



## **Minutes - USG General Body Meeting**

Weds, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Andrey M. called to order at 7:01pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Dan – Motion to approve
  - b. Denied
  - c. Andrey – Motion to move Dave Reed to before Icebreaker
  - d. Approved
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Dan – Motion to approve
  - b. Approved
5. Dave Reed
  - a. Taking comments on University Strategic Plan until Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Will close for revisions, and present to the BOC at the end of the semester
  - c. Joe will look into putting it in the weekly news briefs for the students
6. Ice Breaker
7. Officer Reports
  - a. President (asmerzly)
    - i. Committee Chair Appointments
      1. Talk to Andrey, if you are interested
    - ii. Goals/Objectives Statement
      1. Each group made a poster of items
      2. Posters will be kept in the USG Office
      3. Nate Peterson made a summary poster
  - b. Vice President (rmhicks)
    - i. K-Day
      1. Reggie passed around the sign up sheet
      2. We will be handing out markers and will also have the issues board
  - c. Treasurer (sssteinh)
  - d. Secretary (nepeters)
    - i. Library Hours
      1. Joe Cooper suggested having Ellen Marks to come in
      2. Donnie Palmer suggested waiting to give students to give comments
      3. Nate Peterson will look into having her come in
    - ii. University Strategic Plan
      1. Tell everyone you know to give comments on the plan
    - iii. Office Stuff
      1. Phone Tree – Fill it out – The file is on the USG Google Drive
      2. Clear out your cubbies, unless you already have a label
8. Advisor Reports
  - a. Joe Cooper
    - i. Re registering your organization is on Canvas now, along with required officer training
    - ii. K-Day – there will be Buses from the MUB to McLain starting at noon till everyone is back
  - b. Les Cook
    - i. Welcome back!

- ii. New stuff over the summer
- iii. New IT director – Josh Olson – very interested in regular feedback
- iv. Andrey – Josh Olson will be in at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting
- v. E-cigarettes are going to be up to comments from USG, GSG, and other orgs soon. You can start asking now
- vi. USG used to sponsor a bus to bring students home, parents would like to see it back

## 9. Old Business

## 10. New Business

- a. Andrey – motion to approve resignation of Dani Bishop
- b. Approved
- c. Sam Richards – motion to approve Dani Bishop as an associate member
- d. Approved
- e. Ways And Means ([usgwam-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Both spots are open, talk to Steve if you are interested
  - ii. Diversity is encouraged for these spots

## 11. Task Forces

- a. Constitution Task Force
  - i. Dan LaForest – Gave out 4 packets – Summarizing work over the summer
  - ii. Plans are to have a draft to bring to the students in under a month or so to give comments on.
  - iii. Constitution must be voted on by the students to be approved
  - iv. Changes are detailed in the executive summary that was handed out by Dan LaForest
  - v. The GSG Liaison asked what the similarities were to the ASMTU changes in 2006
    - 1. The ASMTU initiative didn't pass, but it came close at 63% of the students saying yes
    - 2. The initiative was trying to combine all of the SBG student orgs and create a house and senate structure consisting of reps from each student org

## 12. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel ([usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu))
- b. Service ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))
- c. Judicial ([usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu))
- d. Elections ([usgelect-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgelect-l@mtu.edu))
- e. Public Relations ([usgpr-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-l@mtu.edu))
- f. Student Issues ([usgissues-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-l@mtu.edu))
- g. External Affairs ([usgea-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-l@mtu.edu))

## 13. USG Liaisons

- a. Graduate Student Government
- b. Inter Fraternity Council
  - i. Nate Peterson
- c. Panhellenic Council
  - i. Kirsten Dulbandzyhan
- d. Inter Residence Housing Council
  - i. E-Board will check and see about a possible student from them
- e. Houghton City Council
  - i. Joseph Heltsley
- f. Parent's Fund
  - i. Kendra Grossman
- g. Senate
  - i. Kirsten & Alissa will tag team the effort
- h. Student Commission
  - i. Steve Steinhoff
- i. Other Liaisons

14. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
  - a. Sam Richards – motion to nominate Donnie Palmer as an associate member
  - b. Dan LaForest Seconded – Passed
  - c. Darien Benner would like to setup biographies and photos of each member on the USG website
  - d. Dan LaForest worked on the RTV website this summer – more to come with that later in the year
15. Closed Session (if necessary)
16. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
17. Adjournment
  - a. Sam Richards moved to adjourn
  - b. Seconded by Dan LaForest
  - c. Adjourned at 8:35pm

