Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for Wednesday
February 10, 2010

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
   a. President Hanson Called the meeting to order at 6:59pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Excused- Ben Cottrill, Leanna Van Slooten, Amanda Van Slooten
   b. Unexcused- Kate Little

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. Thanks to all who helped out with Carnival!!
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Retreat- any questions please let Amanda know
   c. Treasurer (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. See Financial Standings Report
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. No Report

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

VIII. Old Business
   a. GPA Requirement for USG Members
      i. Starnes is expunging the High School GPA requirement for first years.
      ii. This does not include the other standing for all other members.

IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
   b. Reimbursements
      i. DAWGS
         1. $670 for a Generator (budgeted for). MOTION PASSES.
      ii. Roller Hockey of MTU
         1. $502.51 for Travel Costs. MOTION PASSES.
      iii. Pistol Club
         1. $21.65 for Table Tents from the Print Shop. MOTION PASSES.
      iv. Mt. Ripley Ski Patrol
         1. $1000 for Medical Equipment. MOTION PASSES.
      v. Women’s Soccer Club
         1. $123.26 for Winter Carnival Supplies. MOTION PASSES.

X. Advance Reimbursement
   a. Ridge Roamers
i. $1,990 for Miscellaneous Equipment. MOTION PASSES.

XI. Opportunities Fund

i. Habitat for Humanity

1. Opportunities Fund Request for $820 for their Alternative Spring Break Travel Costs to TX.

2. Thornton- Food? Food can be funded as it is for a conference

3. Drake- Insurance for the vans? Not using Tech vans so wanted insurance because through another company.

4. Drake- How much is each person contributing themselves? $120 each, plus $20 for food each. They have fundraised a lot of the funds themselves.

5. MOTION PASSES ($820). No obstenstions or nays.

b. WMTU

i. $5000 for KeweenawAwesomeFest Band.

ii. (This was during General Meeting on 1/27/10)

iii. Waineo- Has this group talked with other funding sources since? No.


v. Hanharan- How many usually attend? About 300 per day.

vi. Thornton- Ticket prices? Not finalized. Students will be less.


viii. Sherally- Friendly amendment to $4000 instead of $5000. Friendly Amendment seconds.

ix. B. Wood- Bands like this are few and USG should fund the full amount

x. Thornton- Still time to fundraise? Concert is 4/10, they have from now until then. They are not out of fundraising options.

xi. Starnes- Agrees with B. Wood.

xii. Hanrahan- Does this really affect that many people? Are there better causes out there? They want to bring more people to it this year.

xiii. Waineo- Maybe they will raise the amount a few weeks before and then they are crammed to fundraise.
xiv. **Starnes- Friendly Ammendment to bump amount back to $5000.** Sherally accepts.

xv. Thornton- Other fundraising places? They would go to Parent’s Fund, do not have any fundraisers planned currently.

xvi. Gregorlarius- How much time does the band need to sign? The longer we wait, the less chances are of getting them to come down to it.

xvii. Mattson- USG needs to stop being so stingy and give people the money they deserve.

xviii. Saxton- Is there a way to roll money over to Opportunities Fund? Yes.

xix. Hanharan- Local Sponsorships? In the past, some organizations gave discounts if showed tickets. They have let them advertise in the past.


xxi. **MOTION ON THE FLOOR- $5000 for KFest. Motion PASSES. 3 nays. 2 obstenstions.**

c. By Law Revision

i. Thornton- Section 15.01 USG Member Stipends.

1. Revision to wording at end: In the event that a member of the Undergraduate Student Government is a member of more than one position, they are entitled to the larger of that stipend

ii. Johnson- Hard to say what the SGB committee would say about this.

iii. Dionne- Doesn’t Eboard already get a stipend? Yes.

iv. Gregorluis- Not exceeding $300? Who Votes? What if someone quits before the end of their term?

