

- I. Call to order at 5:30
- II. Approval of 8-11 & 8-18 minutes (1st Sesan, @nd Joe, Y-21, n-0, O-1)
- III. Welcomed new/reps and visitors
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Help desk hours are T, W, th from 1-3 PM
 2. Dean of Graduate School is trying to get and fill a full-time position to deal with health insurance and other such things.
 3. Proposed work ssstudy position announcement. See announcement below. Vote: 1st- Sean W., 2nd – Katrina, y-21, N-0, O-0.
 - a. VP – send ideas for lectures to Kim L.
 - b. Lecture Chari – still needs filling for the fall semester!
 - c. Social Chair – If you are interested in helping or coming up with ideas for more family oriented events, please contact Joe W.
 - d. Academic Chair – still needs filling. Planning one event in the fall and one event in the spring is the position requirement
 - V. Liasons
 - A. positions open
 - CAC (computing committee – regular meetings weekly and bimonthly)
 - USG (every Wed evening)
 - Childcare Board (monthly meetings)
 - Pres. Council on Woomen (monthly meetings)
 - MUB Boarrd (need to initiate position)
- VI. Department allocations were given out and procedure was explained.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:51

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (Geo)
 Justin Priestman (math)
 Joe wilsoon (SS)
 Akshay Patil (MEEM)
 Maruthi devarakoonda (MEEM)
 Ravi Lakkideddy (MEEM)
 Jaine Krull (MEEM)
 Zhan Yz (Math)
 Garrett Whelan (CS)
 Charli Nomberger (Chem. Eng.)
 Jill Sajdk (HU)
 Matt Sequin (Chem)
 Suresh M. Shenoy (EE)
 Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
 Soenivah Singarpaule (RS-EE)
 Britt Forslund (Math)
 Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
 Singu Paramtot (MEEM)
 Kriselda cuellar (CEE?? What department is this?)
 Dajad Phame (CEE)
 Christine Howell (MEEM)
 Raka Bandyo (MEEM)
 Rospesin (CS)
 Raghan Vanga (Phys)
 Alou sabherwal (EE)
 Jordan Marshall (For)
 Divyakant Gupta (EE)
 Katrina Finn (CEE)

Becky Spicer (CEE)
Jerry ross (Phys)
Lindsay Godin (MEEM)
David Tobias (CEE)
Vasyl Aleksenko (Phys)
Laura Kruger (For)
David Forel (Geo)

Graduate Student Council – General Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2003

I. Call to Order at 5:30

II. Approval of Minutes (1st Sean W., 2nd Kim L., no objections)

III. Officer Reports

a. President - Poster Session, Career Day – If you or anybody in your department has ideas about which companies to invite (must be interested in hiring grad students), get their name and contact info to Michelle. Sign up sheet went around for volunteer help for the poster session and wine and cheese social. Make sure your department head is showing up to the wine and cheese social. Also, get as many grad students to present posters and make sure to get your 3 judges from your department for the poster presentations.

b. Vice President – Need volunteers for First contact program!

c. Treasurer – no report

d. Secretary - Make sure we have correct contact info for your depts.reps

IV Committee Chair Reports – send nominations to Sean W.

a. Social – no report

b. Benefits - parking

c. Academic - vacant

d. Orientation - vacant (thanks to Alex for job well done!)

e. Lecture - vacant for fall 2003- some lectures coming up

V. Liaison Reports

a. University Senate – was a marathon meeting. Issue related to grad student was the 14 week schedule which will be put in place next fall).

b. USG – Our voting position is being eliminated from USG – no objections.

VI. Old business

a. Should we revisit deposit issue associated with Daniell Heights. Decided that we should start to look into quality of life issues, in general, regarding housing. Workshop will be scheduled.

b. Election of Academic Chair - nomination: Jaime Krull (was elected with no objections)

VII. New business

a. Bill due dates and registration late fees -- is this an issue we should take up? Answer → yes. Ask departments for stories and Email them to Raka B. (MEEM) or Richard V. (CEE)

b. Ask departments if any individuals have interest in broomball.

VIII. Announcements - none

IX. Adjournment – 6:07

Attendance:

Kim Lauinger (CSE)
Susan Hemme (chem)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Cynthia Weber (HU)
Avoobinal N. Vellore (MEEM)
Tumal Gupta (MEEM)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Sean Wagner (Geo)
Justin Priestman (math)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)
Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)
Jaime Krull (MEEM)
Garrett Whelan (CS)
Jill Sajdk (HU)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Britt Forslund (Math)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Singh Paramjot (MEEM)
Raka Bandyo (MEEM)
Raghav Vanga (Phys)
Jordan Marshall (For)
Katrina Finn (CEE)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Jerry Ross (Phys)
David Tobias (CEE)
Laura Kruger (For)

- I. Call to Order at 5:30
- II. Approval of Minutes (1st Sean W., 2nd Joe W., no objections)
- III. Officer Reports
 - a. President - Poster Session, Career Day – 43 posters scheduled, all time high!
 - b. Vice President – Need volunteers for First contact program. Was still looking for presentation judges.
 - c. Treasurer –SAF changes have not trickled into accounting. David and Michelle are getting on it.
 - d. Secretary – No report.
- IV Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Social – looking for suggestions for a general social.
 - b. Benefits – Will contact parking guy.
 - c. Academic – Was still looking for judges.
 - d. Public Relations – News letter is coming along.
- V. Liaison Reports
 - a. Child Care – Ask fellow students in department (if they have kids) for comments on whether there should be campus child care, problems with other providers in the area, or any other comments. Send comments to Cynthia Weber (clweberb@mtu.edu).
 - b. Looking for a rep for the Computer Advisory committee. Info coming from Raka.
- VI. Old business
 - a. Still working on getting more info re: late fee/ registration date. Accounting is in control, they answer to no one. There will be a meeting Oct. 1, 8-9 am.
 - b. Daniel Heights??
- VII. New business
 - a. Do we want to support the Bigfoot snow shoe event? Can we?
 - b. Bill Nye is out... \$25,000. Trying to get Michael Moore.
- VIII. Announcements - none
- IX. Adjournment – 6:16 (David T. 1st, Michelle T. 2nd)

