. Women's Programming Committee - \$1500 Recommended
    - a. They are requesting \$2000
    - b. It would allow them to do another conference or speaker
    - c. R. Hicks moves to increase their request to \$2000, Seconded
      - i. The turnout for their speakers is typically "large"
      - ii. The goal set out was to allocate \$350,000 to RSO's
        1. Anything over that will be moved immediately from the reserve fund next year
        2. We are already more than \$2000 over
      - iii. C. Dickenshied moves to amend the motion to \$1750, Seconded, Motion Fails
    - d. Standing motion is to increase their allocation to \$2000, Motion Passed
  4. Alpine Ski Club - \$4000 Recommended
    - a. They are requesting \$4700
    - b. They have been growing and are continuing to grow
    - c. He doesn't want to have to turn people down
    - d. They have to pay for the equipment that the coaches use
    - e. They have large costs of lift tickets, lodging, etc.
    - f. The \$700 would help to offset the costs
    - g. They would be able to manage with \$4000, but more would help
    - h. They have 16 that race consistently
    - i. D. Benner moved to increase their allocation to \$4700, Seconded
      - i. We already increased their recommendation from \$3000 to \$4000
    - j. Motion Fails
  5. Rowing Club - \$3000 Recommended
    - a. They are requesting \$6000
    - b. They have been receiving an average of \$5000 over the past 5 years
    - c. They are pay for their own travel, food, and use their own cars
    - d. They typically lodge in gyms on the floor and have parents cook food for them
      - i. They go through extreme measures to cut costs
    - e. They have a very expensive race registration
    - f. They have 32 people that they send to races
      - i. They had 17 new members this year
    - g. D. Laforest moves to increase the allocation to \$4500, Seconded
      - i. S. Casey moves to amend the motion to \$5000, Seconded, Motion Passed
    - h. Standing motion is to increase the allocation to \$5000, Seconded, Motion Passed
  6. Sailing Club - \$4750 Requested
    - a. They are requesting \$6000
    - b. They are looking to grow
    - c. They have some new members coming this spring, as well as people who expressed interest about participating next year
    - d. They are taking Tech's vehicles this year which will account for an increase
    - e. Their members pay \$30, and they pay \$25 per trip
    - f. They spend a lot on personal sailing equipment
    - g. Last year they had \$4500 and an additional \$1000 from the opp fund
    - h. They have 20 traveling members and 40 members that come out to practice weekly
    - i. S. Casey moves to increase the allocation to \$5250, Seconded, Motion Passed
  7. National Society of Black Engineers - \$2000 Recommended
    - a. They are requesting \$3000

- b. Reggie is representing them because they are all at a conference right now
- c. They have 20-25 members
- d. They didn't sign up for the last round of budget appeals
- e. The extra funding would allow them to do an alternative spring break to Detroit
- f. There was no motion
- 8. K. Dulbandzhyan moves to recognize that Inter Christian Council will receive \$0, Seconded
  - a. They were deemed an umbrella organization
  - b. Motion Passed
- 9. K. Axline moves to recognize a \$0 allocation for Literary Arts Club (PANK), Seconded
  - a. They requested funds for printing for a magazine that is not distributed on campus, but it can be purchased in book stores (including the campus book store)
  - b. Motion Passed
- 10. K. Axline moves to approve the recommendations as they stand for a total of \$355,407.00, Seconded, Motion Passed by a 2/3 majority

X. Task Forces

- a. Constitution Task Force
  - i. Meeting at 2 pm tomorrow
  - ii. Don't bring any negativity
- b. Differential Tuition Task Force
  - i. Send Brendan the presentation from John Lehman so that he has the numbers
- c. Diversity Outreach Group
  - i. Renee Wells will be coming in two weeks to present for us
- d. MUB Vision Task Force
  - i. They deemed that the faculty lounge fits under the vision that the group came up with
  - ii. They are discussing whether there should be a faculty and student lounge

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. No report
- b. Service ([usgservice-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. They are ordering things for Spring Fling
- 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. D. Palmer moves to close nominations, Seconded, Motion Passed
  - ii. We had roughly 100 nominations
  - iii. Today, an email will be sent out letting them know about the mandatory meeting
    - 1. The packet of information will go out with this
    - 2. If they are not able to make this meeting, they must contact Sam
    - 3. Elections will open up next week
    - 4. We should let them know that they should campaign and try to get their friends to vote
- e. Public Relations ([usgpr-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. Thanks to everyone who came Saturday
  - ii. She is working with Kirsten on an O-Week presentation
  - iii. The Banner should be here in April
- f. Student Issues ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. Student Teacher Evaluation Surveys
    - 1. They met with the VP of the Senate
    - 2. They are going to go together to meet with Mike Meyers
- g. External Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. SAM Conference was last weekend
  - ii. Nominations for SAM are currently open
  - iii. Please go and like the SAM page on Facebook

XII. USG Liaisons

- a. GSG

- i. Student Health Insurance
  - 1. Michigan Tech requires Graduate, International, and Athletic Students to get Health insurance
  - 2. Rates were quoted to go up 125% this year
  - 3. This is probably a result of the Affordable Care Act, and is most likely inevitable
- ii. They are setting up a Health Open Forum, tentatively scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am
- iii. The IT Help Open Forum was last Thursday
  - 1. After the USG/GSG Open Forum, they received much more constructive feedback
- iv. Students said table tents and fliers in the library would be a good way to get information out
  - 1. The library does not have a table tent policy
  - 2. Ellen Marcks said they would be able to make an exception for USG/GSG
- b. IFC
  - i. Not present
- c. Panhellenic Council
  - i. They are re-electing the VP of Scholarship because she accepted a co-op
  - ii. They are having a pie throwing Philanthropy event on April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. They don't feel that we need a faculty lounge in the MUB
    - 1. They would rather see the MUB serving students, because that is the purpose of the Student Union
- d. IRHC
  - i. They approved money for a couple events
  - ii. They accepted Kara as the Vice Chair of Broomball
- e. Houghton City Council
  - i. No report
- f. Parent's Fund
  - i. They will be meeting tomorrow
  - ii. He will share info on the requests
- g. Senate
  - i. Chris gave a presentation on Blue Light Phones
  - ii. They passed a few resolutions
- h. Student Commission
  - i. Blue Light Phone Committee
    - 1. The group has been moving forward
    - 2. The presentation to the Senate went well
    - 3. Chris would like to pass a proposal through USG
      - a. He will bring a resolution next week
- i. Blue Key
  - i. No report
- j. Other Liaisons
  - i. Friends of the Library Booksale on April 2<sup>nd</sup> MUB Ballroom Noon-4

XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)

- a. Broomball is still hiring

XIV. Closed Session

XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment