I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
   a. President Van Slooten called the meeting to order at 7:20pm
II. Roll Call
   a. Excused Absent- Keshon Moorehead, Brandon Riggin
III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda Approved as is
IV. Minutes and Corrections
   a. Minutes accepted as are
V. Recognition of Visitors
   a. Dr. Maximilian Seal- Interim Provost
   b. Ms. Patricia Gotschalk, J.D.- Director Student Judicial Affairs
   c. Dr. Bradley Baltensperger- Chair of the Department of Cognitive Learning Services
VI. Officer Reports
   a. President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Please be prompt for meetings!
   b. Vice President (smkinnun@mtu.edu)
      i. Chairs please contact for a group meeting
   c. Treasurer (kcdone@mtu.edu)
      i. Budget Hearing Dates:
         1. Informational Meeting 1-29-2009
         2. Budgets Due/Signup 2-20-2009
         3. SBG/ OSA Funding Hearings 2-22-2009
         5. Follow Up Day 3-7-2009
      ii. Working with Mike Abbott concerning the Experience Tech Fee, and Accounting Services with the general fund
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. No report at this time.
VII. Advisor Report (jaredmj@mtu.edu)
   a. Bigfoot Snowshoe Event this Saturday, Early Registration by 1/29!
VIII. Presentations
   a. Pat Gotschalk-
      i. Values at the University → statement of values at MTU
      ii. Values and Ethics are higher than what law is considered to be. Statement needs to be something that we can all relate to.
      iii. Academic/Research Integrity, Civility, Respect, Empathy, Civic Engagement, Overall Accountability
      iv. Honor Code is something that needs to be established at MTU.
         1. Next Steps: Representatives from students, staff, and faculty
         2. Obtain feedback from community, embrace the values statement, assessment- ongoing
         3. Ad hoc Committee? - Christine willing to Chair
   b. Dr. Baltensperger
i. General Education(30-50%) , and Specific Education(courses related to major)

ii. Core courses(4 classes). 15 Credits “Distribution”, and the STEM(Tech has a high requirement for this)
   1. What are the goals for the Gen Ed program? Looking to improve these
   2. If any changes are made? Changes take a slow time, could be a 3-5 year process.
      a. Current Distribution- No longer the lists
   3. Suggestions- Try to stay away from the theme, and be flexible about it as well.
   4. If at some time USG wants to suggest Gen-Ed. Reform

c. Jacob Emerick- Possibilities for new USG website.
   i. Background Info- Previous student leader at MTU, very experienced with several web backgrounds
   ii. Current Site- unprofessional, poorly implemented, hard to update
   iii. Proposed Site- will be professional, have a budget reporting system, and reimbursements for WAM
   iv. Proposal- finish main site by April, Finish budgeting system after fall 2009, technical support 3 months after, 2 payments of $500.
      1. would have regularly updated polls, popular pages, and webpages, and minutes easily accessible
      2. Will current applications still be preserved or improved? Housing would need to stay the same because it is being discussed by student commission.
      3. Current server would be able to handle all of the current changes.

d. Jared Johnson- Alcohol Edu
   i. Not soliciting funding from USG!
   ii. All incoming first years would need to complete online, and during O-week
   iii. Social Norms campaign, and alcohol awareness survey.
   iv. Increase Student awareness and decision making, reduce alcohol consumption, and aware of choices.
      1. How will they know after 2 years if this worked or not? Will know through an assessment at the end of each year. This will be a long-term study, and built in assessment as well.
      2. Being prepared before coming to school

IX. Old Business
a. Motion to USG set up a task force and pay the web developer(Jacob Emerick) in 2 increments of $500. 6 intersted members, and committee chairs. MOTION PASSES.

