Minutes for Wednesday, October 21, 2009

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

II. Roll Call
   a.

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. So Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. So Approved

V. Recognition of Visitors

VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (cmhanson@mtu.edu)
      i. Three open first year positions
         1. Please let any interested first years know to talk to Cara!
      ii. Interested in learning how SLS works?
         1. Please email Cara if you are interested in learning about this.
      iii. SAF Fee Change Timeline
         1. Nov. 4th USG will vote
         2. Nov. 9th GSG will vote
         3. Nov 12th WAM meeting with SGBs regarding this policy.
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Please step up and make sure the office is covered. (2 hours per member unless you are on WAM- 3 hours)
      ii. Athletic Council meeting will be in December.
   c. Treasurer (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. Software purchase for all groups to use and this would save money in the future
         1. $321.80 to purchase said software. To be voted on next week.
      ii. Financials
         1. Reserve Fund- $97,238.79
         2. Opportunities Fund- $7,075.15
         3. SAF- $66,064.09
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. No Report

VII. Advisor Report (jaredmj@mtu.edu) (lpcook@mtu.edu)

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Reimbursements
         1. Society of Physics Students
            a. $422.90 for Speaker travel
         2. Social Dance Club
            a. $56.25 for posters.
         3. All Motions Pass
      ii. Opportunities Fund
         1. Roller Hockey Club
            a. $1500 Opportunities Fund Request for League Fees and travel expenses.
            b. Budgeted league fees went up by $400 and travel expenses. (There are no roller hockey rinks here, they have to go downstate to compete.)
X. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Evaluations due 11/04/09 for Mid-year officer Evals
      2. Polo Shirts- only 11 people expressed interest, $22.50 per individual. If you have any concerns please contact Freya.
   ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Student Storage Allocation
         a. Standathon- already has office space but there current one is full.
            i. This would give them an additional half a storage space. MOTION PASSES.
         b. Storage is located near the SDC.
   iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Interested in constitutional social- contact Marc Starnes
      2. Has not been able to establish a Vice Chair
   iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Looking to help fill the open first year positions.
         a. Committee plans to meet regarding future elections soon.
      2. Possible First Year Representative- Ben
         a. He was a write in candidate during first year elections
         b. CLOSED SESSION
         c. Appointment of Ben Kaarto, First Year Rep.
            i. Congratulations Ben!
   v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
      1. No one showed up to Meet the USG Reps session
      2. Info Session- sometime after Thanksgiving and before Christmas. Please let Troy know if you have any suggestions.
      3. Brittany Wood is Vice Chair.
   vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Vice Chair is Michael Wood
   vii. External Affairs (usgebra-l@mtu.edu)
      1. SAM was held at GVSU
         a. Talked about voter drives, voting while registering for classes.
         b. Discussed lowering drinking age to 18 as a privilege.
         c. Discussed concealed weapons on campus- What is MTU’s policy?
         d. RSO salaries, all not funded at other universities that have salaries
      2. 11/14/09 is the next SAM conference. Please let Keshon Moorehead know if you are interested.
   viii. Civil Rights Committee
XI. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amslera@mtu.edu)
      i. University Senate needs a liaison- every other Wednesdays at 5:30pm
   b. Liaisons
      i. GSG
         1. No Report
      ii. Provost Search Committee
         1. Had a total of 45 people apply for the position. Interviews starting 11/6/09.
      iii. IRHC
         1. Preparing for SafeHouse, the dorm Haunted House
iv. Career Center
   1. No Report
v. I- Club
   1. International Food Festival to come
vi. MUB BOARD
   1. Caramel Apples and How-To Session, next wed. at 12pm in the MUB Peninsula Room.
   2. Hosted a Speed Dating on the Mt. Ripley
vii. College Republicans
   1. No Report

XII. OPEN FLOOR
a. Research in Undergrads?
   i. Anderton wonders what the opinion of the USG regarding the push for Research.
   ii. 4 year universities try to push towards research as it generates more money for the university.
   iii. If they don’t focus on undergrad education, ppl won’t want to come to MTU. They should be a well-rounded individual.
   iv. As far as a provost position goes, more experience matters rather than research.
b. USG’s Website isn’t working
   i. Justin Mendenhall agrees to step up and work on the website
c. CollegiateLink
   i. Possible Opportunities Fund Request for $500 for this purpose in the future.
      1. This would re-allocate money to the collegiatelink and student activities would chip in $500 as well. Every year USG would just allocate $9000 for this purpose every year.
   ii. This would get rid of the Student Org Server and allow all student orgs to have internet space.
   iii. Marc Starnes is willing to assist Justin Mendenhall with the website as well.
d. Move $2000 from the Reserve Fund to the Opportunities Fund
   i. Mendenhall moves to move $2000 as the level is getting low.
   ii. Typically, This happens when the opp; fund is really low, then will be transferred.
   iii. Motion Fails.
e. SAS
   i. This is a group that is volunteering their time to help student organizations.
      1. What could be done about this if switch to CollegiateLink?

XIII. Announcements
a. 11/10/2009 Info Session regarding alternative Spring Breaks.
b. Karl Blair is hosting a trip to England with 9 credits, please contact him if you are interested.
c. Pow- Wow this weekend.
XIV. "Remarks for the Good"
XV. Adjournment
a. President Hanson adjourns the meeting at 7:46pm.