Attendance:

Kim Lauinger (CSE)
Susan Hemme (chem)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Cynthia Weber (HU)
Avoobinal N. Vellore (MEEM)
Tumal Gupta (MEEM)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Sean Wagner (Geo)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)
Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)
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Garrett Whelan (CS)
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Britt Forslund (Math)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Singh Paramjot (MEEM)
Raka Bandyo (MEEM)
Raghav Vanga (Phys)
Jordan Marshall (For)
Jerry Ross (Phys)
David Tobias (CEE)
Laura Kruger (For)
Joe Wilson (SS)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Alok Sabhersual (EE)
Matt Seguiin (Chem)

Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday, 10/20/03, 5:30pm, ROTC 101

I. Call to Order at 5:30 pm by president

II. Minutes not available to approve

III. Officer Reports

- A. President- Want to establish two new committees. Grad policies committee – to deal with issues such as departments trying to limit what they will pay for depending on what student it is. Career services committee – will deal with compiling comments, etc. on how inadequate the career center is with grad student hiring. Contact Sean Wagner if interested (srwagner@mtu.edu). Also, attend the BOC meeting. Told them that they shouldn't raise tuition (also something that the new grad policy committee can deal with) and talked to them about the inadequacy of the career services for grad students (action can be taken immediately if info is passed on... hence the new committee).
- B. Vice-President – vacant
- C. Treasurer – Fiscal year ended July 31st, all the paper work is finally coming in.
- D. Secretary – NR

IV. Team Leader Reports

- A. Benefits – Parking meeting has not occurred. Grad students will lose 8 spots in lot 14, but will gain 8 in lot 8. Will ask about getting swipe access for two people per car for married couples.
- B. Social – Is helping out with the international Club Halloween Party.

V. Liaison Reports

- A. USG – USG is looking for a method to evaluate the BOC. Les Cook controls the student commission, which has two grad students representing, how were they selected? Will hopefully find an answer.
- B. Senate – Looking for replacement. Discussed at meeting: MTU opening satellite in India. Doing performance review of Tompkins. Motion for posthumous degree (will require 85% degree completion). 14 week schedule has been 'fleshed out' and will be starting fall of 2004.
- C. GFC – There were officer elections. Looking for volunteers for committees. Contact Michelle or Sean if interested.

VI. Old Business

- A. POWER request for \$750 has not been voted on. Request was vague and more information is being solicited.

VI. New Business

- A. Election of Justin Priestman was successful (VP) – no objections.

VII. Announcements - none

VIII. Adjournment – 6:05 (Matt 1st, Sean 2nd)

Attendance:

Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Matt Seguin (Chem.)
Joe Wilson (SS)
Sean Wagner (Geo)
Michelle Trim (HU)
Justin Priestman (math)
Venkata Lakkireddy(MEEM)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Britt Forslund (math)
Jaime Krull (MEEM)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Jordan Marshall (FOR)
Jill Sajdyk (HU)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Avrobinel Vellore (MEEM)
Tom Wallner (EE)
Katrina Finn (CEE)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Raghan Vanga (Physics)
Jerry Ross (Physics)
Nick Nanniga (MSE)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
David Tobias (CEE)
Zhang Zhang (CS)
Vinay Belgaumkar (CS)
Raka Bandyo (MEEM) – excused absence
Laura Kruger (For) – excused absence

GSC General Council Meeting – ROTC 101 – 3rd Nov, 2003

I. Call to Order at 5:30

II. Approval of Minutes from Oct. 6 and Oct 20 → no objections.

III. Officer Reports

- a. President – USG accounting problem is being fixed.
- b. Vice President – First contacts → Reps will be the first contact reps. They will delegate within their own dept on how to contact the new applicants.
- c. Treasurer – Poster winners' checks going out
- d. Secretary – Anybody who did not sign up for a team at the meeting will be assigned to a team.

IV Committee Chair Reports

- a. Social – Pumpkin bowling a big success!
- b. Benefits – Parking → ask grad students in your department about and get their opinion on: 1. Dual swipe access for married couples with one car 2. People within a 1-mile radius not being allowed having a permit 3. Preference to TA's for graduate parking 4. Tell them lot 26 exists.
- c. Public Relations – Newsletter will be finalized tomorrow – Nov. 4. (Matt S. will send out e-mail)

V. Liaison Reports

- a. Child Care – \$30,000 goes to BHK to subsidize 26 MTU employees' kids' spots. Trying to figure out if there is a better way to spend this money. The MTU childcare place will take 2.5 million dollars to start up (has to be from donations). Cindy will talk to the new Dean of Student Affairs about childcare not being considered a child service.
- b. USG – They are trying to create a process for selecting/reviewing the BOC members. Get broomball apps in if interested.
- c. Senate – still need replacement.
- d. President's Commission on Women – any issues?
- e. GFC meeting tomorrow – will be updates next meeting.

VI. New business

- a. Decided to take action on MTU's sexual misconduct policy. General statement was made* and was voted on (motions – 1st Matt S., 2nd Sean W., all yea's, no nays, no abstentions)
- b. Survey's coming out. PLEASE ask fellow grad students in you department to fill them out.
- c. 9-credit for full-time status problem – what if you want to take a half credit class? There is no way to pad it to 9 credit currently. Michelle is trying to fix problem.

VII. Adjournment 6:30

*GSC Position on MTU Sexual Misconduct Policy

Whereas the GSC acts as a democratic and representative body of the Graduate Students of Michigan Technological University, by unanimous vote on November 3rd, 2003, the MTU GSC respectfully submits that the current MTU Sexual Misconduct Policy does not adequately protect victims rights. Therefore, the GSC requests that the Office of Student Affairs work to revise this policy and suggests the University of Michigan's policy as a potential model for an improved MTU policy in this regard. Furthermore, the GSC recommends that the Office of Student Affairs coordinate with counseling and local civic services to formalize a twenty-four hour Sexual Assault and Crisis Center with the recognition that it is the responsibility of the office of student affairs to distribute information to students, faculty and staff regarding the existence of said Center.

