Graduate Student Government of
Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: March 14, 2016

I. Call to Order
   a. 5:18pm meeting is called to order

I. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve by Menon
      i. Second by Justin
      ii. Passes unanimously

I. Approval of Minutes from February 22nd, 2016
   a. Motion to approve by Omkar
      i. Second by Mayra
      ii. Passes unanimously

I. New Business
   A. Surplus Funding Request (Indian Students Association)
      i. Request
         1. 258 members are graduate students. Funding request is $2,500 and the total event will cost $5,050. Tickets will cost $10 for general and $7 for ISA members (they pay dues). 15 tickets will be given to GSG to be distributed. Holi night will be have a 7 course meal with several performances, there will also be color celebrations later in April. The $2,500 will be used to help cover everything from food to marketing to music.
      
         ii. Q&A
             1. Rafael- Why has there been a decrease of $500 from when this request was first submitted?
                a. The food cost has changed and we managed to get it for cheaper.
             2. Giovana- When will this take place?
                a. Saturday April 9th

      iii. Voting
         1. Beth- Motion to vote for the $2,500 and donate 10 tickets to Husky FAN and 5 to USG to distribute to undergraduates.
            b. Second by Menon
            c. Voting Results: Yes-27, No-3, Abstain-1
            d. Motion passes
I. Officer Reports
   A. President (Chelsea Nikula)
      i. Upcoming events on campus: Husky LEAD talk, Healthcare talk, Endowed Professor Candidate talk, CWE World water day discussion panel and Ice Skating Recital.
      ii. Library workshops this month include the following: Patent, Trademark, Poster and EndNote
      iii. Sexual Assault Prevention Workshop April 7th from 10-3 pm, register by April 1.
      iv. E-board agenda:
          1. Housing and Transportation survey
          2. Representative allocations
          3. Experience Tech Fee review
          4. Health Insurance
          5. Constitution and Bylaw revision
   B. Vice-President (Will Lytle)
      i. Nothing to report.
   C. Treasurer (Meng Teng)
      i. Account balance: $87,029.84
      ii. Budget: $48,713.71/$85,413
      iii. Discretionary: $8,000/$8,000
      iv. Spring travel grant results: 42 awarded applicants for presenting grants and 4 attending grants have been awarded.
          a. Ida- Can you explain how awards decisions are made?
             i. Meng- The people with the top priority are people who have never presented or talked at a conference, never gotten a Travel Grant from GSG, and are not supported for the conference by their department or advisor.”
          b. Mayra- Is there a guide on the website to how to get reimbursed?
             i. Meng- There is a step by step guide on the website, we will check to make sure it got transferred, or they can email me if they have any questions.
      v. 2016-2017 Budget Proposal
          1. Estimated revenue of $85,536 based on enrollment of Fall 2015 and the graduate student activity fee.
             a. This number comes from 1481 from last year and the 91.2% who paid their fee last year.
          2. Administrative will total to $16,350
             a. Changes will be a $-258 change for the phone line
b. NET service has replaced the phone line and costs $100, covers internet charges.
c. Total change is $-158 compared to last year.

3. Traditions will total $5,000
   a. Only change is the Fall Orientation Picnic has increased $200 from $1500 to $1700 as requested by the Social Committee.

4. Academic Budget will total $13,000
   a. Changes include Fall Colloquium (Professional Development Evenings) increased by $200, Spring Graduate Research Colloquium decreased $500, and Lunch ‘n’ Learns have decreased $700.
   b. 3MT has been introduced and will be budgeted at $1,000.
   c. Total net change from last year is $0.

5. Social budget is $6725
   a. Only change is a decrease of $200 for socials, this amount was transferred to Traditions.

6. PR budget is $480
   a. No change from last year.

7. Benefits will be $39,600
   a. No change from last year.

8. GSG Rep Meet and Greet will be $2300
   a. No change from last year as representative allocations remained constant this year.

