



## **Agenda – General Body Meeting**

November 18, 2015

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. I motion to approve the agenda- Jacob
  - b. Second
  - c. Motion passes
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. I motion to approve the minutes- Guy
  - b. Second- Jacob
  - c. Motion passes
- V. Recognition of Visitors – Thanks for coming!
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. President (Nate Peterson)
    - i. Dallas and Yvonne have submitted their resignation
    - ii. Fresh Look Presentation is pushed back; Glenn cannot make it due to the campus recent events. He will be hosting a discussion forum in Fisher 135 on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - iii. Possibly move the USG meeting so people can attend December 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation
  - b. Vice President (Darien Benner)
    - i. No report
  - c. Treasurer (Guy Ardell)
    - i. SBG email went out, he has been responding to emails
    - ii. Reserve Fund has \$95,816.69
    - iii. Opportunity Fund has \$11,388.00
  - d. Secretary (Greta Colford)
    - i. Winter Break Bus
      1. We still need someone to ride the winter break bus on behalf of USG
      2. Attend your office hours
      3. Make sure people are signing both sides of the waiver
    - ii. Keep the office clean
- VII. Advisor Reports
  - a. Joe Cooper
    - i. Take putt-putt equipment back to the storage barn
    - ii. Last HuskyLEAD is December 1<sup>st</sup>
    - iii. Please be safe over break
  - b. Les Cook
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Motion to un-table the Daily Bull discussion
    - i. Visitor shared their personal story on how the Daily Bull has affected them. This is not a joke, and this article has caused some serious personal consequences.
    - ii. Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Bull, and author of the article came to speak. It was not his intent to hurt anyone with this article. Steps are being taken to prevent this in the future, but he believes that cutting funding will not help their situation.
    - iii. Andrew- Constituents agree that cutting the budget will not help, but maybe require all student organizations to go through an hour/two hour long training specifically for publications
    - iv. Abbey- There should be further education; there are some things that should not be joked about. In this article a line was definitely crossed. We need to educate the student body on what is appropriate to say.

- v. Lukas- There needs to be a check system in place, someone else needs to edit it, and until then funding for the Daily Bull should be removed
- vi. Jacob- Maybe including in the bylaws to take away funding until we feel that proper steps or training is taken place.
- vii. Sam- This event was preventable if someone else had read this over, or sensitivity training was in place.
- viii. USG is a separate entity from the administration, so what the administration does should not have to influence our decision
- ix. Andrew- it is unrealistic for cultural training to be provided to every organization but we should target publishers
- x. Visitor- disagrees with Andrew's point, every organization has some sort of publication
- xi. Joe- USG and GSG could lobby to have everyone at Michigan Tech to go through cultural competency. This seems like a bigger conversation. If funding were cut from the Daily Bull, they would not be completely crippled as they do have outside funding.
- xii. Push for a curriculum change, create a task force; visitor-a task force could prove that USG actually cares.
- xiii. Tracking would have to be similar to budget hearings, we could track how if they attend a specific presentation
- xiv. Visitor, He is an RA and he feels that is residents do not take Campus Clarity seriously or get a lot out of it. He is wondering if Cultural Competency could be included during O-week. His residents try and complete Campus Clarity as quickly as possible, and Cultural competency allows them to have a face to face discussion which might stick with the students more.
- xv. When pitching the idea that every student should go through cultural training, include that that this training could be beneficial in the workplace and could prepare Michigan tech's students for the real world and how to be respectful.
- xvi. Abbey- Could we cut the Daily Bull's funding for that specific publication that they are being charged for
- xvii. Nate- we shouldn't have to just cut their funding, we should work with them
- xviii. Joe- The consensus of everyone is that we will work with them. IF you set up stipulations to get their funding back, any organization will follow through with the stipulations. If you tell clubs to do x-y-z they will complete x-y-z.
  - 1. Abbey- I motion to see funding removed for that article, and have the everyone at Daily Bull attend Title IX training and withhold their funding until they complete this training
  - 2. Second
  - 3. Sam- motion to amend the previous motion to add Cultural Competency training form the CDI and to have a required proofreading of articles in the bylaws.
  - 4. Amendment passes
  - 5. Motion passes
- b. Motion to approve all that has previously been approved
  - i. Motion passes

#### IX. New Business

- a. Ways And Means ([usgwam-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgwam-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Motion to approve the reimbursements and advance funds request
  - ii. Second
  - iii. Motion passes

#### X. Committee Reports

- a. Events ([usgservice-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgservice-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Break Buses are set up, we still need people to ride the Winter Break Bus
- b. Public Relations ([usgpr-l@mtu.edu](mailto:usgpr-l@mtu.edu))
  - i. Added a new cover photo to the FB page to attract more students. Comments?
  - ii. The website is externally working!
  - iii. Polo's should be arriving soon. Please bring \$10 to get your polo when they arrive.
  - iv. School wide shirts, #weareone to increase awareness and bringing unity among students. Estimating 3000 shirts, and let Suyra know if you have funding ideas. This is a student initiative to further educate the campus and untie cultures together. Michigan Tech has been very well insulated, so this would be a

continual change to shift the attitude of cultural acceptable on campus. Other departments on campus are on board.

