

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-1@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 tomorrows 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 Philamelee 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