Minutes for Wednesday
December 9, 2009

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

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. Goals
         1. Improvement on relationships with other groups
         2. Improve Transition in USG
         3. See the SAF fee change approved
      ii. BOC
         1. This Friday at 8am
      iii. Winter Carnival Help
         1. If you are interested in taking a one hour shift helping with the street crossing.
      iv. Absences
         1. If you are going to be absent from a meeting, we need quorum so please
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Goals
         1. Would like to see office hours get an A rating
      ii. SDC Advisory Committee
         1. Replacing Bleachers in Wood Gym in March
         2. Erasable paint in SDC
         3. Fitness Center Replacement- on hold at this time
   c. Treasurer (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. Goals
         1. Would like to prepare Budget guidelines to know what is required…
         2. Starting next semester- will make his position more interactive.
         3. Educate all RSOs on effective application for money
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. Goals
         1. 
      ii. Dates to Remember:
         1. Feb. 18th- Budget Information Meeting
         2. Mar. 5th- Budget Packets Due
         3. March 19-21, 26-28 Budget Hearings
         4. April 2- Follow Up Day
         5. April 7th- Vote on Budgets
         6. April 10th- USG Banquet??
         7. April 14th- Transition

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

VIII. Old Business
   a. SAF Fee Change- Final Wording
      i. Version BOC will be voting on has slightly different wording.
1. for distribution of funds will be done by MUTUAL AGREEMENT
   ii. No issues with this. No vote.

IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Regular Reimbursements- All Motions Pass, one abstention.
         1. MTU Club Hockey
            a. $2,240 for Ice time at the Dee Stadium.
      ii. Paintball Club
         1. $1,246 for Tournament Registration
      iii. ISA
          1. $5,000 for Diwali Night
      iv. Disco Tech
          1. $1,097.74 for Motel reservation and gas expenses.
      v. MTU Rugby
          1. $347.14 for travel expenses and union dues

b. By-Law Revisions
   i. Starnes- Expunging Article 15- it is thrown out.
      1. Hanson- if someone wants to reintroduce this, they are able and the body
         has to sit on it for a period of 2 meetings.
   ii. Starnes- moves to accept proxy votes of members who are excused absent- these
       votes will count as well.
   iii. Starnes- moves to accept amendments to Article 2 of the USG bylaws. Seconded.
        Amendment- to include Undergraduate Student Government Advisor.
        MOTION PASSES, one abstention.
   iv. Starnes- moves to accept amendments to Article 4 of the USG bylaws. Seconded.
      1. Thornton- Friendly amendment- 4.08 to include only member generated
         campaign methods. MOTION PASSES, 3 abstentions.
   v. Starnes- Article 6 of the USG bylaws
      1. MOTION PASSES, one abstention.
      2.

X. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
   ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Chilli Booth is relatively easy, will allow for more money to be spent on
      2. Chilli
         a. Could save up to $150 from van costs.
      b. Booth would be located near MUB
      c. WHSA and the Library also serve Chilli
      d. Hanson- Van is unique
      e. Chilli is ordered from MUB and picked up there
      f. Where does van travel?- on campus, not down college ave.
      g. Waineo- Van has been a tradition...
      h. Mendenhall- Vehicle does expand on services to student body
      i. Mattson- Blue Key has been upset because of the extra liter that
         occurs because of this
      j. Moorehead- just need more garbage cans on campus
      k. Sherally- Chilli Wagon?
      l. On the floor- Chili Van instead of Booth. Motion Fails. Van
         stays. There will be a sign up for this next semester.
   iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      1. There will be another bylaws revisions night, please be sure to attend this
         one.
2. Robert’s Rules for Debate- Each individual person gets 10 minutes to speak, you cannot yield time to someone else. 2 times per topic.

iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Still looking into Election Software.
   2. Transition needs to happen by April 14th.

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Information Session Dec 10- BE THERE
      a. 7pm at Fisher 135.
      b. Please let your friends know about this meeting

vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Fuller- met with Parking task force
      a. They have extended their deadline for info gathering to Feb/ March
      b. Trying to determine who is parking where
      c. Options: process for parking tickets appeals
      d. Lack of convenient parking- want to talk to City of Houghton about a shuttle bus
      e. Fuller is meeting with Director of Public Safety this coming Tuesday at 10am, email jen if you are interested.

2. Library
   a. Double Sided copying and room registration
      i. Baldwin- Double Siding is not going to happen because it will add extra costs and burden to the library.
         1. Digital Studios does not cost money to make copies
      ii. Double booking rooms
         1. SAS is looking into this, possibility of entire new system.
         2. Will not post a sign outside doors, ppl will need to go to the website to see availability.

vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
   1. SAM
      a. Date Change
      b. Please let Keshon know if you are interested in attending

viii. Civil Rights Committee

XI. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheral@mtu.edu)
   b. Liaisons
      i. GSG
         1. No Report
      ii. Provost Search Committee
         1. Provost Candidate Visits will be:
            a. Nelson: Jan. 11-12
            b. Seel: Jan. 25-26
            c. Coleman: Jan. 28-29
            d. Wright: Feb. 1-2
      iii. MUB Board
         1. Poetry Slam went well
         2. Room No Show fee- $50 (was $25 previously)
      iv. IFC
         1. Had elections and restructured
a. This will be strictly fraternities and working with PanHal Council

b. v. IRHC
   1. Broomball schedules next week
   vi. Fuller- Several groups are interested in a USG liaison, sign up next semester.
   vii. Other Liaisons

XII. OPEN FLOOR (If you are a visitor and would like to speak- this is your chance!)

XIII. Closed Session

XIV. Announcements

XV. "Remarks for the Good"

XVI. Adjournment

a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.