Minutes for Wednesday, September 23, 2009

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

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda
   a. So Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. Students for environmental sustainability
   b. Otherwise so approved

V. Recognition of Visitors

VI. Officer Reports (usgeboard-l@mtu.edu)
   a. President (cmhanson@mtu.edu)
      i. Board of Control Presentation coming up- 10/8/2009
      ii. Reminder Internal Retreat during next week meeting
   b. Vice President (alvanslo@mtu.edu)
      i. Committees- Make sure you get together!
   c. Treasurer (amsheral@mtu.edu)
   d. Secretary (smandert@mtu.edu)
      i. USG name on bills
         1. Need some sort of description on bill- any suggestions?

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

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. WAM (usgwam-l@mtu.edu)
      i. Adv. Reimbursement
         1. Chinese Scholars and Language Club
            a. $124.24 for board games, and activities.
         2. Entrepreneurs and Inventors Club
            a. $5820 for Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour
            3. BOTH MOTIONS PASS
      ii. Reimbursement
         1. Circle K
            a. $10 for Kday charges. MOTION PASSES.
      iii. Reserve Fund Request
         1. MTU TV Production Club
            a. $2,600 for hard disk repairs from the Reserve Fund.
            b. On the hard disk, is it worth the sum of money to fix? It contains a majority of a movie working on and several sketches. It was 66% full at the time.
            c. They tried Computer Mechanix first and it did not work- had to go elsewhere
            d. Movie- Mt. Bohemia project?
               i. Promotional video for Mt. Bohemia
               ii. July 2nd email- potential profit for the group-fundraising? Not technically- but are trying to make a profit from it.
               iii. Have tried to receive funding from other sources?
                   Parents Fund?
                      1. No, this is what the reserve fund is for.
iv. Mt Bohemia was willing to front some of the money at the time, is this still happening? No, the group has not seen any money from Mt Bohemia at this time.

v. This has been brought to the company- just being withheld until they pay for it.

e. Point of information- Camera was purchased last year, and hard drive is essential for the actual camera

f. CLOSED SESSION

g. Have they contacted IT-SAS to get a back up? That is their next plan. Willing to do so in the future.

h. What else is hard drive for?
   i. Besides the MT Bohemia project, also contains several sketches and acting
   ii. Mt. Bohemia accounts for about 18% of actual hard drive.
   iii. What else will sketches be used for?
      1. Working with Filmboard to show after their movies

i. CALL TO QUESTION

j. Amendment to motion- the group must utilize IT-SAS for future back-up. AMENDMENT PASSES.

k. MOTION FAILS; 9 yes, 10 no, 1 obstenstion. NO FURTHER MOTION AT THIS TIME.

b. Financial Standings
   i. Opp Fund $20,000.03
   ii. Reserve Fund $60,232.49
   iii. These numbers will change for the reserve fund once SBG’s are adjusted

c. Student Org Printer Payoff
   i. Student Org Printer- Kyocera Mita Model KM3035
      a. This has been outstanding for a few years and interest (7%) is accumulating.
      b. The black and white printer has been there for 5+ years- just payments from the loan itself.
      c. These are monthly payments + interest. ($155.05 each month)
      d. Check into Ballooning and late fees.
      e. This is money that could be used for something else!
      ii. This is TABLED until next week.

d. Student Activity Fee Change
   i. This would split the ($50) fee so that OSA gets a percent and USG gets a percent. USG would allocate to Subsidiaries. OSA would get student activities and SBGs.
   ii. Needs to be added to fee: … “and the Undergraduate Student Government..”
   iii. Currently USG gets all of the money- and Budget Hearings is the allocation process
      1. SBGs are a longer process and USG is actually an SBG.
   iv. In the past, never been measured
      1. OSA presents just as other subsidiaries
   v. If USG was ever audited, this would be a liability. This actually takes off a lot of pressure of USG as well.
   vi. *This is just advance notice- voting will be in a few weeks. USG has to approve first and then the BOC has to approve.*
      1. If this does not pass BOC, it will just stay the same.
      2. President Hanson will also be meeting with GSC regarding this as well.
vii. Would a group try to become a SBG from a subsidiary? Very well could try, however it would be very hard and would not benefit them as much.

X. Committee Report
a. Personnel
   i. No Report
b. Judiciary
   i. Check out the Information packets in your binders
c. Elections
   i. Opened Monday and close Friday. First Years Sworn in first week of October
   ii. Elections chair has to go through by hand before submitting to Registrar’s Office
d. Public Relations
   i. Sandwich Board is out!
   ii. Newsletter coming out after First Year Elections
e. Student Issues
   i. Plan to do another USG and you session next week
f. External Affairs
   i. SAM meeting at Western this past weekend.
   ii. SAM Standards proposal to assess each university
   iii. SAM election process- changed to have a chair that sways vote in the event of a tie.
   iv. Next Conferences:
      1. 10-16- 10/18 GVSU
      2. 11-14 – 11/15 Saginaw
      3. If you are interested in attending, please contact Keshon Moorehead
g. Civil Rights Committee
   i. Has been contacting various organizations for interest.

XI. Open Floor
a. Crystal Higginbotham- Looking to hold MTU forums regarding Health Care reform and discussion
   i. If interested in helping or attending some sort of a discussion on MTU campus, please contact Crystal Higginbotham. (clhiggin@mtu.edu) These will be a series of events on campus.
   ii. Not a student organization- may be harder to book rooms. Looking for help in doing so, etc. Looking to form a student organization so able to do so in the future.
   iii. Keep in mind USG is not just a MTU student political group.

XII. USG Liaisons
a. Liaison Coordinator (amsheral@mtu.edu)
   i. IFC liaison is open. Sundays 6-7pm Ballroom
   ii. Really need a University Senate Position
   iii. Houghton City Council Meetings also need a liaison. Mondays at 5:30pm
b. Liaisons
   i. Student Commission meets at 2pm tomorrow (Thursday) in the Alumni Lounge
   ii. The SDC only meets once a month. Please contact Amanda or Leanna Van Slooten.

XIII. Announcements
a. Oct. 1st MI student Promise voting on TV. Contact your representative!

XIV. "Remarks for the Good"

XV. Adjournment
a. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

XVI. Office Tour