Attendance:

Susan Hemme (chem)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Cynthia Weber (HU)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Sean Wagner (Geo)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)
Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)
Jaine Krull (MEEM)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Britt Forslund (Math)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Raghav Vanga (Phys)
Jordan Marshall (For)
Jerry Ross (Phys)
David Tobias (CEE)
Laura Kruger (For)
Joe Wilson (SS)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Alok Sabhersual (EE)
Matt Seguin (Chem)
Tom Wallner (ECE)
Rade Trimceski (ECE)
Justin Priestman (Math)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Katrina Finn (CEE)
Vinay SB (CS)
Zhang Zhang (CS)

Agenda for General Council Meeting Monday Dec 8th 5:30pm ROTC 101

I. Call to Order – 5:35

II. Approval of Minutes – 1st Sean W., 2nd Anne H., no objections

III. Officer Reports

A. President

- Survey report – From responses → 21 grad students have a kid (or kids), Career services and improved health care were the top two wanted benefits. More results online.

- update on health insurance for next year – No improvement request, insurance will go up. They asked for a match in health ins. payment out of pocket. This is why the peer institution survey was done (below)

- Peer institution survey - assignment for you over break, due first meeting

B. Vice President

- First Contact Update – People still needed for Chem. Eng. and Forestry

- broomball update – we have one team, Justin Chiotti is the new manager.

C. Secretary - TEAMS - You have been put on your team's email list.

D. Treasurer - NR

IV. Committee Chair Reports

A. Social - Potluck coming soon!!, Sign up for LOTR tickets for Tuesday night.

B. PR - newsletters delivered - looking for ideas/ authors for next issue

c. Academic

d. Benefits - move forward on local radius for permit eligibility and advertisement of ALL lots

V. Liaison Reports

A. Senate – no meeting

b. USG – SDC fees shown, They want to open the Greek life position (was never filled). Voted on whether we think it should be opened 1st Sean, 2nd Jamie, vote → Y-0,N-12,A-9

C. Commission on women – Looking for donations for Salvation army (hats, mittens, scarves, etc.). Women's history month coming → call for posters on bulletin board.

d. Childcare – Human Resources won't tell us if students are getting positions at BHK. Issue has been tabled because of budget crisis. Michelle is pursuing making this a major issue.

e. instructional policies committee (late fee committee)

- No objections to trying to enforce 10 day notice to accounting about support.

- We must pester profs. to tell the cashier's office about support

VI. Old Business

a. Vote on e-board recommendation regarding co-sponsor of \$500 for Snowshoe event w/POWER Vote → 1st David T., 2nd Sean, Y-22 N-0 A-0

VII. New Business

a. Late fee policy change recommendation

VIII. Announcements – Jan 12th is the next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Attendance:

Susan Hemme (chem)

Richard Vendlinski (CEE)

Cynthia Weber (HU)

Merle Kindred (HU)

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Akshay Patil (MEEM)

Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)

Jaine Krull (MEEM)

Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)

Britt Forslund (Math)

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Joe Wilson (SS)

Matt Seguin (Chem)

Justin Priestman (Math)

Becky Spicer (CEE)

Zhang Zhang (CS)

Jill Sajdyk (HU)

Anne Hartingh (Min Ec.)

Nick Nanninga (MSE)

Victoria Van Coppenolle (USG)

Justin Chiotti – excused absence (Bio)

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday, Jan 12th, 2004 5:30pm ROTC 101

I. Call to Order at 5:30 by Justin P.

II. Approval of Minutes – no objections

III. Officer Reports

a. President - excused absence for conference - BOC report to be read by VP (summary will be on the web with the minutes).

b. VP - First Contact Update - Domestic students → 100% contacted, 25% responded, International students → 78% contacted, 17% responded

c. Treasure – NEEDS ANY RECEIPTS! P.O.W.E.R. money was transferred.

d. Secretary – No report.

IV. Committee Chairs

a. Academic - Sigma Xi coming in April - more info to come this spring - excused absence

b. Social - excused absence

c. Orientation - Vacant

d. Public Relations - Newsletter contributors - get your submissions in by Jan 31st or soon thereafter

e. Benefits – They are moving on the parking issue → will start measuring distances and time from different parking lots to different buildings.

V. Liaison Reports

a. PCW - vacant - meets Thursday mornings from say 8:15 - 10:00 - contact jakrull@mtu.edu for more details

b. Senate - new liaison will be Jaime Krull – At last meeting → there was a big debate on the vote of no confidence. They polled and 75% said they didn't have confidence in the Pres.

c. USG – They suggested having their own vote of no confidence. They will probably hold an open forum before putting to a vote. Passed resolution #13 on the greek life position (renamed assistant director of student activities). Res #14 was table and Res #15 was passed which involves the request to the BOC and Admin to perform an external audit.

d. Computer Fee Committee – SS and EE trying to increase fees more than 5%. Some departments are trying to pay grad students through lab fees.

VI. Old business

a. Please turn in your "homework" regarding the survey's on peer institutions- please leave in a folder on the desk in the back or give to the Secretary. THANKS so much!

VII. New Business

a. Need approval for creation of new line item in written budget for spending overflow or carry forward cash. Suggestion for category might be "MISC" or "One Time Expenses". We will talk more about this next meeting.

b. Dean Rafert – The National Research Council will be doing a survey on Ph.D. programs in the near future. This survey addresses issues such as benefits and will be a good comparison of us to other schools.

c. David T. – Grad student orientation was the Friday before and there was about 30 students. David gave a talk about the GSC.

d. Another Daniel Heights issue – there is a problem involving when students are moving out and whether they are allowed to stay over their lease by a few days. There are conflicting reports as to how this is handled by the staff at DH. Students need to give 45 days notice, but it is unclear whether they can stay over the end of the semester even if they give 45 day notice stating that they will be staying over.

