Minutes for Wednesday
February 24, 2010

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

II. Roll Call
   a. Excused Absent- Kathleen Hanrahan, Paul Mattson

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes Approved

V. Recognition of Visitors

VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (cmhanson@mtu.edu)
      i. Retreat Recap
         1. Thanks to all who came and for the great time! Pass on the ideas and
            make sure we follow through with them too.
      ii. Student Awards Banquet (www.sa.mtu.edu/awards)
         1. Through the Office of Student Affairs- there are awards. The deadline to
            nominate others in March 5th.
         2. Multiple Nominations are allowed for most of these awards.
         3. Exceptional Leadership in Student Governance
            a. Nominations include: Cara Hanson, Beau Baldwin
         4. Exceptional Enthusiasm as a Student Leader
            a. Nominations: Amanda Van Slooten
         5. Most Improved Student Organization
            a. Nominations: MTU Four Wheelers, Sledheads, USG, I-Club,
               Women’s Soccer Club, SHPE
         6. Presidential Award for Leadership
            a. Nominated: Cara Hanson
         7. Rising Star of the Year
            a. Nominated: Beau Baldwin
         8. Student Employee of the Year
            a. Nominated: Bri Drake
         9. Student Organization of the Year
            a. Nominated: Blue Key, SFES, USG, I-Club, Daily Bull
        10. Student Organization Advisor of the year
            a. Susan Leibau (SAAM), Paul Nelson (College Republicans), Joe
               Cooper (WHSA)
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Committee Chair Meeting following the USG meeting in the office.
   c. Treasurer (amshegal@mtu.edu)
      i. See Financial Standings Report
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. No Report

VII. Advisor Report (jaredmj@mtu.edu) (lpcook@mtu.edu)
   a. Absent-No Report

VIII. Old Business
   a. Bylaws
      i. Service Committee to Bylaws
         1. Still tabled until next week.
ii. Section 15.01 of the USG bylaws- USG Member Stipends
   1. Discovered- A friendly amendment needs to be accepted by EVERYONE.

IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwan-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Advance Reimbursement
         1. Lutheran Student Movement
         2. Film Board
            a. $7000 for a screen. Screen has not been purchased yet.
         3. Women’s Lacrosse Club
   ii. Reimbursements
      1. Paintball Club
         a. $442 for Tournament registration. Motion Passes.
      2. Baseball Club
         a. $1010 for Spring Break Travel. Motion Passes.
      3. Rowing Club
         a. $3309.13 for Equipment and Travel. Motion Passes.
      4. AICHE
         a. $1632.32 for Conferences and ChemEcar and Conference Costs. Motion Passes.
      5. Water Polo Club
         a. $57.765 for Balls and Pumps. Motion Passes.
   iii. Reserve Fund
      1. SAE
         a. $323.16 for Trailer Equipment. Motion Passes.
   iv. Opportunities Fund
      1. NOSOTROS
         a. $1500 for movie licenses for the film festival.
b. Plan to hold this event for years to come after this initial event is held.

c. Most students in the group are Grad Students.

d. Is there admission to be charged? $3 like a fisher movie.

e. Thornton- How much requesting from GSG? $500.

f. Waineo- When is it? March 23-25

g. Saxton- Opp Fund Standings? About $10,000

h. Thornton- Where did they get the quote for the movie license? Through the distributor- with help from Film Board.

i. Motion for $1500 Passes. 2 nays.

b. Section 15.01 USG Member Stipends

i. Thompson moves to place the following in Article 12.01 Miscellaneous

1. All amendments proposed by a member of the body on an active motion must be accepted by the motion maker. The chair (president) shall allow for discussion pertaining to the amendment only, before the maker of the motion itself and not the amendment will be considered out of order and not allowed. Amendments must be seconded by a member of the body, then the amender and maker of the motion. To remove an original amendment, there must be an additional amendment made to strike the previous amendment. If an amendment is rejected by the motion maker, the amender may ask to call the amendment to a vote. The amendment will be accepted if the ¾ of the body is in agreement to amend the motion.

