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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgeboard-l@mtu.edu))
   a. President ([amsharp@mtu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:cpcena@mtu.edu))
      i. Transition done
   c. Treasurer ([jkrugh@mtu.edu](mailto:jkrugh@mtu.edu))
      i. Transition done
   d. Secretary ([srcasey@mtu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:lpcook@mtu.edu)) ([jjcooper@mtu.edu](mailto: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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@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 Progressive
               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 Ammends 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 dubsadflkjhsad, 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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu))

      1. Next semester, J. Stefko will move forward with revisions to the position

   ii. Service ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))

      1. NR

   iii. Judiciary ([usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu))

      1. NR

   iv. Elections ([usgelect-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgelect-l@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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-l@mtu.edu))

      1. Housing website moving forward

      2. Business Casual Wednesdays, good PR for USG, adds legitimacy

   vi. Student Issues ([usgissues-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-l@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-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-l@mtu.edu))

      1. NR

XI. **USG Liaisons**

   a. Liaisons

      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