VIII. Announcements

a. Health insurance open house to take place Monday, Jan 19th at 5pm for new students in ROTC 101. Need one volunteer to help set up the room with drinks and to help clean up when it is over ~7pm.

IX. Adjournment – 6:06 1st Sean W., 2nd Anne H. – no objections.

Attendance

Susan Hemme (chem)

Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Cynthia Weber (HU)
Sean Wagner (Geo)
Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)
Britt Forslund (Math)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Raghav Vanga (Phys)
Jordan Marshall (For)
Jerry Ross (Phys)
David Tobias (CEE)
Laura Kruger (For)
Matt Seguin (Chem) Justin Priestman (Math)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Jill Sajdyk (HU)
Anne Hartingh (Min Ec.)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Tom Wallner (EE)
Erik Hayenga (HU) – New Rep
Katrina Finn (CEE)
Rade Trimceski (ECE)
Vinay Belgaumkar (CS)
Jaime Krull (MEEM)- Excused absence
Joe Wilson (SS) - Excused absence
Michelle Trim - Excused absence
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM) – Excused absence

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting, Monday Jan 26th ROTC 101 5:30pm

I. Call to Order at 5:31

II. Approval of Minutes – 1st Sean W., 2nd Anne H., no objections

III. Officer Reports

a. President

- a. timeline for insurance selection this year – *BELOW*
- b. Did everyone turn in their homework? Most people had.
- c. Survey coming out soon. Be on the look out, it is important to have as many people as possible fill out.

b. Vice President

- a. First Contact – If you haven't done your first contact email yet, do immediately!
- b. Broomball team is doing well.

c. Secretary - NR

d. Treasurer – Excused absence

a. next year's budget – Discussion led by Michelle. Proposed creating a carry forward line item in the budget (so that our book keeping looks better). Was voted on and passed. 1st Cynthia W., 2nd Anne H. vote: Y-22, N-0, O-0

IV. Committee Chair Reports

a. Social - Annual GSC Sledding Social – Tentatively scheduled for Feb. 15. People will be shuttled back and forth. Let Joe W. know if you want to help. Make sure to advertise it!

b. Lecture – Cathy Clark was contacted, but hasn't replied yet. Looking for a speaker to talk about the smart zone. Contact Anne H. if you have any suggestions.

c. Academic – Starting to organize Sigma Xi

d. Public Relations – Working on getting the newsletter together.

e. Benefits – He has looked farther in to the matter of when notice has to be given if you are vacating a Daniel Heights apt. Turns out the rules state that you must leave over winter or summer break unless you have given notice 60 days in advance and have prior approval from DH to do so. There was more mention of the ridiculous cleanup charges, but it was noted that it is well documented what should be done.

f. Senate – Rade T. has volunteered to attend meeting for a month, but we still need a permanent Senate Rep.

g. Computer Fee Committee – The committee is still working on passing a proposal that would allow grad students to be paid out of the computer fees for classes.

V. Old Business

a. none

VI. New Business

a. Discussion regarding childcare initiatives + work for the career center

b. The university may no longer pay for computer fees, meaning grad students would have to pay. Keep your ears open for any info.

c. Visitor from the MUB (Jim). Talked about the MUB in general. The MUB is an auxiliary service that is suppose to be self supporting (they try at least). The main part of his talk was 'What we can and do do for grad students'. Here is a quick list: Employ students (low paying), 24 hour access from Sunday night through Thursday Night, vending machines around campus, Tech Express office (ID cards, stamps, PO Boxes, and more), the MUB board (student advisory group which handles the MUB's policies), special catering packages for thesis defenses, meeting space, food until 10:30 at night (Sunday noon to 10). We can also provide feedback through their webpage, suggestion boxes or through emails to Jim himself.

VII. Announcements- none

VIII. Adjournment at 6:21 – 1st Joe W., 2nd Sean W., no objections

**Timeline for Health Insurance Process

1. Identify 5-10 major student insurance companies currently contracted by schools in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota (complete by Jan 30) – special focus on schools without health centers and will contact schools for feedback on company when possible

2. Assemble the Request for Bid criteria (i.e. policy limits and structure) - requires meeting with Marilyn (complete by Feb 7)

3. Simultaneously begin grad student survey seeking input on coverages most wanted/needed (have results by Feb 15)

4. With approval of Marilyn, send out RFB to companies (complete by Feb 21)
5. While waiting for response to RFB, initiate Graduate Student Satisfaction survey for current carrier (have results by Mar 15)
6. Assemble a group to discuss company responses - (Initiate by Mar 30)
7. Select Carrier and workout details (hopefully complete by April 30)

Attendance:

Susan Hemme (chem)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Cynthia Weber (HU)
Sean Wagner (Geo)
Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)
Britt Forslund (Math)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Raghav Vanga (Phys)
Jerry Ross (Phys)
David Tobias (CEE) – Excused Absense
Laura Kruger (For)
Matt Seguin (Chem)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Anne Hartingh (Min Ec.)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Rade Trimceski (ECE)
Jaime Krull (MEEM)
Joe Wilson (SS)
Alok Sabherwal (ECE)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)
Michelle Manarolla (For) – New Rep

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting, Monday Feb 9th, 5:30pm ROTC 101

I Call to Order at 5:30 by President

II. Approval of Minutes – 1st Sean W., 2nd Rade T., no objections

III. Officer Reports

a. President - presentation of survey data (we had the lowest average stipend!) → full data is on the web site (http://www.sos.mtu.edu/gsc/survey_04.htm). Dean of Graduate School survey soon to come out (questions were fine).

b. Vice President – Second round of first contacts went out.

c. Treasurer – No Report

d. Secretary – The election process has started! Nominations will open at the next meeting (Principal Officers only)

IV. Committee Chair Reports

a. Social - Sledding social is scheduled for Feb. 20 from 5-9 p.m.