2. Starnes moves to suspend the rules of order just for this vote in order to vote on Article 12.01-Miscellaneous.

   a. This will allow the motion maker to accept changes as was done in the past.

   b. B. Wood does not mind suspending the rules tonight, but does not want to get into practice of doing this all the time.
c. Gregorakis- How does this effect the Service committee section?

d. This will still be voted on next week.

e. **Section 12.01 is passed.**

3. Section 15.01 USG Member Stipends

a. **Thornton- this will now read 12.02 USG member Stipends.**

b. Dionne- Still isn’t clear if someone is added towards the end will get a stipend? Thornton- still at discretion of board.

c. **F. ) will now read: If an individual accepts a voting role on USG, that person is eligible for that role’s stipend. If a representative prematurely leaves, they become ineligible for the stipend.**

d. Gregorakis- it should be said, eligible not can get it for Part F.

e. Starnes- think about the reasons why you may be voting on this

   i. This campus has a large amount of Student Organization requesting money- normally there is more money flow at a large university.

   ii. More things to consider including membership criteria.

f. Valencia- It is the place of the undergraduates as a whole to determine this.

g. Moorehead- in response to starnes, this is wrong. Has been proven from various SAM conferences.

h. Gregorakis- Spoke with various groups- how is it fair that USG members get paid when a group is trying to get funded and there are no funds as a result.

i. Waineo- Spoke with groups, liked that E-board would be able to allocate $100 to an outstanding individual dependent on their performance.
j. A. Van Slooten- USG members are voted in by the student body or by other USG members.

k. Thompson- Most of the members of USG are not going to be going into government in the future. Members are doing something for the student body.

l. B. Wood- Everyone has their own agendas...

   i. Spoke with many different people- lots of them did not agree with this.

m. Baldwin- Where would the money come from? This would be added to the Budget for the next year.

n. Moorehead- Other SAM universities responded that there was a lot of hesitancy in paying members at first, but became a norm after a while.

o. Mendenhall- Bylaws express that no funds can be used as part-time full time salaries??? Hanson- how has E-board been doing it so far?

p. Valencia- Perhaps the BOC could adopt something regarding the tuition’s of USG members instead of coming from the SAF.

q. M. Wood- In response to Moorehead- they may have been accustomed to it, but did not like it.

r. Baldwin- There are different routes to find money instead of from the SAF.

s. Dionne- Would people join for the money instead of making a difference on campus?

t. Thorton- All USG members pay tuition, does not matter to him if the money comes out of the tuition or SAF...

u. Starnes- Could those who are bringing up SAM information, bring in their requirements to be a member.

v. Audience- Adam Zawasica- This should not come out of SAF, sets a pre-req for other groups. Why don’t poll students about this, it could be added to the end of the E-Board elections.
w. IFC Liaison- This could be made into a competition, only have a few and people can work hard to get them. Make people go above and beyond.

x. Thornton- this would add $2300 a semester for the stipends.

y. A. Van Slooten- Pay of Eboard members have been paid since USG existence.

z. Moorehead makes a friendly amendment to strike section A.
   i. Thornton takes a vote of confidence
   ii. Thornton does not accept.

aa. A. Van Slooten- If this does pass, it will need to be included in the budget.

bb. Valencia- It is too late to add to the E-board elections, but can be added to Representative Elections.

c. MOOTION ON THE TABLE- ACCEPT SECTION 12.02 with the revision of part F.
   i. Role Call Vote
      1. Motion Fails. 13 nos. 3 Obstenstions.

dd. Valencia- If someone is serious about this issue, something needs to be put together for a vote on Elections.
   i. Kyle Thornton will be working with the Student Issues Committee to do so.

