

Michigan Technological University

Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for
March 5, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to move John Lehman's Presentation to the top of the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - b. D. Laforest moves to approve the agenda, Seconded, Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. B. Lefebvre moves to approve the minutes, Seconded, Motion Passed
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. John Lehman
 - a. The University is looking to implement a differential tuition, John is here to present it
 - i. Presentation will go out with the minutes
- VII. Officer Reports (usgeboard-1@mtu.edu)
 - a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
 - i. How can we start presenting information (like differential tuition) to students?
 1. Temporary page on our website with a link to their website
 2. Article in the Lode
 3. Brendan will spearhead the initiative
 - b. Vice President (cena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Dean Candidates
 1. Still underway
 2. They are narrowing down their selection
 - ii. Retreat – March 23rd
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. Budget for next year
 1. We'll be asking for \$5,400 from SBG hearings
 2. K. Axline moves to accept this budget, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - ii. Budget Hearings
 1. They went well
 2. Recommendations are out
 3. Appeals will be the week after break
 - iii. All SAF funds
 1. We have \$1657.43 left to allocate
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- VIII. Advisor Reports (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Les
 - i. Was downstate in a meeting with chief academic affairs officers
 1. They've had a lot of success
 2. They've put together a report that talks about the economic impact of Universities in Michigan
 - ii. There is a Michigan Tech magazine that comes out 3 times a year that presents research of professors
 - b. Joe
 - i. Have fun and be safe on spring break
 - ii. HuskyLead will be on the 18th with Oshkosh Corp
 - iii. March 25th will be Tony and Sam presenting for HuskyLead
 - iv. SBG hearings are coming up, so they need to have their budgets posted

1. Committee consists of Joe, another faculty, a graduate student rep, and 2 undergrad reps

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)

- i. There are 2 requests
- ii. The Daily Bull: \$1,657.43 Reserve fund
 1. They need a new printer
 2. The main tray died previously
 3. They had been using the secondary tray, but that broke as well
 4. They already have toner and ink for the printer that they are looking to buy
 5. They print about 450 pages per day, so it is beyond what they could print in a lab
- iii. BMES: \$3,900 Opp fund
 1. They are looking to go to a conference at University of Michigan
 2. They have 2 strategic goals
 - a. They would like to build relationships with biomed companies that don't currently come to Michigan Tech
 - i. There aren't currently many biomed companies that come to Michigan Tech
 - b. They would like to promote entrepreneurship
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 3. They received \$3200 from parents fund
 4. They have also talked to GSG, Alumni Foundation, the department, and Career Services
 - a. They are outside of GSG's funding window
 5. They are aware that USG doesn't have enough to fund everything, so they are hoping for funding from the other entities that they requested will provide funding
 6. They would like to send 16
 7. They currently have enough funding to send about 8
 8. Sending 16 people would provide them with a better networking opportunity
- iv. The printer in 106 wouldn't really meet the needs of the Daily Bull
 1. The maintenance contract for that printer may not cover the number of pages that they need to print
- v. They've tried to get their printer fixed previously and it was beyond repair
- vi. Student orgs aren't supposed to print on IT's printers
- vii. They haven't really looked into a maintenance contract
- viii. D. Laforest moves to allocate \$1,657.43 to the Daily Bull, Seconded
 1. BMES already has 8 people going
 2. The Daily Bull came to USG first because it is to replace broken equipment
 - a. This is probably outside of the scope of IRHC and the Parents Fund
 3. Joe could give \$500 from his department for advertisement in the Bull
 4. Time is very tight for the Daily Bull
 5. C. Dickensheid moves to amend the standing motion to \$1200, Seconded, Motion fails
 6. S. Casey moves to amend the standing motion to \$1000, Seconded, Motion fails
- ix. Standing motion is to allocate \$1,657.43 to the Daily Bull, Motion Fails
- x. D. Benner moves to allocate \$1,157.43 to the Daily Bull, Seconded, Motion Passed
- xi. T. Gruber moves to allocate \$500 to BMES, Seconded, Motion Passed
- xii. Opportunities and Reserve funds are now closed

