Agenda – USG General Body Meeting
February 25th 2015

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Kirsten motioned - Passes
IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. Motion to approved minutes from 2 weeks ago – Passes
V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
VI. Officer Reports
   a. President (Andrey Merzlyakov)
      i. Budget Hearings
      1. Starting tomorrow evening until Sunday
      2. Get excited!
      3. Direct any questions to the usg@mtu email
   b. Vice President (Nate Peterson)
      i. Student Health Insurance Forum
         1. Will be on March 16th at noon in the MUB
         2. Hosted with GSG, focusing on the international students who usually use campus insurance
      ii. Retreat
         1. Will be at the Jutila Center in Hancock
         2. Sometime after break, on a weekend
   c. Treasurer (Braeton Ardell)
      i. Reimbursement Forms
         1. Guy would like to train the body on how to fill out the forms to help explain things
         2. He will be inviting people to come to his office hours and learn
   d. Secretary (Joseph Heltsley)
      i. Mailboxes
         1. Joey is going to start organizing the mailboxes, please consolidate your things into one box
VII. Advisor Reports
   a. Joe Cooper
      i. March 6th – VP Award for Service, Percy Julian and President’s Award for Leadership due
      ii. The rest of the Student Leadership Award nominations are due on March 20th
      iii. Please nominate those who you feel have done a great job this year
      iv. Thanks to everyone who helped out or gave Blood and the Greek Blood Drive
      v. SBG Budget hearings are moving along, Abbey and Kyle will be attending as USG representatives along with Guy
   b. Les Cook
      i. No report
VIII. Old Business
IX. New Business
   a. Ways And Means (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Motion to approve reimbursement requests – Passes (1 abstained)
ii. Pistol Club opportunity fund request
   1. Trying to get uniform polos for the RO’s and RSO’s for the range.
   2. This is to make sure safety standards are kept up, and it is clear who is in charge at the range.
   3. WAM recommended the full amount of $554
   4. Kirsten motioned to approve the full amount
      a. Passes

iii. His House Christian Fellowship opportunity fund request
   1. Nicole Bromley is coming up to host a talk about her experiences and how she overcame them
   2. The event is on March 28th
   3. WAM recommended the full amount
   4. Dan LaForest motioned to approve the full amount
      a. Passes

iv. Aquanauts
   1. Reserve fund request to replace old and unsafe regulators for diving.
   2. The new regulators are weatherproof and are designed to work in colder water.
   3. They are also easier to maintain and service
   4. Aquanauts has a relationship with the new regulator company and is going to be trained on how to repair them ourselves
   5. Kirsten motions to approve
      a. Tabled
      b. Untabled
      c. Passes

v. BMES Opportunities fund request
   1. They would like to attend a conference at the Mayo Clinic
   2. 16 students would like to attend
   3. Motion passes

X. Task Forces
   a. Academic Calendar review
      i. Senate came back and did not like most of the proposal
      ii. Dan is going to have a presentation to the Senate with the committee.
      iii. The approach is going to be compromising and trying to work with Senate to gain some ground on time off for Career Fair
      iv. The institutional policy has suggested giving exams off for the Tuesday and Weds of career fair week
      v. The senate meeting is next week Weds at 5:30

   b. Food Insecurities
      i. Survey closed, the results will be discussed at tomorrow’s meeting.
      ii. There has been a Tech Fund Account made

   c. Constitution
      i. 1637 students, 30.1% of the student body voted
         1. 1576 votes in favor, 101 opposed
      ii. It still has to be ratified by the Board of Control
      iii. Sam will continue to run the elections for this year, and the representative elections will be run in the new election format.
      iv. The bylaws have been edited slightly for grammatical changes
      v. The carryover election will happen next week, and there will be one carryover per class, per the new bylaws.
      vi. Dan will create a new swear-in document that will properly reference the new constitution
XI. Committee Reports
   a. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Personnel reviews after spring break
   b. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Spring Break Bus
         1. We still need 2 people to ride the bus downstate from USG
         2. If no one can ride the bus, someone who is signed up currently will be asked to help
   c. Judicial (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
   d. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Nominations are open for the representatives
      ii. E-Board elections are now open
   e. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Looking into PR for elections, something simple like table tents
      ii. Try to be more proactive and open with students
   f. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Please come to the meetings and participate
      ii. We have asked Travis Pierce about getting swipe access to the back doors of the residence halls during
dining hall hours
      iii. It is not possible because of security concerns for the students
   g. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
      i. The SAM conference was successful
      ii. There is a final conference at Northern University at the end of March
XII. USG Liaisons
   a. Graduate Student Government (Chelsea Nikula)
      i. The GRC is going on now, and students are welcome to attend.
      ii. There is going to be food and coffee
      iii. It will be in the MUB Ballroom 9am-3pm
   b. Inter Fraternity Council (Nate Peterson)
      i. Euchre night is this Friday, all proceeds will go to a charity of the winner’s choice
      ii. Greek Award nominations are due this Friday
   c. Panhellenic Council (Kirsten Dulbandzhyan)
      i. Talking about Blue Key and the academic calendar proposal
   d. Inter Residence Housing Council (Yvonne Lewsley)
      i. Also passed a new constitution, but it had very minor changes (3 month project)
      ii. Collaboration event with the Quiz Bowl team
   e. Houghton City Council (Jarrod Hanson)
      i. No report
   f. Parent’s Fund (Kendra Grossman)
      i. Some requests came in
         1. Sigma Pi, University Innovation Fellows
   g. Senate (Lukas S.)
      i. New degree, computer systems science
   h. Student Commission
   i. Other Liaisons
XIII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
   a. Sarah Philameee would like to resign, Andrey accepts her resignation
      i. Motion passes
b. 3rd year representative
   i. Part of international club
   ii. She would like to help the University since she has essentially grown up here
   iii. She has plenty of time to commit to USG and knows the requirements for the position
   iv. Andrey approves her appointment
   v. Motion to appoint her
      1. Passes
      2. She was sworn in

XIV. Closed Session (If necessary)
XV. Announcements/“Remarks for the Good”
XVI. Adjournment