b. Lecture – Panel discussion on high tech/env. firms in the area is being planned. Kathryn Clark is coming (date TBA).

c. Public Relations – Give Jordan any ideas for articles or articles.

d. Benefits – Distance walking coming.

e. Academic - sigma xi coming in April

f. Orientation (vacant) – need rep soon

V. Liaison reports

a. USG – From now on, campus will either be open or closed... no in between.

b. Senate – no one was at the meeting. Merle K. will attend the rest of the semester.

c. GFC – Policies. Two policies were prepared and put up for vote. 1) External members are allowed to be from outside the university if they could meet the same qualifications of regular grad faculty. 2)

Proposed to eliminate the need for an exam for a Plan C Masters. The committee is also trying to come up with a proposal to help grad students whose advisors are slacking and not reporting their students funding on time – resulting in a late fee.

d. GFC – recruitment - Limiting departments to 1 or 2 fly-ins, who have to be accepted Ph.D. students who have been offered support. There was a straw pull and a majority of reps agreed with this.

e. Computing fees – Meetings are finished. The committee's recommendation was to allow graduate students to be paid out of computer fee (as long as they are actually maintaining the lab).

VI. New Business

a. Do we want to do anything about no confidence in the president??? There was a straw pull and it was agreed that we shouldn't do anything.

b. What do we ask for now that we've seen the survey? It was decided that health care should be the big push, since we are being threatened with the subsidy being taken away.

VII. Announcements - none

VIII. Adjournment @ 6:20. Matt S. 1st, Sean W. 2nd.

OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

- GSC Orientation Chair-

-Grad student rep to the MUB Board - meets once a month, not sure which day

- Grad Student rep to the SDC Committee - meets 4 times a year, not sure when next meeting is.

-MTU President's commission on Alcohol and Substance Abuse committee meets periodically throughout the year according to folks' schedules.

Attendance:

Susan Hemme (chem)

Richard Vendlinski (CEE)

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Venkata Lakkideddy (MEEM)

Britt Forslund (Math)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Raghav Vanga (Phys)
Jerry Ross (Phys)
David Tobias (CEE)
Matt Seguin (Chem)
Anne Hartingh (Min Ec.)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Rade Trimceski (ECE)
Joe Wilson (SS)
Alok Sabherwal (ECE)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)
Michelle Manarolla (For)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Jordan Marshall (For)
Vinay Belgaumkar (CS)
Cynthia Weber (HU) – Excused Absence
Becky Spicer (CEE) – Excused Absence
Jaime Krull (MEEM) – Excused Absence
Laura Kruger (For) – Excused Absence

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday Feb 23rd 5:30pm, ROTC 101

I Call to Order at 5:30 by president

II. Approval of Minutes – 1st Sean W., 2nd Jamie K., no objections

III. Officer Report

a. President - status of health ins procedure – request for bids went out. Also, there is a survey coming out regarding satisfaction with current health insurance.

b. VP - First contact is coming along.

c. Secretary – Nominations have opened for the main officers (President, VP, Secretary and treasurer). Nominations will close at the next meeting, which will be followed by elections. Nominations will then open team leaders.

d. Treasurer – Have been collecting poster board rent.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

a. Social - sledding social a success! Next social will be a bar social at Nutini's. Date TBA.

b. Academic -sigma xi coming up on April 17th. Info and due date for abstracts will be coming in the future.

c. Lecture - 2 big lecture events coming up - 1 in March which will be a three person panel on local ihg tech/env. jobs. Another talk will be given by Kathryn Clarke (sits on the BOC and works for NASA) on April 6th. Her talk will be titled something like "Planning a mission to Mars".

d. Orientation (vacant)

e. Benefits – Finished the walking from the parking lots. Time info will be available soon.

f. PR - Newsletter to press!!

V. Liaison Reports

a. Childcare – Daniel Heights was asked what they could do with \$10-20k. They are also getting a list of students who don't use their preschool because they can't afford it.

b. USG – Position for Greek Life, etc. was opened. The SDC (along with Rozsa) is asking for \$50-75k to change the ticketing system at events from rip the ticket to using a scanner. USG disagreed with this. Also, USG elections are underway and will be done with by the end of the week.

c. Position reviews - Dean of A& S → Should have received something if you're in the school of Science and Arts. Dean grad school – Email coming shortly with survey about Dean of Grad school. Make sure to ask your constituents to fill this out and to be honest about what is important to them.

VII. New Business?

a. Report to BOC coming up. Michelle will report on the survey. Especially how MTU an average is in the basement with the stipends and is the only school in the survey without a student health care center. She will suggest that the University fully subsidizes our health insurance (not sure where it will go though....)

b. Try to get faculty to send in complaints about health care for graduate students (that it should still be subsidized that is).

VIII. Announcement – Next meeting will be the 2nd Monday after spring break (March 15)

IX. Adjournment – 6:18, 1st Matt S., 2nd Sean W., no objections.

Attendance:

Cynthia Weber (HU)

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)

Britt Forslund (Math)

Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)

Raghav Vanga (Phys)

Jordan Marshall (For)

Jerry Ross (Phys)

David Tobias (CEE)

Laura Kruger (For)

Joe Wilson (SS)

Matt Seguin (Chem)

Rade Trimceski (ECE)

Justin Priestman (Math)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Victoria VanCopperolle (USG)
Erik Hayenga (HU)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Jamie Krull (MEEM)
Venkata Lakkiereddy (MEEM)
Charlotte Nurnberger (Chem Eng)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting, Monday Mar 15th, 5:30pm, ROTC 101

I Call to Order at 5:30

II. Approval of minutes – 1st Jerry r., 2nd Sean W., no objections

III. Officer Reports

a. President – Please let faculty know that health cost is a burden. There will most likely be a 40% increase in cost if we ‘cost’ the insurance company anymore (they are currently at a 60% loss with MTU). The amount of increase will most likely be \$300-350/ single student supported at least 10hrs. Michelle has asked for a additional \$200 towards our subsidy, otherwise this will come out of our pockets. Also, UP Health center no longer will perform yearly woman examines unless you are taking oral contraceptives from them.