c. First Year Reps

X. Committee Reports
   i. Personnel (usgpersonnel-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Looking for ideas for external events for USG members
      2. Looking to bring back USG member of the week.
   ii. Service (usgservice-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Spring Fling Booth? Fill out survey- get food?
   iii. Judiciary (usgjudicial-l@mtu.edu)
      1. Encourage everyone to review Robert’s Rules
      2. If interested in setting up a meeting about the by-laws please email Marc Starnes
iv. Elections (usgeois-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Valencia- moves to open 2010-2011 E-board Elections starting tomorrow at 8am, Ending Monday at 11:59pm.
      a. Motion Passes to open E-Board elections.
         i. All self made campaign material must be taken down before Elections open tomorrow.
      b. Next week- move to accept the E-Board results.
      c. Carryover will be calculated next year.
      d. Representative Elections will open next week

v. Public Relations (usgpr-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Newsletter with people running for E-board positions is created.
   2. Advertising for the higher education rally.

vi. Student Issues (usgissues-l@mtu.edu)
   1. One time-Liaison sign up for various interested groups.

vii. External Affairs (usgea-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Waiver form for the Rally on March 25th. is almost ready
   2. If interested in attending the rally, please email Keshon Moorehead at kkmooreh@mtu.edu
   3. There will be info booths in the MUB next week.

viii. Civil Rights Committee (usgcivilrights-l@mtu.edu)
   1. Meeting at 3pm this Friday.
   2. Encouraged to attend President Mroz’s forum in the MUB at 7pm regarding Dr. Vable’s award return.

ix. USG Webmaster (jlmenden@mtu.edu)
   1. Website Feedback
      a. If you have a picture of yourself you would like on the website- send to Justin. Still working on automation of the website.
      b. Extra Information on the Website?
         i. Thornton- Why aren’t forms for opp funds, etc online?
         ii. A. Van Slooten- Forcing them to read the rules before sign up.
         iii. Hanson- This could be a potential idea for future.
         iv. Daily Bull- there should be as many forms as possible to avoid secrecy.
         v. Hanson- a link to the USG Facebook site should be added as well.
      vi. LOOK OVER THE WEBSITE- SEND COMMENTS TO JUSTIN MENDENHALL.

XI. USG Liaisons
   a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheal@mtu.edu)
   b. Liaisons
      i. GSG- Graduate Research Program tomorrow
         1. Experience Tech Survey going out to everyone on campus- going out over break.
         2. Beth Wagner is the contact person for the survey.
      ii. MUB Board
         1. Hanson- sent an email regarding current bowling alley space and student representation on the committee.
            a. Current student is Carey Lutheran.
            b. Ben Cottrill is interested in attending these meetings as well.
      iii. IFC
1. K-Day survey going out soon. Rick Barnes is going to be giving a presentation in a few weeks about Responsible Drinking. (March 30 6pm)

   iv. IRHC
   1. Discussing survey to be sent out in the future
      a. Do you Smoke? Do you have friends who smoke? Are you on campus or off campus?

   2. Two open Positions: Treasurer and Programming Chair

v. SFES
   1. No Report

vi. Student Health Insurance
   1. No Report

vii. Houghton City Council
   1. No Report

viii. Parent’s Fund
   1. No Report

ix. I-Club
   1. Khana Khazana food at the MUB every Friday.
   2. April 9th- International night

x. SAE
   1. Thanks for the money
   2. Technical Writing session, Chem Sci 104A tomorrow
      a. Any technical papers with questions can be addressed here

xi. MBA Association
   1. Brings credit to MBA program- they do lunch and learns 2 times a month
   2. August 7th- Golf Outing
   3. Think about having GMAT coaching sessions.
   4. Connect Online MBA students with on campus better

xii. Parking Task Force
   1. Open Forum- Tuesday March 2, MUB Ballroom

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

   a. SLS- Two Storage locations- both unsafe and not enough space
      i. Looking for help from USG to find a better location
      ii. Body Barn is unsecure and has expensive equipment in it.
      iii. B. Wood- other groups have found places on their own and have requested funds to help with their rent.
      iv. The Student Issues committee is so charged with this issue.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

XIV. Congratulations to Yuritzi Garcia- the new first year representative

XV. Announcements

XVI. "Remarks for the Good"

XVII. Adjournment

   a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm.