

Michigan Technological University

Undergraduate Student Government



Minutes for
April 2, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. D. Laforest moves to approve the agenda with the addition of stipends under new business, 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. Board of Control Presentation
 1. Tony will present his draft presentation next week
 - ii. Susanna Peters is the new ombudsperson
 - iii. Tony will contact Dave Reed about the Strategic Planning Group
 - b. Vice President (cena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Banquet – Sunday at 4 pm
 - c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
 - i. The last day for reimbursements will be the 16th
 - ii. Reserve fund must be submitted by the 9th
 - iii. An email will go out tomorrow to let organizations know
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Experience Tech Fee – Board of Control Proposal
 1. They put out a draft proposal that will be discussed at the next Board of Control meeting
 2. Draft will go out with the minutes
- VII. Advisor Reports (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Stipends
 - i. T. Gruber moves to approve \$500 for K. Axline's stipend, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - ii. D. Laforest moves to approve \$500 for A. Sharp's stipend, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - iii. D. Laforest moves to approve \$500 for S. Casey's stipend, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - iv. D. Laforest moves to approve \$500 for C. Cena's stipend, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - b. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
- X. Task Forces
 - a. Constitution Task Force
 - i. They defined goals for the task force
 - ii. They defined new clauses that they would like in the new constitution
 - iii. They defined a timeline
 - iv. They need to cognizant of "stakeholders" and get their input early
 - v. Presentation will go out with the minutes
 - b. Differential Tuition Task Force
 - i. We have received about 30 comments ranging from "it sucks" to constructive feedback
 - ii. Will meet with John Lehman to strategize ways to get information out
 - c. Diversity Outreach Group
 - i. Chris attended the Iranian New Year's celebration

- d. MUB Vision Task Force
 - i. They looked at all of the different proposals that have been submitted over the years and weighed them against their rubric
 - 1. They are looking into ways to make their scores more meaningful
 - ii. They will begin to produce more concrete ideas

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- b. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. They are getting Frisbees and pens to hand out at K-Day
- c. Judicial (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. No report
- d. Elections (usgelect-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Elections open today and close next Tuesday
 - ii. 3 2nd year candidates, 10 3rd year, and 10 4th year
 - iii. S. Richards move to open elections at 10 pm tonight, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - iv. S. Richards moves to close elections at 11:45 pm next Tuesday, Seconded, Motion Passed
 - v. 4th years that are graduating will be able to vote in this election
 - vi. Sam will talk to Kaitlin and look into polling booth in Wads
- e. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Will be helping Brendan with differential tuition
 - ii. Darien can post who is running for elections on the website
- f. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Will talk about issues during Student Commission Report
- g. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Went to IRHC and received more money for Rock-The-Vote
 - ii. Part of it is for an O-Week event to register voters
 - iii. Kirsten, Kaitlin, and Dan will be coordinating O-Week events next year
 - iv. There is a SAM Conference next weekend

XII. USG Liaisons

- a. Graduate Student Government
 - i. They allocated money to the Bra Show and Thai Night
 - ii. The proposed Graduate Student Tuition increase is 4% this year
- b. Inter Fraternity Council
 - i. They had another discussion about Winter Carnival
 - 1. They are looking at different structures for brackets
- c. Panhellenic Council
 - i. April 22nd – Come to Joey’s for the Barbra Kettle
 - ii. They would like more information through Facebook, Twitter, a blog, table tents, TVs in the library, etc.
- d. Inter Residence Housing Council
 - i. Poker tournament is coming up – April 17th and the 19th
 - ii. They need people who will run next year
- e. Houghton City Council
 - i. Keep you let runs (water trickling) going if you live in the city of Houghton
- f. Parent’s Fund
 - i. Not present
 - ii. Approved funding for jerseys for the Rugby Team
- g. Senate
 - i. They have a proposal to start on a Thursday to allow 2 study days before finals
 - 1. We have received feedback of a majority of “no”s but a few “yes”s
 - ii. We should look into getting exams off of career fair week
- h. Student Commission
 - i. Blue Light Phones
 - 1. Chris is still working on proposals

ii. Laptop Open Forum

1. As of right now, IT is mostly just advising the group and not planning
2. They received a lot more feedback on IT and library, which was not particularly relevant to the topic
3. With a hard requirement they can broker a deal with a company
 - a. It would qualify as tuition/for financial aid and provide discounted gear through a bulk deal
4. It could be phased in, starting with First Years
 - a. This wasn't addressed at forum, and it may have swayed opinions
5. The negative feedback may have been due to lack of information
 - a. The open forum was very uninformative
 - b. They had a very vague vision with no specifics
6. We should be mindful of how this affects other majors not in the College of Engineering
 - a. Would the requirement mean less campus computers?
7. They're making it broad right now because they want student input
8. The next IT Open Forum is April 22nd

i. Other Liaisons

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

- a. Darien will put bios on the Website
- b. Broomball is looking for someone skilled in web design

XIV. Closed Session

XV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"

- a. Throw a pie in Kirsten's face on Friday in Fisher 1-5
- b. Prom-Missed is this weekend

XVI. Adjournment