9. Softball budget is $1800
   a. No change from last year.

10. Grand total budget is $85,255 a decrease of $158 from last year.

vi. Q&A

1. Menon- It looks like a lot of money isn’t being used in Academic and Social, can we use it for more travel grants?
   a. Meng- The Academic and Social committees have historically used their entire budget and they still have events planned for this year which aren’t reflected. Not all travel grant funds are being used up at this time anyway.

2. Menon- If we have not used up all the travel grant funds can we not reopen the grants?
   a. Meng- The way the bylaws are now, we cannot reopen travel grant applications. This is something we can look at adding during bylaw and constitution revisions.

3. Menon- Can we increase the funds for the softball coordinator?
   a. Meng- I think that would be difficult to do, but we can look at it during bylaw and constitution revisions.
vii. Voting
1. Rafael - I motion to accept the budget as written by our amazing treasurer, Meng.
   a. Second by Tyler
   b. Results: Yes- 29, No- 1, Abstain- 0

D. Secretary (Joe Fedie)
   i. E-Board elections
      1. President
         a. Motion to close nominations by Sumanth, second by Menon, motion passes unanimously
            i. Nominees
               1. Will Lytle
               2. Runs unopposed
            b. Winner: Will Lytle
      2. Vice President
         a. Motion to close nominations Mayra, second by Rafael, motion passes unanimously
            i. Nominees
               1. Tyler Capek
               2. Betsy Kruppe
               3. Jiongxun Zhang
            ii. Voting
               1. Motion to vote by Mayra, second by Menon, passes unanimously
               2. Results:
                  a. Tyler: 7
                  b. Betsy: 4
                  c. Jiongxun: 15
                  d. Abstain: 1
            3. Winner
               a. Jiongxun “Justin” Zhang
      3. Treasurer
         a. Motion to close nominations by Sumanth, second by Rafael, motion passes unanimously
            i. Nominees
               1. Betsy Kruppe
               2. Ulises Gracida-Alvarez
         b. Voting
            i. Motion to vote by Mayra, second by James, motion passes unanimously
            ii. Results
1. Betsy: 5
2. Ulises: 22
3. Abstain: 1

iii. Winner
1. Ulises Gracida-Alvarez

4. Secretary
a. Motion to close nominations by Sumanth, second by Nithin, motion passes unanimously
   i. Nominees
   1. James Rauschendorfer
   2. Giovana Azzi
b. Voting
   i. Motion to vote by Meng, second by Ulises, motion passes unanimously
   ii. Results
      1. Giovana: 5
      2. James: 22
      3. Abstain: 1
   iii. Winner
      1. James Rauschendorfer

ii. Committee chair nominations are now open and elections will take place at the next general meeting (3/28/16).

I. Committee Chair Reports
   A. Academic (Betsy Kruppe)
      i. GRC is over and was a success.
         1. Suggestions for next year.
            a. More advertising.
            b. No crowds this year do to having oral presentations over two days.
            c. Finding judges should be done earlier and should go through the graduate school.

   B. Social (Bethany Klemetsrud)
      i. Dance party on Friday the 18th.
         1. Still need teachers, have them contact Beth.
      ii. March 25th is the day of the Ph.D movie showings

   C. Public Relations (Avinash Subramanian)
      i. GRC pictures and other funded events will be put up on the website soon.
I. Ad Hoc Committees
   A. Housing and Transportation
      i. No report

I. Liaison Reports
   A. University Senate (Gorkem Asilioglu)
      i. Meeting on March 2nd and has been determined that the University does not recycle that much.
      ii. Graduate school learning goals are being updated and may have some changes in the future.
      iii. Further discussion on not having any major assignments due or tests take place on Career Fair, last semester some professors still held exams on Career Fair.

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

   C. Research Advisory Council (Muralee Menon)
      i. Nothing to report.

   D. IT Governance Group (position vacant)
      i. No report

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

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

I. Old Business & Discussion Items
   A. Meet & Greet Reports
      i. Forestry had a Meet & Greet

   B. Other Concerns
      i. Nothing

   C. Announcements
      i. Nothing

I. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn by Menon
      i. Second by Efe
      ii. Motion passes unanimously