b. V. President - First contact update – Get numbers from Justin

c. Secretary - Election proceeding – nominations for primary officers will remain open until next meeting. Nominations for the remainder of the officers are also open until next meeting.

d. Treasurer – He will prepare a 2004-5 budget for next meeting. We will have two weeks to look over the budget before voting on it.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

a. Academic – Sigma Xi info is in the newsletter (which should be in mailboxes by March 22)

b. Lecture - 2 great events coming up! First, the Entrepreneur Forum will be Thursday March 18, from 7-9. Kathryn Clarke will be giving a talk on April 5th in U-115 from 5-7 (“Planning a mission to Mars”).

c. PR – Newsletter should be in your mailboxes by March 22.

d. Social – There will be a social at Nutini’s April 2. Algoma will be playing.

e. Benefits – There was a discussion on whether to allow Daniel Heights grad students to purchase grad student parking passes. There was a motion to not allow D.H. grad students to purchase grad student parking permits. 1st Eric H., 2nd Jerry R., Vote Y-19, N-1, A-2. Motion passed.

f. Orientation? Need orientation chair.

V. Liaison Reports

a. Childcare – Sent proposal for about \$10000.

b. USG – e-board was voted in.

c. Position review committees – Dean of College of science and Art review committee is done.

VI. New business - none

VII. Announcements – There have been some problems with the dean of graduate school survey.

VIII. Adjournment – 1st Sean W., 2nd Rade T., no objections.

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)

Britt Forslund (Math)

Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)

Raghav Vanga (Phys)

Jordan Marshall (For)

Jerry Ross (Phys)

David Tobias (CEE)

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Venkata Lakkierreddy (MEEM)

Catherine Hardison (Chem Eng)

Richard Vendlinski (CEE)

Kurt Menching (MinEcon)

Susan Hemme (Chem)

Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Anne Hartingh (Min Econ)
Merle Kindred (Hu)
Laura Kruger (For) – excused absence

Meeting Minutes General Council Meeting Monday March 29th 5:30pm. ROTC 101

I. Call to Order – 5:30

II. Approval of Minutes 1st David T., 2nd Sean W., no objections.

III. Officer Reports

A. President - no news re health ins. Suicide attempts is up 300% among grad students. Please do not send out an email about this. Talk to individuals. Looking for suggestions for a space for graduate students to go and talk.

B. V President - First contact update – new list coming soon!

C. Secretary – Had elections, details below.

D. Treasurer - Budget for your consideration - voting item for Apr 12th meeting.

IV. Committee Chair reports

a. Academic - Sigma xi abstracts due April 8 - please post flyer in dept and send out email.

b. Social – Bar social this Friday at Nutini's from 8-11. Algoma will be playing.

c. Lecture – Kathryn Clark talk will be next Monday at 4:30 in U-115.

d. PR – Flyers were put out for talk and Sigma Xi. Get yours out!

e. Orientation

f. Benefits - some modifications to parking - excellent collaboration with Registrar. There were some students upset about having not been allowed to get grad permits because they live in Daniel Heights. It was discussed among the council and it was decided that Daniel Heights students could get grad permits starting on the second day. 1st Matt S., 2nd Sean W., no objections.

V. Liaison Reports

a. Dean grad school review committee - evaluation closed w/ ~85 grad student responses. About 2 people could not fill out the form because of technical difficulties.

b. PCW – Anne H. will get minutes.

d. USG – There was a transition from old officers to new officers. They might raise their SAF. New ticket scanning devices are on the way.

e. SDC - coming soon!

f. Senate – Lots of options to degrees were added.

VI. Elections - Here's who was elected and for what:

President – Justin Priestman

Vice-President – open

Secretary – Becky Spicer

Treasurer – David Tobias

Benefits Chair – Matt Sequin

Social Chair – Jerry Ross

Orientation Chair – Vishesh Kumar

Lecture Chair – open

Public Relations Chair – open

Academic Chair - open

VII. Announcements - none

VIII. Adjournment @ 6:28 – 1st Sean W., 2nd Justin P., no objections.

Attendance

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)

Britt Forslund (Math)

Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)

Raghav Vanga (Phys)

Jordan Marshall (For)

Jerry Ross (Phys)

David Tobias (CEE)

Joe Wilson (SS)

Matt Sequin (Chem)

Rade Trimceski (ECE)

Justin Priestman (Math)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Nick Nanninga (MSE)
Venkata Lakkiereddy (MEEM)
Catherine Hardison (Chem Eng)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Kurt Menching (MinEcon)
Susan Hemme (Chem)
Justin Chiotti (Bio)
Anne Hartingh (Min Econ)
Merle Kindred (Hu)
Laura Kruger (For)
Michelle Manarolla (For)
Alok Sabherwal (ECE)
Phil Ribeiro (Bus – undergrad)

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday April 12th 5:30pm ROTC 101

I. Call to order at 5:34

II. Approval of Minutes - no quorum

III. Officer Reports

- a. President - still working on insurance – e-board had very positive meeting with acting President Glen Mroz. He said he will try and do something about health insurance. Kathy Clarke will not be on the BOC anymore as of Dec. 4th this year. Trying to start a letter writing campaign to get her appointed – email coming. As of now there will be a \$409 increase in insurance cost for supported students (still negotiating). Insurance will cost about \$650 for uninsured students.
- b. Vice President – Have a 25-30% response rate with the first contact program.
- c. Secretary - depts with elections - make sure you get new info to Sean.
- d. Treasurer- Not present

IV. Committee chair reports

- a. social - Nutinis pizza social a huge hit!
- b. academic - sigma xi is coming up on Saturday. There were 12-13 abstracts submitted, which is double that of last year!
- c. PR - flyers have been going up for past events
- d. Orientation - nothing yet
- e. Lecture - Dr Clark talk great success - about 100 folks attended.
- f. Benefits – There were lines for the parking permits and some of the people in the building complained.

