

Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for
April 16, 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)
 - a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
 - i. Congrats to the new reps
 - ii. Good luck on finals
 - b. Vice President (cena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Goals and expectations for next year
 1. Define diversity
 2. Collaborate with minority groups on campus
 3. Support cultural events
 4. Work with CDI
 5. Show undergraduate population that USG cares
 6. Educate undergraduate student population that USG does
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
- VII. Advisor Reports (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Joe
 - i. Welcome to all the new people
 - ii. Things may move fast, so please ask questions
 - iii. Spring Fling will be starting on Friday
 1. It will be happening in the SDC, but there will be a lot of exciting events
 - iv. Student Leadership Awards are on Friday
 - v. Maryann will be sending out an email letting orgs know about transition documents
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Ways and Means (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Sailing Team – Reserve fund request \$2400
 1. Their boats are from the 90s and have received a lot of use and wear
 2. They have two boats that received damage
 - a. Instead of replacing them, they would be able to repair them for \$2400
 - b. The boats would then last about another 6 years
 3. They are selling another boat to be able to provide funds to replace one boat that is beyond repair
 4. Their season starts right after O-Week
 5. Their allocation for next year is needed for operational costs
 6. They are working on getting an alumni network for donations, so they wouldn't have to request funds from USG in the future
 7. They need the funding now so that they can get the boats repaired over the summer before their season starts
 8. S. Richards moves to allocate \$2400 to the Sailing Team, Seconded, Motion Fails

9. K. Bakowski moves to allocate \$2350, Seconded
 - a. D. Laforest moves to amend the allocation to \$2399, Seconded, Motion Passed
10. Standing motion is to allocate \$2399, Motion Passed
11. D. Laforest move to decrease Sailing Teams budget by \$1200, Seconded
 - a. They would be able to get donations to cover the reduction, and they are thankful for the financial support that USG has provided over the years
 - b. Motion Fails
12. K. Dulbandzhyan moves for a revote, Seconded, Motion Passed
13. The standing motion is the reduce the Sailing Club's budget by \$1200, Motion Fails
- ii. Association for Computing Machinery
 1. Earlier this semester, they received an opportunity funds request for \$7000 for computing machinery
 2. Due to negligence of the graduating e-board, they did not request a budget
 3. They have already received \$2002 for equipment
 4. Kyle's recommendation is to repurpose the remainder of their opportunity fund request for their budget next year
 - a. This would require our bylaws to be suspended
 - i. Since they did not follow budget request procedure, they are not allowed to receive any funding next year
 5. Because of the large Opp fund request, it had to be dispersed in smaller amounts
 6. J. Heltsley moves to suspend the bylaws, Seconded, Motion Passed
 7. K. Dulbandzhyan moves to repurpose the remainder of ACM's opportunity fund request as their budget for next year for an amount of \$3998, Seconded, Motion Passed
- iii. K. Bakowski moves to reinstate the bylaws, Seconded, Motion Passed

X. Task Forces

- a. Constitution Task Force
 - i. Dan Laforest's presentation will be sent with the minutes
- b. Differential Tuition Task Force
- c. Diversity Outreach Group
- d. MUB Vision Task Force

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
- b. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
- c. Judicial (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
- d. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. There were 551 unique voters in the past election
- e. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. Kirsten is taking over O-Week endeavors
 1. Talk to Kirsten if you are interested in helping
 - ii. Kara will still be the Vice Chair
 - iii. Kaitlin will work on transitioning the standing projects to the new committee and new chair
- f. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
- g. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
 - i. SAM elections will be May 4th

XII. USG Liaisons

- a. Graduate Student Government
 - i. GSG and USG should continue to collaborate
 - ii. Tomorrow at 11 am in MEEM 112 will be a Health Open Forum
 - iii. April 26th will be IT's last open forum
- b. Inter Fraternity Council
- c. Panhellenic Council
 - i. Joey's April 22nd for Barbra Kettle Shelter
- d. Inter Residence Housing Council
- e. Houghton City Council

- f. Parent's Fund
- g. Senate
- h. Student Commission
 - i. Zach will be chairman of Blue Light Phone Committee
- i. Other Liaisons

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

- a. The following would like to be associate members and will have to be approved at the next meeting
 - i. Donnie Palmer
 - ii. Eric Hecht
 - iii. Matt Rennel
 - iv. Sam Casey
- b. Bonnie Gorman
 - i. University will be putting out a biannual survey

XIV. Closed Session

XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment