Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for Wednesday,
October 22, 2008

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call
   a. Crystal Higginbotham, Jeff Decker, Karen Douglas Excused Absence
   b. Cara Hanson - Excused Tardy

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda Approved

IV. Minutes and Corrections
   a. Minutes Approved

V. Recognition of Visitors
   a. Divam Jain, Amanda Van Slooten, Aliabaas Sherally - Join USG
   b. Nicole Kirch, Ted Bundshoh, Chris Anderstson - Request for Funds
   c. Candice Holt - Opp. Fund Request for MUB Board
   d. Jeff Brookins - Entrepreneurs and Investors Club follow-up

VI. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Had a successful Make a Difference Day - Thanks!
   b. Vice President
      i. Acceptance of Resignation
   c. Treasurer
      i. Try to help people with WAM paperwork.
   d. Secretary
      i. Retreat!
      ii. First Years please see me after the meeting

VII. Advisor Report
   a. Election Party on Election Day - sponsored by Rock the Vote

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. WAM
      i. Reimbursement $1300 Entrepreneurs and Investors Club
         1. Traveling to Chicago for an Elevator Pitch Competition
         2. Originally asked for $2000
         3. MOTION PASSES. One abstention
      ii. Reimbursement ACES opp. Fund
         1. Can they borrow they tent from somewhere on campus? Rental is $525 for the group to rent.
         2. MOTION Passes. One abstention, one nay.
      iii. Lode
         1. Reserve fund $10,300 to pay off their lease agreement for their printer.
         2. This will save USG money in the long run.
         3. Rep. Hartwig - $1.53 in interest a day is ridiculous.
         4. MOTION PASSES
      iv. Reserve Fund to MUB Board $30,000
         1. Want to have an outdoor concert on campus with a large name band.
         2. This concert would be held on Labor Day - this will be the only program on campus that day. Top Choice right now is Ben Folds.
         3. Co-sponsoring the event with other groups on campus.
         4. Soccer Fields and Wood Gym are booked already.
         5. Nothing has been confirmed yet
6. Rep. Hartwig- I think something that lasts longer would be more beneficial to the students.
7. MUB board will not be coming back in the future.
8. What about community? There will be a ticketing procedure for community that come and students would need to show id for admission.
9. This would be replacing the Labor Day inflatables.
10. Is this just for this year? Yes, it would be nice to have a recurring program at this time there are no decisions on that note.
11. This would show how much the university wants to benefit the students.
12. Rep. Dempsey- Motion to Table until specific costs are concluded.
   a. Can’t book the artist if they don’t know how much they have to work with
   b. Would like to see some sort of survey of the students
13. Rep. Oikarinen- would like to see a timeline?
14. They are asking for $40,000, WAM recommended $30,000
15. Table would not be a long term thing- a few weeks?
16. The only problem would be wear and tear on the soccer fields, Madame Holt is not trying to scam USG.
17. Rep. Done- Poll is hard to do- would take a long time, not fair to ask of this organization.
18. In future if goes well where funded?
   a. Depending on what is available at the time
   b. More campus groups may be interested in helping out
19. **Current Motion is to table.**
   a. What type of info are we waiting for? Rep. Dempsey ask the students if this is something they are interested in, what genre of music.
   b. Rep. Oikarinen- would like to see a concrete details
   c. 2 minute recess to discuss the matter on hand.
   d. **Motion Fails to Table- 15-4**
20. Rep. Mattson- This should not be a free concert
   a. Students need to pay a small fee so USG does not need to pay so much. Other Funding opps.
   b. SEB- their job is to find entertainment- not the MUB Board
   c. Rep. Hartwig- less money to the MUB board, the rest will be subsidized by students.
21. **Call to question**
   a. No Seconds
22. Rep. Hartwig makes a friendly amendment for $20,000 to the MUB Board. Rep. Done Declines
23. Rep. Hanson- If we don’t fund this now- student activities will just ask for money again.
25. Rep. Broad- That is a lot of money one concert.
27. Motion for $30,000 FAILS 8-9. 2 abstentions.
28. **Motion for $25,000. 12-5. 2 abstentions. MOTION PASSES.**

