Minutes for Wednesday, November 11, 2009

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
   a. President Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

II. Moment of Silence in Honor of Veteran’s Day

III. Roll Call
   a. Excused Absent- Justin Mendenhall

IV. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda Approved with addition of Closed Session.

V. Approval of Minutes
   a. So Approved

VI. Recognition of Visitors

VII. Officer Reports (usgeboard-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (cmhanson@mtu.edu)
      i. Recap on Presentation to GSG
         1. Received a vote of Confidence from GSG on the SAF documents!
      ii. BOC presentation coming soon, any agenda items?
         1. Presentation due next Friday, Presentation to BOC Dec. 12th.
      iii. Meeting with SBGs Nov. 12, 7pm re: SAF Fee Change
         1. Anyone else from the body is welcome to come as well!
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Retreat Date Discussion
         1. 2/19-2/21 Details to Follow
      ii. CollegiateLink
         1. ITSAS Discussion about this
            a. A budget revision will happen in the future to include CollegiateLink
            b. Technical details in discussion currently!
   c. Treasurer (amsheiral@mtu.edu)
      i. Financial Report
         1. Reserve Fund $97,238.79
         2. Opportunities Fund $5,219.15
         3. SAF $53,087.95
         4. USG $8,496.84
         5. USG Resources $315.41
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. Check out the minutes on the internal P Drive!

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

IX. Old Business
   a. SAF Fee Change Documents
      i. OSA Document
         1. Changed wording to read allocatable (from the Student Activity Fee).
         2. Accepted change to this document. Motion Passes.
   b. Office of Student Activities made some of the documents sound more positive, check out your emails. Vote of confidence overall once again.
   c. Concern from IRHC- about faculty advisors( Theirs are appointed).

X. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Reimbursements
         1. Snowmobile Club
a. $538.70 for Garage Tools and Rent for Sept. Motion Passes.

2. Nordic Ski
   i. $1,700 for Equipment pre-budgeted for. Motion Passes.

3. Entrepreneurs Club
   a. $650 for Conference Costs. Motion Passes.

4. Circle K
   a. $18.90 for plywood. Motion Passes.

ii. Advance Reimbursements
   1. Budget Revision- SAE Aero to include West Competitions Fees. Motion Passes.
      a. $1200 for East and West Competitions. MOTION PASSES.

iii. Opportunities Fund Requests
   1. Fencing Club
      a. $555 for upgrades of safety equipment and tournament fees.
      b. Did not attend Budget Hearings previous year, however are an RSO for this year. Asking for their budget for this year.
      c. Fuller- What happens if you don’t attend Mandatory Meeting.
         i. Jared Johnson- The groups just meet with Rachel Wussow.
         ii. In the future, if the SAF fee change passes, this will likely not happen.
      d. Sherally moves to allocate $555 from the Opportunities Fund for the Fencing Club. MOTION PASSES.

iv. USG By-Laws
   1. New Language on the By Laws
      a. No Voting at this time, This will be on the table for 2 weeks and voting on this issue after Thanksgiving.
      b. Some research needs to be done on whether or not other SBGs pay their E-Board members.
         i. This would need to be adjusted for in the SAF policy change documents.
         ii. Starnes- at this time, none of the other groups do this.
         iii. Collin with GSG- The GSG e-board is paid.
      c. Starnes- moves to table discussion until next week. Motion Passes.

XI. Committee Reports
i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Please pay for your USG polo if you ordered one

ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Meeting before Thanksgiving about Chili Van for Winter Carnival.

iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Judiciary Review Meeting
      a. Next meeting for discussion this Sunday at 7pm.
      b. Discussed election process, write-ins, grade requirements, parliamentary procedure
   2. Something to remember- before discussion the motion needs to be accepted. (every single time an addition is made, etc.)

iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Had a brainstorming session re: elections for this spring in the event CollegiateLink does not get up and running in time.
a. Plan to do Elections the same way they were done this past fall.

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Information Session Dec. 10 at 7pm.

vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Parking Task Force Meeting
      a. There was a lot of advertisement and great turnout!
      b. Look for a document with comments in the future.
   2. Library
      a. Room Usage Posting, Double Sided Copying
         i. Copying- Library can’t really do anything about that, Sayen’s provides the printer at this time.
         ii. Room Registration Online-
            1. Before registering it will now say you are registering for a student room (only students should register for these rooms)
      iii. Room Usage Posting outside doors
         1. No way to tell if they are reserved already.
         2. Reserve 24 hours prior to, this would allow them to print off a sign and post it outside.
            a. The Library wants people to be able to walk in and use the rooms as well.
         3. Starnes- anyone who takes a room, should reserve it right then.
            a. Could be considered a pain…
            b. 24 hours in advance is hard, generally just go in and want to use a room.
   3. SVFs
      a. Previously read USG Memorial Union Fee, etc. Now reads SVF (Student Voted Fee), avoids unnecessary frustration.

vii. External Affairs (usgebra-l@mtu.edu)
   1. SAM conference this weekend- look for a good report from this next week.
   2. Moorehead yields time to Beau Baldwin Re: tax exempt status for USG and RSOs
      a. Working on this issue currently, will keep USG updated as they come.

viii. Civil Rights Committee
   1. Civil Rights committee form for groups to fill out.
      a. These are located in Civil Rights folder in P Drive
   2. So far commitments include:
      a. K-Pride, ISA

XII. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheral@mtu.edu)
   b. Liaisons
      i. SFES
         1. Several upcoming activities
            a. Recycling Cans in MUB- looking for volunteers
            b. Earth Day and Christmas- Ornaments from recycled materials- also looking for volunteers
            c. Created a New Facebook Group
      ii. IRHC
         1. In the process of revising DHH Ballroom proposal regarding room reservations to bring to Housing
a. Looking at any student org can reserve on Friday, Saturday
b. Groups can reserve 2-3 times a semester instead of one time

iii. GSG
    1. Vote of Confidence on the SAF change documents.

iv. MUB Board
    1. Groups need to keep their office space clean in the MUB.

v. Houghton City Council
    1. New Signs for downtown- temporary on the lamp posts.

vi. Parent’s Fund
    1. RollerHockey Club
       a. Requested funding for new jerseys and helmets
       b. Received Funding for goalie helmets.

XIII. **OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)**
a. No Open Floor Discussion

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

XV. Announcements

XVI. "Remarks for the Good"

XVII. Adjournment
a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.