Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for Wednesday, October 7, 2009

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

II. Roll Call

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 (emhanson@mtu.edu)
      i. BOC presentation this Thursday at 8:30am!
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Business Casual- 1st week of every month.
         1. 11/4 and 12/2 will be dates to try this!
      ii. USG in skybox- Oct. 31
         1. Check email for sign up.
      iii. Tera-Cycle- partnership idea
         1. Recycle everything, (Could collect plastic water bottles, and get .02 for each bottle).
         2. Set up an account and donations go to local schools
            a. Charities? MI public schools are suffering and this would help them out
            b. Hoping to start this next semester.
   c. Treasurer (amsberal@mtu.edu)
      i. Opp Fund- $130,510.11
      ii. Reserve Fund $13,705.15
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. President’s Forum October 13th 10am M&M U115

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

VIII. Old Business
   a. SAF Fee Changes
      i. Discussion
         1. There should be something with an appeals process and checks and balances system.
         2. There are plans to have a document with OSA for further clarification. Will also go in by-laws which need to be updated as well.
         3. This origination from USG not the OSA, we are working with them.
         4. Is this something that could be up for revision every year? Right now there are no numbers in the language, to avoid this in future.
         5. Potential for the Reserve Fund to not grow at the current rate? This wouldn’t really change, it is slightly decreasing over the years s enrollment decreases.

IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Reimbursements
         1. Aikido
            a. $900 for traveling fees. MOTION PASSES.
2. College Republicans
   a. $52 for conference costs. MOTION PASSES.
3. Men’s Soccer Club
   a. $292.80 for conference costs. MOTION PASSES.
4. Women’s Soccer Club
   a. $333.55 Reimbursement for travel expenses.

ii. Budget Revision
1. Canterbury House- Budget revision to remove Fireside Chats and to now include books, resources, and advertising. (Not changing their allocation, just changing the money’s purpose).

iii. Student Org Printer Payoff
1. Payoff of black and white copier in stu org office.
2. There are no balloons on this printer.
3. MOTION PASSES.

iv. DHHC
1. Opportunities Fund $5,000 Request for Speaker System
2. WAM recommended $1000 to this purpose.
3. Would like an automations system similar to that of the MUB Ballroom. ($14,000 system).
   a. Sound system- that would cover a multitude of A/V needs.
   b. Large Room sound system.
4. 1/3 of MTU students live on campus, and anyone can utilize this space.
   a. How accurate is this number? IRHC gets fees from about 2000 students on campus.
5. Student Org using this space? Several orgs can use this space and also saves them set-up time and condense usage time. (IRHC, IV)
7. Reservation process? Any group can reserve this online. (One time per semester, although there is some flexibility on this issue.)
   a. This issue is being worked on in the future.
8. Supervision-? DHHC members and MAs would know how to use and it will be programmed to do so easily.
9. Other Funding? DHCC- $3000, IRHC- asking $3000, Housing- $5000, Parent’s Fund Request TBA.
10. A. Van Slooten moves to allocate $1000 from Opportunties Fund.
    Moorehead seconds.
   a. Is this necessary? There are several places on campus to hold meetings. USG needs to be wise about the money expenditures. Housing is all for it- let them pay for it….
   b. Other Resident hall orgs willing to pay so much, and 1/3 of students represented are in the on campus.
   c. Radson makes friendly amendment to increase to $1650. Denied.
   d. Other student orgs and on campus living students are affected by this.
   e. Other places in DHH for students to study if this lounge is booked all the time? There are several other lounges in DHH as well.
   f. DHH has a different atmosphere.
   g. Moorehead makes a friendly amendment with stipulation that DHHC changes their policy for student organizations to utilize the space multiple times throughout a semester.
   h. Commuter students? Send out an email to stu-org lists
i. Motion on the table- $1000 from Opportunities Fund with the stipulation that Housing will change their policy to allow multiple usages in a semester.

v. Next Week we will vote on: (These are available in office for your perusal).
   1. SLS
      a. Part of their request was actually budgeted for.
   2. Tennis Club
   3. Social Dance Club
   4. Indoor Track Club

X. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      1. October 28th- Halloween USG meeting (KEEP IT APPROPRIATE)
      2. Interested in USG Polo?- Please email Freya if interested.
      3. Evaluations for E-Board members (One half way through the year and one at the end of the year) Something to think about for the future.
         a. $1000 for the entire year.
         b. Feel it would be better to get some feedback halfway through the semester.
         c. Is there anything about paying honorariums in by-laws? Nothing right now.
   ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      1. No Report
   iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Look at SAF Fee Change wording
   iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Election for First Years- delayed will be hopefully filled next year.
   v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Survey Results Comments/ Ideas? MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS
      2. PR Opportunities- send to Troy
   vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
      1. No Report
   vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
      1. MI Promise Scholarship
         a. Working to restore the scholarship
      2. SAM conference at GVSU next weekend
         a. Encouraged to participate in these opportunities in the future!
   viii. Civil Rights Committee
      1. No Report

XI. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. Still need a liaison to GSC- Monday at 5pm in ROTC Blue Room (Every two weeks)
   b. Liaisons
      i. Multi-Cultural Affairs Task-Force
         1. Talking about their new location, possibility of Admin Building or Hamar House- might be torn down in next 8yrs.

XII. OPEN FLOOR
   a. TV Production Club
      i. Adam Little- Last week came and presented about the hard-drive
ii. Moving towards television production, and looking to become a media outlet for the campus community.

iii. Urgency- Every day that it is in the data recovery place, costs more money.

iv. Uses- Everything that is produced goes on the hard drive.

v. IT SAS- does not cover the VPA
   1. Any other venues? Not really.

vi. Mt. Bohemia- not on that hard drive and was transferred to substitute hard drive before crash.

vii. Camera that USG purchased for Stu Orgs- they can’t use it without the hard drive.

viii. What is on the hard drive exactly?
   1. Somewhere around 7 sketches of student produced and written material. 
      (all of this requires several hours of preparation and writing before hand.)

ix. Would it be more cost effective to just purchase a new hard drive?
   1. Had already been repaired, just can’t get the actual hard drive until bill is paid.

x. Previously presented $2600, has increased due to the company holding for so long.

xi. Moorehead makes a motion for $2500 from the Reserve Fund. Seconded.

xii. Mendenhall makes a friendly amendment that the group must look into data redundancy software as well for future. Moorehead accepts.

xiii. If USG doesn’t give money?- Stuck with bill whether USG pays for it or not.

xiv. USG members: Not pleased about not knowing about this ahead of time, but do not want to leave them “under the bus”.

xv. Mattson- makes a friendly amendment to let future groups know that this is something that should be seen in advance. Moorehead accepts. Mattson will write this statement.

xvi. The hard-drive broke over the summer, hard to foresee….


xviii. **Motion on floor- $2,600 for hard-drive with the stipulation that they look into back up data as well. MOTION PASSES.**

XIII. Vacant 3rd yr position- Travis Waineo is interested. So Appointed.

XIV. Kalvin Hartwig resigns Senior Rep position and accepted as associate member.
   a. Fourth year position is now vacant.

**XV. Closed Session**

XVI. Announcements
   a. Homecoming!

XVII. "Remarks for the Good"

XVIII. Adjournment
   a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting 8:21pm