X. New Business
a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
   i. $1200 Ridge Roamers Opps. Fund- Wilderness Training
      1. For 4 certification officers to take the training
      2. The certification lasts for 3 years and the recepients will be around at MTU for a while.
         a. Budget Request- In a few years this will be in their budget
b. Recertification fees are much lower than the certification itself. MOTION PASSES

ii. HARC $550.55 Reserve Fund
   2. This will allow a situational awareness for the group as well as the community
      a. Regular events during the year, and emergencies as they arise.

iii. CRT - this is an opps. Fund instead of reserve fund because they came for a reserve fund request earlier this year.
   1. Requesting several rifles and additives for current rifles.
   2. Prices are currently rising and would like to purchase the rest of the rifles at one time.
   3. Do not currently have enough equipment to use at the range, competitions use shared rifles, which hinders performance.
   4. Currently sharing rifles and adds time onto practices and competitions
   5. Cheapest vendor will save about $3000 from the $20,000.
   6. Had a verbal agreement with USG to purchase 2 guns per year. Previous USG’s have said not to put in budget. Unfortunately, there is no way to honor the verbal agreement.
   7. May the Rifles be used? Not very good condition and not up to their competing standards. High risk that is no better than what currently have. Not really an option for safety with firearms.
   8. $4730 from opps fund for a new rifle and two sites. MOTION PASSES.

iv. Reimbursements
   1. Baseball Club- $4000 for Spring Training Event
   2. Pistol Club- $68.35 for Print Shop Member Apps
   3. Husky TKD- $444.87 Reimbursement for Equipment and Tournament Costs
   b. Alcohol Edu
      i. Motion to accept Alcohol EDU support - wait until next meeting to pass this.

XI. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Evals
         a. Please complete Evals by Next Friday
   ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Chili Van Update-
         a. Purchased Chili and will be delivering on winter carnival
      2. Looking to create a rate my landlord site
   iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Update
         a. Expect a quiz on constitution next week sometime.
   iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      1. E-board nominations open until Feb. 11th at 5pm.
   v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
1. Working with Elections to promote this
   
   vi. Student Issues ([usgissues-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-l@mtu.edu))
      
      1. SLS Double Dipping SAF- Liz
         a. Heavily subsidized by SAF
         b. SLS- will need to show the USG Treasurer their financial
            records and no funding will be dispersed unless done
      
   vii. External Affairs ([usgea-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-l@mtu.edu))
      
      1. SAM
         a. LSSU may be considering joining SAM
         b. Would like to send members to Dearborn- please email
            Kalvin.
      
   viii. Civil Rights Committee ([drfreema@mtu.edu](mailto:drfreema@mtu.edu))
      
      1. ACLU Lawyer follow-up
         a. Went very well and had excellent turn-out.

XII. Manager Reports
     a. Student Storage ([snhurt@mtu.edu](mailto:snhurt@mtu.edu))
        i. No Report
     b. Webpage ([ajcolton@mtu.edu](mailto:ajcolton@mtu.edu))
        i. Important to upgrade website.

XIII. USG Liaisons
      a. Liaison Coordinator ([rbriggin@mtu.edu](mailto:rbriggin@mtu.edu))
      b. IRHC ([dmreque@mtu.edu](mailto:dmreque@mtu.edu))
         i. Elected new programming Chair- Dustin
         ii. MORHA conferences and looking for MOCC
         iii. WHSA- wondering to remove locks from bathrooms- vote failed.
      c. Parent’s Fund
         i. TV Production receives $1000 for Camera
         ii. AiCHE- $1700 for Conference
         iii. Wrestling Club- $200 for mats
      d. Student Commission
         i. Student Vice Chair so that students are more involved.

XIV. Open Floor
     a. Budget Hearing Info Session on Thurs- sign out at end of meeting.
     b. Electronic Newsletter? How is this different from the Lode
        i. Could more fully line out what is going on in USG
        ii. Would let the student body be more aware of not just funding
     c. Sandwich Board
        i. Let’s get the board out of the office once and a while.

XV. Closed Session
     a. Jake Edick- Possible Junior Representative- ACCEPTED.
        i. Congratulations to Jake Edick for taking this vacant spot.
     b. Acceptance of Mohd. Safayat Alam Resignation. ACCEPTED.

XVI. Announcements
     a. Feb. 15 12pm-4pm Retreat
     b. INFO MEETING TOMORROW!

XVII. "Remarks for the Good"

XVIII. Adjournment
     a. President Van Slooten adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm