



Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for
April 24, 2013

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. A. Sharp calls meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. K. Johnston moves to approve agenda, D. Palmer seconds, **Motion Passes**
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. S. Casey moves to approve minutes, J. Krugh seconds, **Motion Passes**
- V. Recognition of Visitors- Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-1@mtu.edu)
 - a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
 - i. Transition done
 - ii. Committee Chairs
 - iii. Ways and Means Committee
 1. Need two more members
 - b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
 - i. Transition done
 - c. Treasurer (jkrugh@mtu.edu)
 - i. Transition done
 - d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
 - i. Transition done
 - ii. Experience Tech Coordination Group
 1. Names forwarded on to Susan Sullivan
 - iii. Survey: What would you like to see USG do?
- VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
 - a. Committee Chairs should make sure to follow transition checklist
 - b. Update involvement link
 - c. Registration for K-day available
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. WAM (usgwam-1@mtu.edu)
 - i. Fishing Club
 1. \$20,000 boat to compete in series
 - a. Need certain requirements to compete
 - b. Mercury wants to see them compete before they sponsor
 - c. Usage fee would cover upkeep
 - d. Club holds GPA requirement to compete
 2. Risk management revised
 - a. Depth finder
 - b. Club members only
 - i. Want to compete at national level
 - c. Geico and Prgresive
 - i. Certification covers liability
 - d. J Cooper
 - i. May have to be owned by department
 - e. They have looked into storage options
 - f. Opening to nonmembers would increase liability. Not plausible.
 3. \$20,000 is a large sum

- a. D. Palmer: Incrementing money over a period of time could be beneficial
 - b. In the past, incrementing over time has proved deconstructive
 - 4. Kirsten D.: ESPN coverage would be excellent promotion for MTU
 - 5. J Cooper Cannot fall under OAP
 - 6. Department who oversaw would have very little liability
 - 7. Andrey M. moves to allocate Fishing Club \$20,000, S. Casey seconds
 - a. D. Shull Amends to add contingency of department overseer and long term storage, **Amendment to motion passes**
 - b. Motion passes**
- ii. MUB 106 renovation
 - 1. Student Activities, Blue Key, Daily Bull all in full support
 - 2. Idea is to make this space more usable to all students and all orgs
 - 3. Also maintain other resources that currently exist
 - 4. Facilitate all sizes of meetings with media and mobile furniture
 - a. 4-5 meetings at any time
 - b. Many orgs can't find places to meet
 - 5. Cubicle panels are extremely expensive, as are open aired office spaces
 - a. Cubicles already owned
 - b. Provides quiet space for work, possible clients
 - 6. Event postings near entrance
 - 7. Creative Hub can facilitate better org advertisement
 - a. Tutorials and templates preloaded
 - b. Nothing like this on campus
 - 8. Will still accommodate office space for larger orgs
 - 9. Rentable file cabinets offer long term storage for orgs that do not have permanent office space
 - 10. Transient office desks – temporary office space
 - 11. New Greek office (IFC, Panhel, Order of Omega)
 - a. Funded by Student Activities \$10,000-\$15,000
 - b. Greeks currently have no space
 - c. 3 orgs represent 21 additional orgs
 - 12. Not exact plans, numbers may not add up exactly
 - 13. Commuter lounge can still use resources
 - 14. Large cost, Joe encouraged the increase in cost of proposal
 - 15. Commercial grade furniture is necessary to prolong time
 - a. 20 year warranty on some furniture
 - 16. ALL purchases must be approved by Student Activities AND MUB Board (Important system of checks and balances)
 - 17. Anything less than \$45,000 could render renovations not worth it
 - 18. Unforeseen expenses could come from other departments
 - 19. Low traffic in 106
 - a. Many orgs view current office space as a burden
 - b. MUB Board working on PR for space
 - c. Tours should come through new space
 - d. Aesthetics will increase traffic
 - 20. S. Casey moves to allocate \$45,000 for renovations, S. Richards seconds, **Motion passes**
- b. J. Krugh move to accept WAM agenda, Z. Mauerman seconds, **Motion Passes**
- c. Need 2 new members for WAM Committee
 - i. Krugh moves to open nominations, S. Casey seconds, **Motion Passes**
 - ii. Nominated

1. Donnie Palmer, Daniel Bishop, Matthew Hayes, Kirsten dubsadfljhsad, Sam Richards
- iii. S. Casey moves to close nominations, J. Krugh seconds, **Motion Passes**
- iv. Speeches
- v. **Daniel and Kirsten are elected**
- d. P. Classen will be on Co-op Fall 2013
 - i. Will continue as associate member
- X. Committee Reports
 - i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-1@mtu.edu)
 1. Next semester, J. Stefko will move forward with revisions to the position
 - ii. Service (usgservice-1@mtu.edu)
 1. NR
 - iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-1@mtu.edu)
 1. NR
 - iv. Elections (usgselect-1@mtu.edu)
 1. P. Classen's resignation opens a new spot
 2. J. Stefko moves to accept D. LaForest and K. Grossman as 3rd year reps, seconded, **Motion Passes**
 - v. Public Relations (usgpr-1@mtu.edu)
 1. Housing website moving forward
 2. Business Casual Wednesdays, good PR for USG, adds legitimacy
 - vi. Student Issues (usgissues-1@mtu.edu)
 1. Making sure 2 tasks are ready to be passed off to new task managers
 2. IPA working to get tenant law guide translated
 - vii. External Affairs (usgea-1@mtu.edu)
 1. NR
- XI. USG Liaisons
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 - i. GSG
 1. NR
 - ii. IFC
 1. NR
 - iii. Panhellenic Council
 1. NR
 - iv. IRHC
 1. IRHC President
 - a. Would like to collaborate more with USG
 - v. Houghton City Council
 1. NR
 - vi. Parent's Fund
 1. 2 requests at 9am
 2. D. Palmer will remain liaison
 - vii. Senate
 1. E-Board elections have taken place
 - viii. Student Commission
 1. NR
 - ix. Blue Key
 1. NR
 - x. Other Liaisons
- XII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
- XIII. CLOSED SESSION
- XIV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"

- XV. Adjournment
 - a. Movement to adjourn
 - b. Adjourns at 8:37