

# Agenda – USG General Body Meeting

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016



- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Motion to approve the agenda and minutes
  - Second
  - Motion passes
- IV. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- V. Title IX Presentation (Beth Lunde)
- VI. Officer Reports
  - President (Samuel Casey)
    - i. Sam is out trying to find a job
    - ii. October 22<sup>nd</sup> student government conference in Chicago, 5 people are going
    - iii. Teaching method survey- Sam will send out a draft to the body
    - iv. The success summit was useful
      - 1. Do more small events
      - 2. Looking at ways to decrease meeting length and frequency
      - 3. Looking to get more members involved and involved in things they are passionate about
      - 4. Board of trustees presentation is on Friday at 9 am, please try to attend
  - Vice President (Joseph Heltsley)
    - i. No report
  - Treasurer (Joshua Davis)
  - Secretary (Braeton Ardell)
    - i. Working on getting name placards
- VII. Advisor Reports
  - Jessie Stapleton
    - i. No report
  - Jonathan Davey
    - i. No report
  - Les Cook
    - i. Board of trustees meeting
    - ii. Schedule changed so that the GSG and USG go first
    - iii. First home Hockey series this weekend
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
  - Events (Brian Messman)
    - i. Working on contract for bus for the winter break
    - ii. Want to break another world record
    - iii. Tug of war over the portage
    - iv. Pasty eating contest
    - v. Storage barn email to the individual student organizations will be going out tonight
      - 1. November 5<sup>th</sup> is nanocon
      - 2. Looking for volunteers for Storage barn to help, will send out a sign up
  - Judicial (Jacob Cavins)
  - Personnel (Joey Heltsley)
    - i. go to office hours
  - Political affairs (Greg Miodonski)
    - i. Did voter registration at the second debate with the lode
    - ii. Looking to figure out the direction for committee to take after the election
  - Public relations (Cody Eppert)
    - i. Meeting time moved to Friday at 3
    - ii. Headshots and bio due next week by meeting
  - Student Affairs (Kyle McGurk)
    - i. Jimmie is the diversity liaison, will be working with CDI
    - ii. Student transportation
    - iii. Career fairs are now going to be on Wednesdays, moved because there are more MWF classes
  - Ways and Means (Joshua Davis)
    - i. Did not meet this week
    - ii. No report
- IX. USG Liaison Reports
  - Graduate Student Government (Evonne Allard)
    - iv. #supriseanddelight

- i. Their concerns are aligned with our own
    - ii. Will be talking about the portrait 2045
    - iii. Thesis competition
    - iv. PR are trying to get a twitter account
    - v. Election process forum
    - vi. Looking to make a new logo
    - vii. Concerned about online classes and fee structure
    - viii. USG has a GSG liaison
    - ix. Campus improvement fund, they are interested in being a part of that
  - Interfraternity Council (Cody Eppert)
    - i. Social justice lecture series
  - Panhellenic Council (Jessie Stapleton)
    - i. Starting Greek woman of the month
  - Inter Residence Housing Council (Hattie Kinnesten)
    - i. Safe house, cranking out the finer details
    - ii. Broomball is hiring
      - 1. Meetings are Sunday and Monday and need to attend to make a team
    - iii. Wads is planning a coffee night
    - iv. DHH dance the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Elected a programming chair
  - Houghton City Council (Kyle McGurk)
    - i. Reported on the first two months of recycling
      - 1. 11% by weight which is lower on average than other cities
    - ii. The Kirkish building will be renovated after the collapse
    - iii. Laser tag company starting up in the D stadium
    - iv. Police doing more active shooter training due to recent national events
    - v. Traffic light by Walmart will be done by Halloween weekend
      - 1. Expecting an increase in accidents
    - vi. Mtech SmartZone is voting to extend for another 15 years
  - Parent's Fund (Dan Henderson)
    - i. Parents fund met last Wednesdays morning
    - ii. SEB was charging \$5 for tickets for the winter carnival comedian unknown to the committee
    - iii. Film board was denied funding for the speaker project
  - Senate (Matthew Thompson)
    - i. No meeting
    - ii. No report
  - Student Commission (Jacob Cavins)
    - i. Meeting is tomorrow October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Friend of The Library (Joshua Davis)
    - i. Met last Wednesday
    - ii. Speaker open to the public October 20<sup>th</sup> in east reading room of the library
    - iii. Don't purchase textbooks for student access because of expense per semester
  - Other Liaisons
  - Liaison for diversity council
    - i. Underrepresented minority recruiter for Michigan tech
    - ii. New chair for committee
    - iii. Setting targets for enrollment for underrepresented minority students
    - iv. Develop a retention strategy for minorities to come back to university
- X. Unfinished Business:
- Campus improvement funding proposal
    - i. Committee met last week, developed a timeline
    - ii. Hope to have a draft completed by next week general meeting
    - iii. Google doc located under committee titled campus improvement funding
    - iv. Voting planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- XI. New Business:
- T-shirts and Nametags
    - i. Les offered to buy etched nametags for body members
  - WAM
    - i. Reimbursement/advance requests
      - 1. Motion to approve this weeks advanced funds and reimbursement requests

- 2. Second
    - 3. Motion passes
  - ii. Old opp/reserve fund requests
    - 1. Film board Opp fund request
      - a. Motion to approve the full \$7000 contingent on acquisition of secondary funding sources
      - b. Second
      - c. Motion to let WAM define what fully funded is defined as
      - d. Second
      - e. Motion passes
      - f. Motion passes
- 3. Have representatives that report to the college council
  - 4. Making contact info more public, i.e. Send out an introductory email
- v. School of business
    - 1. Using social media outlets
    - 2. Creating a distribution list
    - 3. Create an anonymous online question or concern box
    - 4. Biweekly town hall meeting
    - 5. Small info session once a month with a food incentive
  - vi. School of Technology
    - 1. Learn more about the other departments
    - 2. Email list
    - 3. Starting advisory board
    - 4. Getting in on already existing meetings
    - 5. Advertise office hours in the USG
    - 6. Working with the lode to right a spotlight each week
- Constituent Outreach Plans
    - i. College of Engineering
    - ii. Contacting the dean of engineering
      - 1. Open forums
      - 2. Associate dean suggested being a part of the Engineering research blog
      - 3. Set up time to work in the learning centers
      - 4. Survey to college of engineering
      - 5. Announce office hours better
    - iii. College of arts and sciences
      - 1. Obtaining a mailing list
      - 2. Having office hours in different buildings
      - 3. Reach out to student in residence halls
      - 4. Create learning centers for the uncommon majors
      - 5. Dean of college of arts and sciences, wanted to have a Q&A session
    - iv. School of forest resources and environmental sciences
      - 1. Becoming familiar with school council
      - 2. Getting in contact with the dean
  - Meet Your Org Initiative
    - i. Joey's presentation
    - ii. Sign up for an organization next week
    - iii. Will come up with standard presentation
- XII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
    - Some members disliked the open circle
    - Financial presentation by Joe Cooper is use to help
    - John Nowosad wants to be a liaison to the student athletic council
  - XIII. Closed Session (If necessary)
  - XIV. Announcements/"Remarks for the Good"
    - Make a difference day signups are live, Jonathan will put the link on slack, the day is Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, you get a free tshirt for participating
    - Sam will be doing a huskylead next Tuesday
    - Powwow went well not a lot of student advertisement

- MUB board food and beer pairing next Friday October 21st, tickets are \$12
- CLCC, ICC, and mideavalist clubs are unknown in the body barn

XV. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
- Second
- Motion passes