XI. Task Forces

a. MUB Vision Group

- i. They discussed the mission vision
- ii. They think it should primarily serve students, but it should also serve everyone on campus
- iii. They looked into a faculty lounge
- iv. They are working on creating a rubric to assess a student union's fulfillment of its purpose
 1. They will eventually present this to Board of Control

b. Diversity Outreach Group

- i. I-Night: March 23rd

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- b. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- c. Judicial (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- d. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Election results
 - 1. President – Andrey Merlyakov
 - 2. Vice President – Reginald Hicks
 - 3. Secretary – Nathan Peterson
 - 4. Treasurer – Steve Steinhoff
 - ii. There were a total of 493 people who voted
 - iii. There were some seniors that weren't able to vote
 - iv. D. Laforest moves to open nominations for representative nominations, Seconded, Motion Passed
- e. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. She has been calling all of the current landlords
 - ii. We are going to order t-shirts
- f. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Student Teacher Evaluation Surveys
 - 1. They will meet with VP of senate
 - 2. We want an accurate reflection of our professors
 - ii. Facilities has finally repaired all of the water fountains
 - iii. Tom and Chad will be working with the MEEM department to find out why professors aren't always posted during class registration
- g. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. We are sending 6 people to the conference in DC
 - ii. They PR chair of SAM will be coming up to visit and get information from us

XIII. USG Liaisons

- a. GSG
 - i. The IT open forum was a success and the link to the video is on their website
 - ii. IT will be sending out a monthly update
 - iii. The wireless lounges are on hold until they get good student feedback
 - iv. They are holding another student outreach session
 - v. They are looking into a new ticket tracking system
- b. IFC
 - i. They were talking about programs they want to bring to the Greek community
 - ii. They are getting the ball rolling on K Day
 - iii. Contact Susie Landers if you want to help clear out snow from fire hydrants
- c. Panhellenic Council
 - i. No report
- d. IRHC
 - i. WAHSA's coffee house is getting very large
 - 1. Maybe we should go to the coffee house to speak about issues
- e. Houghton City Council
 - i. Did not meet
- f. Parent's Fund
 - i. They will meet over spring break
- g. Senate
 - i. The syllabus proposal did not pass
 - 1. They were shocked by student support
 - 2. They felt that it was a slippery slope
 - 3. They are looking into other proposals that may "suggest" it
 - 4. We should do our best to support this initiative

- ii. They also had a presentation from Theresa Coleman-Kaiser
 - 1. They are looking into a faculty club
 - 2. They want a place more faculty can exclusively go to drink
 - 3. A lot of universities had this in the 80's and 90's
 - 4. Forward your comments on to Kyle
- iii. The talked about transportation services
 - 1. Faculty has a big issue with parking
- iv. Tobacco free has reduced the costs of picking up cigarette butts around campus
- h. Student Commission
 - i. Just In Case app – talk to Zach if you have questions
 - ii. The snow removal has booked twice as much overtime as last year
 - iii. School closing last Friday
 - 1. This conversation didn't make a whole lot of progress
 - iv. They saw a large increase in ZipCar usage after moving it to Wads
 - v. Blue Light Phone Committee
 - 1. They are getting rough estimates and quotes
 - 2. They would like student support
 - 3. They will put together a proposal for the senate
- i. Blue Key
 - i. They voted in the new board
 - ii. They sent out applications to students who qualified
- j. Other Liaisons
- XIV. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
- XV. Closed Session
- XVI. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
- XVII. Adjournment

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USG Level of Accounts

Verified by Kyle Axline, USG Treasurer 3/4/2014

USG General Fund (30): _____ \$179,156.10
USG Allocations Account (39): _____ \$4,896.44
USG Operations Account (38): _____ \$14,938.68
USG Opportunities Fund (36): _____ \$23,745.82
USG Reserve Fund (32): _____ \$79,957.90

Original RSO Allocations: _____ \$342,428.50
Additional Allocations: _____ \$38,878.82
Total Liabilities: _____ \$381,307.32

USG Opportunities Fund Starting: _____ \$40,000.00
USG Opportunities Fund Allocations: _____ \$38,878.82
Additional Support from Reserve: _____ \$536.25
USG Opportunities Fund Remaining: _____ \$1,657.43

* Opportunities Fund account will be moved to allocations when the opportunities fund has been 'closed', remaining \$1,657.43 has been allocated.

* The Allocations account (39) is refilled when needed (monthly) this is a record account. This account is used to track the incoming and outgoing transactions.