1. The USG body decides the amount per person.

2. Thornton- If you come on, you can get the stipend, if you prematurely leave, uneligible for the stipend.

3. **Thornton- friendly amendment to add this to the document (see above) Accepted.**

4. Mattson- friendly amendment to add that this will take effect Fall 2010. Accepted.

5. Starnes moves to accept the friendly amendments.
v. Mendenhall- How is this not a salary? Stipend. This is already done to an extent.

vi. IFC Liaison- Who votes on the stipend? Eboard is voted on individually and the body votes on this.

vii. GSG Liaison- Their E-Board is compensated. Take into consideration International Students cannot receive stipends.

viii. Baldwin- How would this vote happen? Thornton- could happen by a paper vote. The Personnel committee could also take this up.

ix. B. Wood- This is a lot of money that comes out of students money, this was a heated debate about $5000 for an opportunities fund earlier today.

x. Moorehead- USG at MTU is still one of the few governments that does not offer compensation to members. MTU has the highest tuition in MI.

xi. M. Wood- No one is forcing USG members to stay on USG…

xii. Starnes- If members are paid, there needs to be higher stipulations for GPAs as a result.

xiii. Thornton- At max this could be $4300, so an extra $2000 in addition to E-board.

xiv. Mendenhall- Some people may be doing this for the right reasons, others not so much. SAF funds cannot be used for salaries for full or part time staff.

xv. Mattson- This is maybe going to increase quality, probably not. Just a waste of money.

xvi. Johnson- This would set a precedent for other groups and hard to justify to other student organizations why they couldn’t do it as well.

xvii. Baldwin- Can this be discussed at the upcoming SAM? Has already been discussed several times. How do they keep other orgs from getting paid? Moorhead- other governments just say no.

xviii. Starnes- This is being tabled. (Can’t vote on this until 2/24). Motion Passes to Table.

1. USG Members are highly encouraged to talk with student body about this issue.

XII. Committee Reports

i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
1. No Report

ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Chili Van went well- thanks to all who helped!

iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Rep. John Mertha passed away- special election to take his place
   2. Rose of Debate- Person making motion can re-iterate their point.

iv. Elections (usgelect-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Elections are all set to go
      a. There will be an individual link for students to vote!
      b. E-board nominations are still open, spread the word.
         i. PR- Need help advertising.
      c. Talk to an E-board member, and sign up on the ledge of the USG office. NOMINATIONS CLOSE 2/17.

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Looking to find student opinions on things USG votes on.

vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
   1. No Report

vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
   1. SAM this weekend
   2. Lansing Blitz
      a. March 25- it is a go right now.

viii. Civil Rights Committee (usgcivilrights-l@mtu.edu)

ix. Meeting this Friday at 3pm regarding the Vable situation.

x. USG Webmaster (jlmenden@mtu.edu)

XIII. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheral@mtu.edu)
      i. Seeking feedback from liaison groups, has there been any feedback regarding USG?
   b. Liaisons
      i. Houghton City Council
         1. Considering replacing lights along College Ave. For safety
         2. Downtown marketing plan and logo in progress
      ii. GSG
         1. No Report
      iii. Provost Search Committee
         1. PLEASE PLEASE send comments about the Provost positions. The committee is meeting tomorrow to pick acceptable candidates. Go online to www.mtu.edu/provost to watch the videos.
   iv. MUB Board
1. Looking into getting more Microwaves.
2. The Spring Fling Ferris Wheel will be FREE

v. IFC
1. All E-Board positions have been filled

vi. IRHC
1. Has USG looked into the smoking survey?
   a. M. Wood- They want to send a survey to the entire school… USG would have to do all the work… would something come out of this?
   b. What would happen with campus wide smoking ban? Smoking

vii. Parent’s Fund
1. ASO was denied funding. (This would have been 5th yr in a row for same initiative)

viii. I-Club
1. I-Night auditions this coming weekend and the weekend following.

ix. Circle K
1. They are afraid of USG
2. Looking for volunteers for community service

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

a. Anderton- Who can she talk to change policy regarding changing major if on probation. Currently cannot change major while on probation however that major may be why you are on probation in the first place.
   i. Pat Gotschalk may be of help
b. Renting Fees at the SDC for Racquetball?
   i. Amanda Van Slooten is on this committee, and also charged to student issues committee
   ii. Pay for Ice Skating during Public Skating- not covered under Experience Tech Fee

c. MUB BOARD- has Tech Arts Festival approaching

XV. CLOSED SESSION

XVI. Announcements

XVII. "Remarks for the Good"

XVIII. Adjourn

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