Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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

II. Roll Call
   a. Excused Absent- Amanda Van Slooten, Keshon Moorehead, Michael Wood

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. Lunch with Les Cook, E-board, and sports orgs- tomorrow
         1. If you have anything you would like to add to this meeting with sports
            orgs, please let the E-board know.
      ii. Board of Control Agenda
         1. If you have anything you would like to add to the Board of Control,
            please let Cara Hanson know.
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. No Report
   c. Treasurer (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. No Report
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. No Report

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

VIII. Old Business
   a. SAF Fee Change
      i. SBG perception
      ii. Number of Student Representatives
         1. SBGs (Special Budget Groups) felt (at the meeting with SBGs last
            Thursday) that Undergrads pay the majority of the fee, and should have
            more representation.
         2. This could increase USG to 3 and GSG would stay at 2 members?
         3. This is a large amount of people to have to abstain about the USG
            budget.
         4. Radson- what if it was 2 USG, 1 GSG?
            a. Thornton- this would loose the student majority
         5. GSG liaison- GSG gave their vote of confidence based on the old SAF
            documents. Would need to do another vote of confidence if these
            documents were to be changed.
         6. Thornton- moves to accept revised Budget hearing Process
            Document. With a Change to 4 USG reps, 2 GSG Reps
            a. Thompson- OSA will not like this, large committee…
            b. Johnson- Tight timeframe and a lot of people on the committee.
               Want the students to have a voice, but the smaller the better.
            c. GSG liaison- would need to come back to GSG
            d. B. Wood- This would make it look like USG is still trying to
               keep their power, even though that’s not how it is.
            e. Thornton- This is what the SBGs voiced at their meeting…
f. Hanson- this document does not need to be approved by the Board of Control can change at any time with appropriate votes of confidence.
g. Radson- Considers Student Org Secretary very much aware of USG happenings. Would be happy if there were 3 students and 3 others, no stu org secretary on the committee.
h. Waineo- Is USG looking for odd number of people?
   i. **Waineo- Makes a friendly amendment 2 USG, 1 GSG, Director of Student Activities, and a Faculty member.**
   ii. **Thornton accepts this friendly amendment.**
   iii. Hanson- now the OSA only has one more member.
   iv. GSG Liaison- this would not go over well with GSG
      1. Thornton- This was a change that is resulting after meeting with SBGs
      2. Fuller- they (SBGs) do get half of the funding…
      3. Waineo- he has also heard non SBG members voice this same opinion, that USG should have more members on the committee.
      4. Starnes- Feels that this should sit for a while so USG can do some more research.
      5. **Starnes- Call to Question.**
      6. **MOTION PASSES. 2/3 Majority. 2 abstentions. (The SBG budget allocation committee will consist of 2 USG reps, 1 GSG rep, Director of Student Activities, and a faculty Member.)**
   iii. Starnes- moves to scratch previous by law revision on the table. Motion passes.

IX. **New Business**
   a. **WAM** ([usgwam-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@mtu.edu))
      i. **Reimbursements**
         1. Chess Club
            a. $138.68 for 10 chess boards. Motion Passes.
         2. Tae Kwando
            a. $1,114.97 for lodging for gas for tournament. Motion Passes.
         3. Roller Hockey Club
            a. $899.54 for lodging, league fees and increase. Motion Passes.
         4. Chinese Language and Cultural Club
            a. $118.52 for Print Shop Fees. Motion Passes.
         5. The wildlife Society
            a. $292.33 for fuel costs to go to NA bear centre. Motion Passes.
         6. Copper Country Running Club
            a. Budget Revision to include fleet rental. Motion Passes.
            b. $187.55 for fuel costs and fleet rental. Motion Passes.
         7. Campus Hope
            a. $300 for Conference Registration. Motion Passes.
   ii. **Opportunities Fund**
      1. **SHPE**
a. $1,768.02 for Conference Costs for 4 people.
b. They had an accounting error and the money went to the wrong account.
c. The conference already happened.
d. Motion Passes. 2 abstentions.

b. By-Law Revisions
   i. Proposed Amendments that resulted from the Judiciary Review Meetings the past two weeks. Bylaw changes do not need to be approved by the student body, however the constitution does need to be passed by a majority vote of the student body.
   ii. Starnes- moves to accept amendment to Article 2 of the USG bylaws. Seconded.
      1. Point of Information- **these amendments stay on the table for 2 weeks.**
         (Anything underlined in the hard copy has been added in or revised)
         a. Never was clarified that members of USG have to be members of MTU.
         b. Section 202- previously stated that had to have 2.0 GPA to be elected. C  
            a. 2.0 GPA during time in office and appointment and verification will be done by the undergraduate student government advisor.
            b. Hanson makes a friendly amendment- to read BY the undergraduate student government advisor.
      c. Starnes- moves to table this discussion till next week.
   iii. Starnes- moves to accept amendment to Article 4 of the USG bylaws. Seconded.
       1. out of date, before you weren’t able to have a flyer within 10 feet of voting, but is electronic, hard to avoid.
       2. All campaign methods must be taken down or deleted by 8:00am on the first day of the election process.
       3. In the event that the Undergraduate Student Government or the Elections committee receives a complaint, it will be reviewed within 3 days of when the complaint is received.
       4. Starnes- moves to table this discussion till next week.
   iv. Starnes moves to accept amendment to Article 6.13 of the Undergraduate Student Government.
      1. Hanson- Write in candidates would be subject to approval of the USG body. Would require 2/3 body vote and ¾ of that respective representative class.
      2. Starnes- moves to table this discussion until next week.
   v. Starnes moves to accept addition of Section 15.01 of the USG bylaws. Seconded.
      1. Radon- Should this be a part of the constitution instead of bylaws?  
         a. If we had student’s input would be feel better about.
      2. Sherally- Are associate members included? Hanson- no.
      3. Starnes- if this document is not accepted, these should be put on the constitution.
      4. Mendenhall- wondering why WAM members was up to $700 and E-Board to $1000? Starnes- these are the numbers that were discussed at the meetings.
      5. Valencia- Doesn’t feel comfortable taking this much money, especially when not doing anything with the committee at the current time.
      6. Where does this money come from? This would be budgeted in USG budget.
      7. Matson- this would be unethical to do this.
      8. Starnes- moves to table discussion on this section until next week.

X. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      1. No report.
ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Attended Food Vending meeting for the Chili Van
   2. Committee members- expect a meeting regarding the chili van
      information before Christmas Break.

iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Slightly disappointed in the low turn-out at the Judiciary Review
      meetings that happened.
   2. Any further discussion on these amendments- direct to Marc Starnes for
      this.

iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   1. No Report

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Information Session Dec 10, mark your calendars.

vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)

vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
   1. No report at this time.

viii. Civil Rights Committee
   1. Met and discussed getting a speaker for next semester.
      a. Hanson- where will the money come from? Radson- this
         committee’s budget.

XI. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. Looking for another Liaison to the Athletic Council-
         1. Thank you Freya Carmen Moran for stepping up and volunteering
   b. Liaisons
      i. GSG
         1. No Report
      ii. IRHC
         1. No Report
      iii. University Senate
         1. As of right now, ticket amounts have not increased, nor have the amount
            of tickets.
   iv. Student Commission
      1. Not Meeting until the next semester.
   v. Other Liaisons

XII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)
   a. Hanson- disappointed with lack of discussion/interest. You are here to represent the
      student body!! Make sure you keep this in mind!

XIII. CLOSED SESSION
   a. Congratulations to Lucia, the new first year representative!

XIV. Announcements
   a. BOC- Dec. 11

XV. "Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment
   a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.