V. Liaison reports

- a. gfc - voted on stuff - most of it not too relevant to us. They are eliminating the exam requirement for the Plan C masters.
- b. Childcare – Have been getting nasty emails from the child care group.
- c. Senate – Heard from Mroz.
- d. Position review committees - Grad Dean. Received responses, most were positive. There seemed to be a lot of problem students were having with their committees, but their main advisor was great. Is this true in your department.

VII. Old business

- a. election of VP and PR chair. No nominations received for Academic chair. No quorum.
- b. Approval of 04-05 budget. No quorum.

VIII. New business

- a. need to think about summer softball coach - suggestions? Send to David Tobias.
- b. Remind your depts about grad mentor award.
- c. GSC awards?? Yes, we will have them. Awardees present were very appreciative to have received them.
- d. health insurance provider satisfaction survey going out to gradstu - responses due Friday
- e. 'Rock the Vote' – Discussed being part of it on campus. Contact Justin P. if you have any ideas or suggestions.
- f. Jacob Fugal – Talked about the problems that some graduate students are having getting insurance for their spouses, especially international students. He is looking for help, If interested contact him directly. There will also be an email survey sent out about this. Please respond if you have a spouse!

IX. Announcements - none

X. Adjournment – 6:25

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Kurt Mensching (Min. Econ.)
Susan Hemme (Chem.)
Raghav Vanga (Phys.)
Becky Spicer (CEE)
Charli Numberger (Chem. Eng.)
Matt Sequin (Chem.)
Rick Vendlinski (CEE)
Erik Hayenga (HU)
Justin Chiotti (Bio.)
Cynthia Weber (HU)
Merle Kindred (HU)
Alok Saberhal (ECE)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Joe Wilson (late...) (SS)

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday April 26th 5:30pm ROTC 101

I Call to Order at 5:30

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Mar 29 – 1st Sean W., 2nd Justin P., no objections
- b. Apr 12 – 1st Sean W., 2nd Matt S., no objections

III. Officer Reports

- a. President - Recommendation of GSC Grad Student Bill of Rights (handout given). Health insurance cost is still being negotiated. There should be a prescription card and \$10 co-pay for doctor visits (hopefully). Also trying to work out some deals with medical facilities in Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga counties.
- b. Vice President – First Contact going well.
- c. Treasurer - Approval of 04-05 budget (1st Ann H., 2nd Sean W., Yes-19, No-0, Abst.-0)
- d. Secretary – All but one department is eligible for travel grants in the fall!

IV. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Social - none
- b. Lecture -Summer lectures? Send ideas to Sean or Laura (swagner@mtu.edu or lakruger@mtu.edu)
- c. Academic - Sigma Xi well done!
- d. Orientation - be thinking about who is going to be on the orientation team to help out!
- e. Benefits - none

V. Liaison

- a. Senate – Lots of discussion about adding new degree programs (financing is a problem)
- b. SDC - SDC advisory board consists of 14 members (not sure from where). It was a productive meeting. Some observations: 1) They use the suggestion boxes and act on them! 2) Currently working on getting the 'upper soccer' fields in better shape 3) Planning stages of getting a watering system hooked up to service the softball fields 4) Planning stages for new floor in one of the multi-purpose room 5) Other improvements ongoing including multi-purpose room lighting, locker room upgrades. Next meeting in September.

VI. Old Business

- a. Approval of Budget – done (see above)
- b. Election of officers
 1. Vice President - Merle Kindred – no objections
 2. Lecture co-chairs - Sean Wagner, Laura Kruger – no objections
 3. Public Relations Chair - nominee Kurt Mensching – no objections
 4. Academic Chair – Anne Hartingh – no objections

VII. New Business

- a. Approval of GSC Graduate Student Bill of Rights - recommendation to graduate school and other U decision bodies for acceptance. 1st Justin P., 2nd Sean W. Yes-19, No-0, Abst.-0
- b. Summer Softball - approval of summer softball leader – Paul Brandes – no objections
- c. Approval of GSC Summer meeting schedule – 1st David T., 2nd Sean W., no objections (schedule below)
- d. Visitor – Dan Adler – Talked about 'Rock a Vote' here on campus. Planning to have something set up at K-day, there should be a political comedy event in September and there will also be a 'Make a difference week'. He wants the GSC to help with getting information out. There were several people interested. This event will try to be non-partisan and will try to involve the community. Ask Dan Adler or Justin Priestman if you have any questions.

VIII. Announcements - none

IX. Adjournment – 6:28, no objections

Summer Meeting Schedule:

*May 17

May 31 - (may not need to meet)

*Jun 14 -

Jun 28 - Justin out of town (may not need to meet)

*Jul 12 - Justin out of town

Aug 2 - Justin out of town

*Aug 16

Aug 23 (Mon of Orientation Week - maybe meet, maybe not - depends on orientation status and need for help planning and working)

*Aug 30 (first Day pf school -annual first meeting with pizza)

* = required meetings for bylaws compliance

Suggestion is to approve the starred dates above, with the new eboard taking under consideration the other suggested dates should the need to meet arise.

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (Geo)

Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)

Kurt Mensching (Min. Econ.)

Susan Hemme (Chem.)

Raghav Vanga (Phys.)

Becky Spicer (CEE)

Charli Numberger (Chem. Eng.)

Matt Sequin (Chem.)

Erik Hayenga (HU)

Merle Kindred (HU)

Joe Wilson (SS)

Justin Priestman (Math)

Nick Nanninga (MSE)

Britt Forsland (Math)

Jerry Ross (Phys.)

Laura Kruger (For.)

Venkata Lakkireddy (MEEM)

Anne Hartingh (Min Ec.)

David Tobias (CEE)

Jacob Fugal (Phys.)

