Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for Wednesday,
October 15, 2008

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
   a. President Rizvi called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Excused Absent- Crystal Higginbotham, Brittany Broad
   b. Unexcused Absent- Konstantin Zhuravlyov

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda Approved

IV. Minutes and Corrections
   a. Minutes Approved

V. Recognition of Visitors

VI. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Make A Difference Day this Saturday
      ii. We need at LEAST 5 people committed to help
          1. Our project is helping with the Pewabic Street Community Garden-
             Bring work gloves and a good attitude!
   b. Vice President
      i. The retreat has been postponed to the 24th 6-9pm, and 25th 9-3 and will be
         tentatively held at the University Residence
      ii. THIS IS THE LAST ADJUSTMENT SO PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY
          1. The reason for this change is that so many people were unable to
             make it. The tentative retreat is shorter than the original and
             minimizes extra time spent driving. Please consult Crystal if you have
             any questions.
          2. The agenda for this retreat will be sent out this week, please look it
             over and be prepared to learn!
   c. Treasurer
      i. See new business- discussion of Opportunities Fund
      ii. One-on-one meeting with SBG- still lots of research to do.
   d. Secretary
      i. Watch your office hours!

VII. Advisor Report
   a. No report. Week of Wellness this week!

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. WAM
      i. AIChe- Opp. Fund- in PA for a competition. Get their certifications so they
         can participate in the Chem E car competition as well.
         1. Money Breakdown- sent to madame Dempsey.
         2. Fundraising events? Not sure- E board is all in exams tonight. This is
            a recurring competition. The chapter has gone in the past.
         3. 2011 Tech will be hosting the conference. Younger members need to
            go so that they will know what needs to be done in the future.
         4. 7 ppl going to conference. Every person is paying $70 out of pocket
            for registration.
         5. Have they considered taking a vehicle? Plane tickets are expensive.
            (Madame Dempsey). Renting a tech vehicle is not cheap!
         6. $3920 to AIChe for CHEM E car trip. MOTION PASSES. One
            abstention.
      ii. Chinese Language and Culture Club
1. $261 in opp. Fund for programming
2. How will they be distinct from Chinese scholars group?
   a. Demonstrate how to use chop sticks, ethnic foods.
3. MOTION PASSES. One Nay.

iii. Opportunities Fund Issue
1. Representative Done moves to allocate $20,000 from Reserve Fund to the Opportunities Fund.
2. Representative Dempsey is against this completely. Lots of start up costs this year. We should not have used this much already.
3. Representative Hartwig makes a friendly amendment for $15,000. Motion denied.
4. Representative Douglas- There is an issue with opp. Fund altogether. They are redundant.
5. Representative Dempsey- if we approve this we will continue to just take more an more
6. Representative Douglas- Is there a student activities fund? Rep. Done- SAF(student orgs. Budget), Reserve( Equipment), Opp.. Funds (Start up cost, new programming). Our bylaws are old and reflect a policy we no longer follow.
7. Representative Riggin- What is amount compared to last year in reserve? Reserve is supposed to have $55,000 at all times. There is an extra $150,000 in the account. If we could stimulate other orgs to start up orgs, that would be good.
8. Representative Kinnunen- More students at tech this year- less money is spread out to more orgs.
9. Representative Hanson- Should not increase the support fee either because of this surplus.
10. Representative Done- Disagrees- WAM seems to give money because of explosion of membership.
11. MOTION PASSES.

iv. Chinese Language Club
1. $45.34 reimbursement for office supplies. MOTION PASSES

v. SAE AERO
1. $718.27 adv. reimbursement. MOTION PASSES

vi. Men’s Hockey Club
1. $5000 Adv. Reimbursement for ice time. MOTION PASSES. One Nay.

vii. Rowing Club
1. $3200 Reimbursement for supplies. One Nay. MOTION PASSES.

viii. Men’s Soccer Club
1. $5000 Reimbursement for Refs. And Equipment. MOTION PASSES.

ix. Filmboard
1. $7000 reimbursement for Project CD funds. Payment
2. Money intake from the movies avg. $1500 per show intake. Lose money in the spring. (Done speaking as position of filmboard treasurer).
3. MOTION PASSES. One abstention.

b. Committee Reports
i. Personnel
1. Sarah Kinnunen is working on the Polos- general email about sizes.
2. Group Picture today.

ii. Service
1. Thanksgiving Bus- 11 tickets have been sold. Rep. Decker will help out advertising the bus service. Website/Calendar is updated.
iii. Judiciary
   1. Please follow the agenda. Call the orders of the day- must follow the agenda.
iv. Elections
   1. First Year Election Results.
      a.
   v. Public Relations
   1. Bike stickers in process of being made.
vi. Student Issues
   1. If there are new ideas please let a committee member know.
vii. External Affairs
   1. City Council Meeting was Monday.

X. Manager Reports
a. Student Storage
   i. Rep. Hurt will be the manager.
b. Webpage
   i. Still need someone to take over the webpage

XI. USG Liaisons
a. IRHC
   i. Bike Storage
   ii. Safe House information Session at 8pm tonight
   iii. Expand Frisbockey- paid refs?
b. GSC
   i. Need a new rep. Monday 7pm- Now madame Hanson.
c. Broomball Relocation Task Force- Kyle Done
   i. Rinks will not be able to be on the walker lawn due to the highway expansion.
   ii. Pros and cons of different areas. If you have a suggestion please email Kyle.

d. City Council
   i. Skywalk construction is coming to an end
   ii. Identity Theft Rules- suspicious activities
   iii. Ridge Road- sewer
   iv. Landscaping M-26, and near the Bluffs- done by 2013.
   v. Paving the Sharon Ave. Multi-purpose trails.
   vi. Almost won an award for the clean up of the area.

e. Liaisons that affect the students.
f. IFC
   i. Triangles may join soon.

XII. Swear- In of first year Reps.
a. (5 ppl)
b. There is also associate membership available.

XIII. Open Floor
a. Reserve Fund issue- Dempsey
   i. If we keep putting money in opp. Fund we will eventually run out. Ppl. Will continue to expect the money we don’t currently have.
   ii. MUB Remodel?
      1. This will be a topic at retreat.
b. Dempsey- New Residence hall will be build by 2010- 200 residents, in an apartment style. In lot 4, McNair parking will be gone.
c. Dirt parking lot is not completely full.
d. Parking deck behind Wads? Not sure if this will happen.
e. Parking Deck Structure
   i. 10 years away right now.
   ii. On top of Rosza? w/ broomball rinks on top.
f. If we want a parking structure- we must be willing to pay for it. (Advisor). Outrageous cost to build a structure.
i. Commuters pay for a parking pass. (this is on student issues list)
g. Random Outside of MUB landscaping
   i. Maybe will show up on the MUB support Fee analysis.
h. Garbage Issue
   i. Waste Management- we are a high valued customer. Sunday pick ups will come later per our request.

XIV. Announcements
a. Happy with time of USG within an hour!!!
 b. Winter Canoe and Kayak storage through the OAP/ Daniel Heights. Contact Jared or DH office.

XV. Adjournment
a. President Rizvi adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.