Minutes for Wednesday
January 20, 2010

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
   a. President Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Excused Absent- Freya Moran
   b. Unexcused Absent- Kate Little

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda so Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes Approved

V. Recognition of Visitors

VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (cmhanson@mtu.edu)
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Attended the Athletic Council Meeting
         1. They are looking to expand the GLIAC to 16 teams.
   c. Treasurer (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. Check out the financial standings
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. Internal Committee/ Liaison Check and Balances

VII. Advisor Report (jaredmj@mtu.edu) (lpcook@mtu.edu)
   a. No Report

VIII. Old Business
   a. SAF Policy Change
      i. This is the FINAL vote for 09-10.
      ii. A. Van Slooten moves to accept document. Thornton seconds.
      iii. USG abstention during budget voting
         1. Should OSA personnel abstain during their budget vote?
         2. Johnson- wouldn’t mind abstaining from their own budget
            a. Baldwin- Thoughts, this brings it to an even number with them
               abstaining.
            b. Drake- They should abstain.
            c. Johnson- It could go to USG body if there is a tie..
      iv. 5bii. Will now read- “The Director of Student Activities should abstain from
             the Office of Student Activities budgets. This will immediately go to the
             appeals process in the event of a tie.”
      v. 7. Will have an addition at the end of “10 business days of published
          decision”.
         vi. Johnson- should dates be pulled out of this document so that it can be carried
            forward to the next year?
            1. Cogan- Could it read 14th week.
            2. Starnes- Likes the idea of a forced review of this document in the future.
            3. Baldwin- how did it end up going this first year? Somethings may need
               to be revised.
            4. A. Van Slooten- dates should stay there so that it is revisited and
               improved.
               5. DATES WILL REMAIN IN DOCUMENT.
         vii. GSG liaison- SAF Cannot fund… is worded strangely
            1. This should be a bulleted list or a semi colon.
            2. THIS WILL BE A SEMI-COLON LIST- ITEMIZED
         viii. Baldwin- Is there a reason all the history is there too?
1. Hanson- Doesn’t think it will hurt anything to have it there.

ix. **Acceptance of final document**
   
   1. **MOTION PASSES. NO OBSTENTIONS.**

b. Next meeting, the 2 USG members will be chosen to sit on this committee.

IX. **New Business**
   
a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
   
i. The Troupe
   
   1. $40.08 Reimbursement for photocopying expense. A. Van Slooten seconds. **MOTION PASSES.**

ii. MTU Sailing Club
   
   1. Reimbursement for $1,057.04 for traveling expenses and hardware. A. Van Slooten seconds. **MOTION PASSES.**

X. **Committee Reports**
   
i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. No Report

ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. Chili Van Update
      
      a. All set and ready to go, thanks to all USG members who are signed up
      
      b. An updated list will be sent to the USG email list.

iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. USG Internal Constitution Review
      
      a. Tues. Feb 9- 7:30pm
      
      b. Sun. Feb. 14- 7:30pm

   2. Starting next week, each judicial committee member will give a report on things that are happening politically that may have an effect on students as a whole.

   3. **Bart Stupak giving a talk at St. Al’s this Friday at 7pm**

iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. E-Board Nominations Open
      
      a. If interested in one of the 4 positions, talk to an E-board member
      
      b. **Valencia moves to open E-Board nominations. MOTION PASSES. One abstention.**
         
         i. PR committee is so charged with getting the word out about the elections.

      c. Nominations Close February 17th.

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. Please share your Zimbra calendar with Brittany Wood so that we may be better organized.

vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. A few groups looking for a liaison for one meeting.
      
      a. Hanson- if you go, make sure you introduce yourself and explain the importance of USG and what we can do for them.

vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
   
   1. SAM Conference at Wayne State a few weeks ago
      
      a. March 25- Lansing Blitz
         
         i. Statewide rally in front of the capital in Lansing
            
            1. Increasing state appropriations to schools in MI.

         ii. Moorehead is currently trying to arrange to have a few buses to go downstate. Trying to find funds to do this as well.

      b. Moorehead- If you are not on this committee and would like to help with some things, please let Keshon know.
c. SAM PR contact person- Do not have to go to the blitz, but would just be a contact person for USG at MTU.

2. SAM at NMU Feb. 12-14
   a. 4-6 USG reps can attend this meeting.

viii. Civil Rights Committee ([usgcivilrights-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgcivilrights-l@mtu.edu))

ix. USG Webmaster ([jlmenden@mtu.edu](mailto:jlmenden@mtu.edu))
   1. Update on Website Progress
      a. Most of the errors are taken care of now.
      b. Trying to resolve an issue with different browsers view.
      c. Committee Chairs- Please send Justin Mendenhall a brief paragraph about your respective committee.

XI. USG Liaisons
a. Liaison Coordinator ([amsheral@mtu.edu](mailto:amsheral@mtu.edu))
   i. Vacant Positions:
      1. Student Commission
         a. Brittany and Becky will do this
   ii. Health Insurance meeting with Dr. Melton-Thursday, January 21, in 505 Administration Building from 10:00 -11:30 a.m.
      1. Lucia will attend this.
      a. Comments for Lucia to bring up at this meeting:
         i. GSG Liaison- will meet up with Lucia
         ii. Send Lucia an email if you have comments!

b. Liaisons
   i. Provost Search Committee
      1. Candidate Coleman has withdrew- that leaves 3 semi-finalists for the position.
      2. Candidate Max Seel will be on campus Jan. 25-26 on campus.
   ii. MUB Board
      1. Poker Tournament Friday
      2. Big Band Bash coming up
      3. Student Org Office is looking to get a trophy case
      4. Looking for Displays for Feb. 21-26
      5. Bowling Alley Revision Committee?
         a. MUB Board is barely aware of committee
         b. The bowling alley will be ripped out.
            i. Thornton- maybe PE reform instead?
         c. Hanson will look into this and getting back to the board.
   iii. IFC
      1. Grades in Soroties and Fraternities
   iv. IRHC
      1. No meeting last week.
   v. Winter Carnival Task Force
      1. Thanks to all those who signed up to help people cross the roads during the all-nighter.
   vi. Career Center
      1. No Meeting last week
   vii. SFES
      1. New Advisor
      2. March 15- Earth Day
   viii. Parent’s Fund
      1. No Meeting this past week.
   ix. I-Club
1. Starting in Feb. MUB kitchens and I-Club are coordinating to have international foods available in commons.
   x. SAE
      1. Represented MTU Today downstate!!

XII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
     a. Student Involvement Fair
        i. Baldwin- was approached by someone on IRHC regarding Campus Wide Smoking Ban
           1. Wants someone on USG to head this up
        ii. Saxton- the person who approached USG wants USG to head up the survey.
           1. Hanson- it would be ok if IRHC puts their name on it and creates a survey and USG sends it out.
     b. Valencia- New ideas for K-Day
        i. New locations? New ideas?
           1. Moorehead- What is wrong now?
              a. Valencia- Not planned well by IFC- this is changing.
                 i. Turn out is that great and parking is a problem
                 ii. Chutes and Ladders may bring more community involvement for the students as well.
           2. Saxton- If would be nice to try to purposely avoid hosting indoors.
              a. If it was closer to downtown- there may be more issues with drinking involved.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION
XIV. Appointment of vacant positions
     a. Congratulations to Nicole and Kathleen Hanrahan
XV. Announcements
     a. Info Session with Vable Tomorrow EERC 100 6pm
XVI. "Remarks for the Good"
XVII. Adjournment
     a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.
**Dates to Remember:**

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