- v. Visitor feedback, he would not wear this shirt, possibly brainstorm more shirt designs
- vi. Visitor feedback, 3000 I shirts is too much, consider making some sort of pledge while taking the shirt. It would help bring awareness to the issue.
- vii. The design is not yet approved per UMC standards and using university funding, especially from other departments
- viii. Motion to table this discussion if it continues longer than five minutes
- ix. Second
- x. Amended the time to 10 minutes
- xi. Second
- xii. Amended passes
- xiii. Amended motion passes
  - 1. Something to think about, we need to talk this about as a body first and get the design finalized
  - 2. Motion to approve a vote of confidence
  - 3. Second
  - 4. Motion passes
- xiv. Motion to a vote of confidence to pledge \$1700 to the t-shirt student initiative per unanimous E-board vote
- xv. Second
- xvi. Motion passes
- c. Student Affairs ([usgissues-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgissues-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. Did not meet this week, Paul is working with people with Celiac Disease to work with dining services to get better options
- d. Political Affairs ([usgea-1@mtu.edu](mailto:usgea-1@mtu.edu))
  - i. December 1<sup>st</sup>, the League of Women Voter's at Student affairs
  - ii. Committee is working with GSG and Film Board to get votes registration in task, and viewings for the coming debates
  - iii. There is funding for Vote Registration within USG budget

#### XI. USG Liaisons

- a. Graduate Student Government (Abbey S.)
  - i. Had very long meeting, discussed the threat that was made. A lot of students thought the threat was not taken seriously, and that the campus should have been shut down
  - ii. In the email that was send out, the threat was reworded in a way that some feel decreased the severity of the threat
  - iii. They received a presentation from Title IX
  - iv. Discussed MUB catering with Student Commission
  - v. Freedom of Speech forum, and Code of Conduct discussion
  - vi. Disconnect in diversity between the graduates and undergraduates, and we need to reach out to each other more. There is a more diverse community in the graduate community. They would be willing to share their different cultures are reach out to the campus.
  - vii. Planning on setting us a focus group for sustainability on campus, create a new position for creating a plan for campus sustainability.
- b. Inter Fraternity Council (Guy A.)
  - i. Had e-board elections yesterday. They still need someone for the Scholarship Chair.
- c. PanHellenic Council (Cora Taylor/Dallas L.)
  - i. Elections, really good discussion about recent campus events
- d. Inter Residence Housing Council (Vincent P.)
  - i. Did not attend
- e. Senate (Sam R.)
  - i. No report
- f. Student Commission (Mike B.)

- i. Discussed how student commission is viewed on campus, is also putting together a document of previous accomplishments. Also discusses sustainability issues, including a plan that was created by grad students.
    - ii. MUB catering, there are different ways to handle this. Working with the MUB to discount food, so the orgs can continue to have the event without paying the higher prices.
  - g. Parent's Fund (Jackie W.)
    - i. Muslim Student Association -\$1332
  - h. Friends of the Michigan Tech Library (Mike B.)
  - i. Other Liaisons
- XII. Open Floor (If you are a visitor and would like to speak, this is your chance!)
  - a. DeJah, how does USG feel hosting a cultural competency training for incoming students?
    - i. Add to the curriculum to incorporate more cultural awareness
    - ii. Review how cultural awareness is incorporated into orientation week
    - iii. The way you present this information is crucial to the effectiveness of any presentation
    - iv. Suggest a social interaction type of course/ offer a social interaction course for students rather than a less-well attended presentation
    - v. Possibly plan events with GSG to help bridge the gap
    - vi. Motion to table this discussion on the cultural competency with all students and go and see what other universities to do see how they approach this, research and come back
      - 1. Second
      - 2. Motion passes
  - b. Campus threat- what is the policy?
    - i. The fact that campus didn't close was concerning to students
- XIII. Closed Session (If necessary)
  - a. Motion to go into closed session
  - b. Second
  - c. Passes
- XIV. Announcements | "Remarks for the Good"
  - a. Thank you for coming to the protest
  - b. Have a safe and fun break
  - c. Les Cook's Office gave us our new office chairs
  - d. Please respect the speaking order, and each other when discussing sensitive issues
- XV. Adjournment