Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for September 18, 2013

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of Agenda
   a. D. Palmer moves to approve the agenda with exception of swear in, which is moved to open floor, Seconded, Motion Passed
IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. J. Stefko moves to approve minutes, Seconded, Motion Passes
V. Recognition of Visitors - Thanks for coming!
VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (amsharp@mtu.edu)
      i. New members meet with Tony to discuss USG Office hours after meeting
   b. Vice President (cpcena@mtu.edu)
      i. Technology
         1. Still looking into PCs
      ii. Office Hours
         1. Will be keeping track of Office Hour attendance after this meeting
   c. Treasurer (kmaxline@mtu.edu)
      i. Turn in funding forms in wire basket next to door
   d. Secretary (srcasey@mtu.edu)
      i. Lists
         1. Updated with current members
      ii. Postpone Pictures until next week
VII. Advisor Report (lpcook@mtu.edu) (jjcooper@mtu.edu)
   a. Joe
      i. Homecoming is upon us!
         1. Entries have increased
      ii. Husky Lead is finalizing events
         1. Please pick at least two Husky Lead Sessions to attend
VIII. Old Business
IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Sailing Team: $1,000 Recommended
         1. Accepted into new Regatta
         2. Increased membership
         3. Moved up in competition level
            a. Allowed to travel to other conferences
            b. Some of the biggest schools in the nation
         4. Didn’t know about opportunity during budget hearings
         5. J. Stefko moves to allocate $1,000 to Sailing Team, Seconded, Motion Passed
      ii. Golf Club: $5,000 Recommended
         1. Brand new club
         2. Were accepted into conference
         3. Would cover 4 trips
         4. K. Axline moves to table until next week because not enough information was offered, Seconded, Motion Passed
      iii. K. Axline moves to approve reimbursements, Seconded, Motion Passed
   b. GSG
i. Collaboration is a major goal
ii. Working with grad students to increase networking awareness before graduation
iii. Working to improve communication
iv. Goal to lure students out of labs and classrooms to social events
v. Would like to collaborate with USG
   1. Create a joint Ad hoc committee
      a. Where is tuition money going?
      b. Analyze new fees

X. Task Force Reports
   a. Met to discuss why students go to labs
   b. Technology
      i. Visitor Presentations
      ii. Dan de Beaubian, CTO
         1. IT development and changes occurred over summer and will continue to occur
         2. Recent efforts involve a lot of change
         3. Extensive information available online via website, blog
         4. Portions of library space are being enhanced to accommodate students better than current spaces
         5. Creating a better network: mobile and wired
         6. 24/7 operation coming SOON
         7. Other enhancements include Plaza, Center for Teaching and Learning
         8. What WON’T happen
            a. Seats will not be decreased
            b. 909 effective seats w/ 235 computer seats
         9. Repurposing of labs
            a. Open Labs vs Computer Enabled Classrooms
            b. 13 open labs and one closed lab that are being effective
            c. 3 phase plan to put in wireless lounges
         10. Project has 14 phases
             a. Hoping to get first 3 completed soon
         11. Projected date for phases 1 and 2 should be done by October
         12. Projected start on other phases is not available
         13. Disappointed if 3, 4, and 5 aren’t in motion by next summer
         14. Facility has more table space per computer than any other on campus
         15. Library was always open for community, and will continue to be
         16. Individual rooms will remain key-locked
         17. Library staffed 24/7
             a. Every day with the exception of 5 weeks of the year
         18. Kreston Controllers and presentation hardware will not be available in presentation space, but it could be looked into
         19. Two computer classrooms on second floor
             a. Open while class is not scheduled
         20. After midnight will be only through front door with card access
             a. May be periodically asked to show Husky Card
         21. Old equipment will replace other non-serviceable equipment
             a. Most re-imaged and placed in Grad School
         22. Not enough demand to have IT staffed 24/7, but looking to expand hours
             a. Hoping to be open until 9 pm
         23. Closing almost all of open labs – No preference to certain labs
         24. Projected date for lab repurposing – No proposed start date
         25. Printers SHOULD still stay in repurposed labs, but there is uncertainty
26. Remote.mtu.edu to access certain programs
27. Phase 1 and 2 were paid for by the university
28. Feels that projections are relatively reliable, but cannot make guarantees

XI. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Project Documentation
         a. Look at forms, They will be discussed next meeting
   ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      1. No report
   iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      1. No report
   iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Has been in contact with first years
   v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Check Google calendar for meeting times
   vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Meetings potentially Sunday
   vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
      1. SAM Conference is coming up (2 weekends)
      2. Another conference is in October

XII. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaisons
      i. GSG
      1. Dan and Ellen have been attending meetings and answering questions
      2. Graduates are more comfortable after these conversations
      ii. IFC
      1. No Report
   iii. Panhellenic Council
      1. Talked about socials to occur
      2. Philanthropy project is in the planning stages
      3. Evening with Industry
   iv. IRHC
      1. Have Pres and VP, but more positions open
      2. Shared K-Day concerns with IRHC Eboard
   v. Houghton City Council
      1. No report
   vi. Parent’s Fund
      1. No report
   vii. Senate
      1. No report
   viii. Student Commission
      1. Presentations were given on Financial aid and Library
      2. Don’t call Public Safety about Smoking
      3. Meet Dean of Students event
   ix. Blue Key
      1. M. Hays will attend
   x. Other Liaisons

XIII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
   a. Kyle Axline’s Swear In

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

XV. Announcements/ "Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment