Graduate Student Government of
Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: February 22, 2016

I. Call to Order
   A. Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM

II. Approval of Agenda
   A. Motion to approve by Rafael
      1. Second by Joe R.
      2. Passes unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes from: February 8th, 2016
   A. Motion to approve by Omkar
      1. Second by Avi
      2. Passes unanimously

IV. New Business
   A. Discretionary Funding Request (Iranian Community)
      1. Iranian community has 67 graduate student members (all members). They are expecting 250 people for Norouz and are asking for $4,000. Their event will take place March 26th in the MUB Ballroom. The whole event will cost $10,800, the $4,000 will be used to fly out musicians from Texas, comedian flying out as well as their hotel costs, this will also cover the costs of 20 tickets for unsupported graduate students. They have support from USG and Alumni Association.
   2. Q&A
      a) Giovana- That weekend will be Easter weekend, so there may not be as strong a showing.
         (1) This comes after the Iranian new year and we don’t have room to move the day.
      b) Mayra- How much are tickets?
         (1) Students will be $13 and non-students will be $15
      c) Meng- What was your total ticket sales from last year?
         (1) $2,015 and we expect around $2,100 this year.
      d) Menon- How much do you have to pay the MUB for the food?
         (1) We only pay for the ingredients and this will be around $2,000.
      e) Will- Are there any other funding avenues available if you don't get the full $4,000 from GSG?
         (1) We might be able to apply to Parent’s Fund, but no other major sources of funding are available. If we don’t secure all funding from GSG the event won’t go on as planned.
      f) Menon- Have you approached CDI?
         (1) They could give about $100 but they spent most of their funds on other events.
3. Voting
   a) On reviewing the request, WAM recommends full funding. However there is currently not enough funds in Discretionary funds and will require funds from surplus to give full funding.
   b) Meng- I would like to make a motion to move the required money from surplus to discretionary to make up for how much the general body approves.
      (1) Motion to vote for above motion: Yes-22  No-6  Abstain-1
   c) Beth- I make a motion to fund $3,870, this would remove the 20 tickets they requested but covers 10 tickets to donate to Husky FAN.
      (1) Second by Betsy
   d) Secondary amount of $2,5000 proposed by Menon, was seconded
   e) Results: Yes-17 No-10 Abstain-1 $2500-10
      (1) Motion fails
   f) Further discussion held by representatives
   g) Motion to vote Giovana, same stipulations as first vote.
      (1) Second by Menon
   h) Results: Yes- 23 No- 1 $2500-5 Abstain- 1
      (1) The Iranian Community will receive $3,870, this includes 10 tickets that we will donate to Husky FAN

V. Officer Reports
   A. President (Chelsea Nikula)
      1. Upcoming events: Blood Drive this week, Malcom X film in Fisther 125 2/24 at 6pm, Body Positivity Week, Library workshops are available in March
      2. Housing and Transportation survey is still being worked on, will be out in March hopefully.
      3. This to focus on after GRC:
         a) University policies for graduate students
         b) Review representative allocations
         c) Experience tech fee review
         d) Health insurance for next year.

   B. Vice-President (Will Lytle)
      1. Work life committee is looking for a parent graduate rep to help coordinate childcare needs for grad students.
      2. If you have family you can get dependant care if you need to travel to a conference.
      3. Graduate students were charged $50 a month for a FICA charge through payroll, it seems it was corrected and it happened again. Did anyone else notice this?
         a) Beth- It was a problem with the system and should be fixed now.

   C. Treasurer (Meng Teng)
      1. Account: $94,230.90
      2. Budget: $38,291.67/$85,413
      3. Discretionary: $4,920/$8,000
      4. Surplus: $4,912.99/$42,122.80
5. Travel grants are closed for this session

D. Secretary (Joe Fedie)
   1. Meet and Greet reports need to be done by the end of the month to avoid bad standing.
   2. Nominations for E-Board open today and elections are March 14th.
   3. Committee chairs start March 14th and elections are March 28th.
   4. Representatives open March 28th and elections are April 11th.

VI. Committee Chair Reports
   A. Academic (Betsy Kruppe)
      1. GRC this week, needs volunteers to fill out some positions.
      2. Judges are still required.
         a) 5 slots open for oral presentations.
      3. Networking social will take place at noon on Wednesday, be there!
   
   B. Social (Bethany Klemetsrud)
      1. Two upcoming events
      2. Dance Party March 18th 7-?
      3. Ph.D Movies March 25th

   C. Public Relations (Avinash Subramanian)
      1. Let me know if you find any problems with the website.

VII. Ad Hoc Committees
   A. Housing and Transportation
      1. No meeting this week.
      2. Working on the survey and have it out in March

VIII. Liaison Reports
   A. University Senate (Gorkem Asilioglu)
      1. Four certificate programs that may be coming back if there is interest.
      2. Discriminatory incidents that occurred this year are being looked at and potential actions being discussed include: adding questions about discrimination in teaching evaluations.
         a) This is being opposed by individuals in the senate for wording.
         b) These questions can impact graduate student TAs.
            (1) Menon- Does every class bring awareness to the Title IX in the syllabus?
               (a) Shelley- Every syllabus has a link to MTU resources that should bring them to the Title IX.

   B. Undergraduate Student Government (Abbey Senczyszyn)
      1. No report

   C. Research Advisory Council (Muralee Menon)
      1. No report
D. IT Governance Group (Shelley Jeltema)
   1. Need a new IT governance liaison.
   2. Menon- Does the IT liaison need to be a GSG member?
      a) No anyone can be the liaison who is a graduate student.

E. Friends of the Michigan Tech Library (Kevin Waters)
   1. No report

F. Council of Philanthropy (Wesley McGowan)
   1. No report

IX. Old Business & Discussion Items
   A. Meet & Greet Reports
      1. Maryam- CLS had theirs on the 16th and students and some faculty attended.
      2. Lydia- KIP had theirs as well, there were 25 in attendance and some faculty and no real concerns that came up.

   B. Other Concerns
      1. None this meeting

   C. Announcements
      1. Mayra- Need a lot of volunteers for the ISSRM conference, if you volunteer we will waive the registration fee.
      2. Chelsea- ACS is holding a free conference at NMU on April 2nd. Husky FAN is looking for committee members, the committee meets weekly for 1 hr.

X. Adjournment
   A. Motion to adjourn by Menon
      1. Second by Mayra
      2. Passes unanimously