X. **Committee Reports**
   i. **Personnel**
      1. Halloween costume contest next week
      2. Polo Price is $22.50. Please reply to Sarah Kinnunen if you want one!
   ii. **Service**
1. 27 seats remaining on the Escape Express
2. Need to get a facebook event- PR will take this
3. Tickets at the Rosza office

iii. Judiciary
   1. No Report

iv. Elections
   1. No Report

v. Public Relations
   1. Bike Stickers on the way
   2. Facebook advertisement- may not be effective

vi. Student Issues
   1. Old Issue- commuter parking not enough space- looking into previous things that have been done.
   2. Table at a dining hall- get input on student issues
   3. Hotel discounts at hotels in select places. Working on this project.
   4. Would like to see a prioritized list of issues working on.
   5. Dllmann air quality? Trying to work on this issue.

vii. External Affairs
   3. SAM did meet this weekend- no updates
   4. Was square footage per person approved? Not sure at this time.
   5. www.mistudents.org SAM

XI. Manager Reports
   a. Student Storage
      i. No reports
   b. Webpage
      i. Pictures need to be put on the website

XII. USG Liaisons
   a. Parent’s Fund
      i. Baseball Club- $2150
      ii. Social Dance Club- $2000 to build a sound system- will be in storage
      iii. Roller Hockey $2000 for new uniforms
      iv. SEB-$3000 for Relient K.
   b. IRHC
      i. Presentation from Dr. Mary Defree
      ii. National Competitive Scholarships
      iii. Broomball Registration closed- 272 teams, 20 rink staff, 20 refs

XIII. Open Floor
   a. Chris Anderson, et. Al
      i. USG cooperation w/ student rights activity
      ii. Border Patrol issue from before
         1. August- orientation agents looking for illegal aliens
         2. went undercover looking for ppl that looked like aliens- racial profile, asking for their identification.
         3. Border Patrol took away their rights because the ppl did not know how to say no.
         4. One student was detained with risk of further detainment if did not produce their documentation
         5. How could non-international student benefit- if you look like you are from another country, you could be harassed. If you know your rights, you can stop them from being violated. Law enforcement is taught to try to get ppl to give up their right, but if you are aware of that ahead of time- will prevent al-together.
a. If another student knows rights- they could prevent happening to another student.
   iii. $1000 from USG to help fund a ACLU lawyer
   iv. $1000 for criminal defense lawyers to explain what rights are in general
   v. This is not a one time deal
   vi. Having video taped, Orientation, and literature will prevent this in the future.
   vii. These sessions will cover on campus, in public, and private housing issues.
   viii. Need a liaison to their group, and USG sponsorship.
   ix. ACLU is a constitutional organization.
   x. Don’t want to use their individual opp. Fun for the year, but can. This is a student issue that benefits the students.
   xi. ACLU should be interested in spear heading the project.
   xii. Rep. Freeman- it is our job to protect the student body and act as their voice. Supportive of funding the event.
   xiii. This is asking too much of one club and need USG funds.
   xiv. Can USG allocate the money to ourselves? The money is there is service, and things could be moved around a little bit.
   xv. Rep. Done- Why isn’t the University funding this?
   xvi. Several ppl have been talked to- not sure what their stance is on this issue, contradicts the BOC. (Even President Glenn Mrosz)
   xvii. Rep. Freeman- this should be something that comes from USG. Dan Freeman willing to be their liaison. (meet at 5pm on Fridays at Campus Café)
   xviii. Rep. Kinnunen- What does this require for us to do? Officers could make this decision.
   xix. Rep. Hanson- Reminder of ISA- this is similar?
   xix. Rep. Broad- This is way more important- that was charity.
   xx. Rep. Oikarinen- there is not a org. to take care of this. This would be PR, Service, and Student Issues.

b. Mt. Ripley
   i. Concerned about the safety of the hill- with inexperienced skiing experience. To student issues committee.

c. Make a Difference Day
   i. Lots of Cigarette Butts
   ii. Smoking too close to the building
   iii. Gone to the smoking committee
   iv. Smoking shelter? Already one on campus.

XIV. Closed Session
   a. Accept Resignation of VP Crystal Higginbotham. (Course work) Accepted.
   b. Nominations for VP Position: Someone from our body or has been in the past. Nominations will close next Tuesday.
      i. Sarah Anderton
      ii. Amanda Van Slooten
      iii. Cara Hanson
      iv. Kalvin Hartwig
      v. More please email Christine if you have more nominations.
   c. Divam Jain Junior Rep? MOTION PASSES.
   d. Amanda Van Slooten- Senior Rep? MOTION PASSES.
   e. Ahiablaus Sherally Junior Rep? MOTION PASSES. One abstention
      i. Swear in of all appointed reps.
   f. MUB Board- office attendance evaluation. Office sign up sheet will be going around again. In the office! Personnel committee is taking over the office hour tracking.

XV. Adjournment
   a. President Rizvi adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.