Michigan Technological University  
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-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (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)
       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)
       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)
       i. No report

VII. Advisor Reports (lpcook@mtu.edu) (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 1st
           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)
       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
      d. C. Dickenshied moves to amend the motion to $1750, Seconded, Motion Fails
   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-l@mtu.edu)  
      i. No report  
   b. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)  
      i. They are ordering things for Spring Fling  
   c. Judicial (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)  
      i. No report  
   d. Elections (usgelect-l@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-l@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-l@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-l@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
1. **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
2. They are setting up a Health Open Forum, tentatively scheduled for April 17th at 11 am
3. The IT Help Open Forum was last Thursday
   1. After the USG/GSG Open Forum, they received much more constructive feedback
4. 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**
   1. Not present

c. **Panhellenic Council**
   1. They are re-electing the VP of Scholarship because she accepted a co-op
   2. They are having a pie throwing Philanthropy event on April 11th
   3. 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**
   1. They approved money for a couple events
   2. They accepted Kara ad the Vice Chair of Broomball

e. **Houghton City Council**
   1. No report

f. **Parent’s Fund**
   1. They will be meeting tomorrow
   2. He will share info on the requests

g. **Senate**
   1. Chris gave a presentation on Blue Light Phones
   2. They passed a few resolutions

h. **Student Commission**
   1. **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**
   1. No report

j. **Other Liaisons**
   1. Friends of the Library Booksale on April 2nd 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**