Dan Adler (MEEM)

Vishesh Kumar (MEEM) – excused absense

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday, 17 May, 2004, ROTC 101

- I. Call to Order – 5:32 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – no objection
- III. Approval of Minutes – 25 April 2004 – 1st David T., 2nd Jerry R., no objections
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President – Introduction & Goals
 - i. streamline meetings
 - ii. look at the bylaws, etc. and revamp
 - iii. get graduate students more involved in clubs
 - iv. get GSC more publicly known
 - B. Vice President – excused absence
 - C. Treasurer – no report
 - D. Secretary – no report
 - V. Committee Chair Reports
 - A. Social – trying to organize a softball social
 - B. Lecture – looking for ideas
 - C. Academic - no report
 - D. Orientation – making checklist of events. Open House → 1st hour will be health insurance, 2nd hour will be picking an advisor.. etc. Contact Vishesh Kumar if you want to help.
 - E. Benefits – no report
 - VI. Healthcare Report - none
 - VII. Liaisons
 - A. Senate – no report
 - B. PCW – no report
 - C. Childcare – no report
 - D. SDC – won't meet again until fall
 - VIII. Old Business - none
 - IX. New Business - none
 - X. Announcements
 - XI. Closed Session
 - XII. Adjournment – 5:50

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (geo)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Jerry Ross (Physics)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Susan Hemme (Chem)
Vinay Belgaumkar (CS)
Laura Kruger (SFRES)
Britt Forsland (Math)
Kiran Khadke (MEEM)
Catherine Hardison (Chem Eng)
Tobias (CEE)
Akshay Patil (MEEM)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Ravi Lakkireddy (MEEM)
Pengfei Song (Bio)

Meeting Minutes for General Council Meeting Monday, 14 June, 2004, ROTC 101, 17:30

- I. Call to Order @ 17:32
- II. Approval of Agenda – no objections
- III. Approval of Minutes – 17 May 2004, 1st David Tobias, 2nd Sean Wagner, no objections
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President - none
 - B. Vice President - none
 - C. Treasurer - none
 - D. Secretary - none
- V. Committee Chair Reports
 - A. Social -1) Will have a meeting next week (the social team that is) to plan a softball social. 2) There will be an orientation social.
 - B. Lecture – Please send any ideas to Sean and Laura (srwagner@mtu.edu and lakruger@mtu.edu)
 - C. Academic - none
 - D. Orientation – Vishesh is looking for help. Please contact Vishesh if you wish to help organize and run orientation (vkumar@mtu.edu). There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting.
 - E. Benefits – Is abandoning parking for now. Now looking into grad. student ID's – fact finding, why will it cost so much? Also, RA's and TA's can be paid more. It is up to your department or advisor to see if it is possible.. most students don't know this. If you would like to help with either of these, please contact Matt (mjseguin@mtu.edu)
- VI. Healthcare Report – There was a suggestion that grad students could try and join the faculty plan.
- VII. Liaisons
 - A. Senate - none
 - B. PCW - none
 - C. Childcare - none
 - D. SDC - none
- VIII. Old Business - none
- IX. New Business –
 - A. Dean Rafert will be leaving early-mid August. Justin will push for as much involvement as possible for the GSC. Usually there are 1 or 2 reps on committee. Justin meets with Wray June 21st to discuss.
 - B. Need academic chair! Contact Justin for more info. if you are interested (jdpriest@mtu.edu).
- X. Announcements – Next meeting is Monday July 12th @ 5:30 p.m.
- XI. Adjournment @ 5:47, 1st Jerry Ross, 2nd Merle Kindred, no objections.

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (geo)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Jerry Ross (MEEM)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Susan Hemme (Chem)
Vinay Belgaumkar (CS)
Britt Forsland (Math)
Charlotte Numberger (Chem Eng)
David Tobias (CEE)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Justin Priestman (Math)
Matt Seguin (Chem)
Merle Kindred (Hum)
Michelle Manarolla (SFRES)
Jon G? (Math)
Cynthia Weber (Hum)
Abass Abdullahi (Bio)
Zhang Zhang (CS)
Raghav Vanga (Physics)

Agenda for General Council Meeting Monday, 12 July, 2004, ROTC 101, 5:30

- I. Call to Order at 5:30
- II. Approval of Agenda – 1st Cindy W., 2nd Vishesh K., no objections
- III. Approval of Minutes - 14 June 2004, 1st Catherine H., 2nd Cindy W., no objections
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President – none
 - B. Vice President - none
 - C. Treasurer - none
 - D. Secretary - none
- V. Committee Chair Reports
 - A. Social - none
 - B. Lecture – Michael Moore?.. maybe. Send ideas to Sean and Laura (srwagner@mtu.edu and lakruger@mtu.edu)
 - C. Academic - none
 - D. Orientation – Sign up sheet went around. Orientation coming up! Email Vishesh if you want to help (vkumar@mtu.edu).
 - E. Benefits - none
- VI. Healthcare Report – Will make presentation at next BOC if necessary.
- VII. Liaisons - none
- VIII. Old Business - none
- IX. New Business –
 - A. Do we want health insurance claim forms made to make the process easier??
 - B. Do we want to consider unionizing? Sean and Laura will try to bring in a speaker ASAP. Maybe during orientation week? Here are some links to browse:
<http://www.umgeo.org/>
<http://www.geuatmsu.org/index.php>
<http://www.cgeu.org/index.html>
- X. Announcements - Travel Grants due next Friday (July 16th), next meeting will be Aug 16th.
- XI. Adjournment at 6:12, 1st Matt S., 2nd David T., no objections

Attendance:

Sean Wagner (geo)
Gerald Jalkanen (Mining)
Richard Vendlinski (CEE)
Susan Hemme (Chem)
David Tobias (CEE)
Vishesh Kumar (MEEM)
Matt Seguin (Chem)
Cynthia Weber (Hum)
Abass Abdullahi (Bio)
Zhang Zhang (CS)
Kiran Khadke (MEEM)
Catherine Hardison (Chem Eng)
Ewe Wei Saw (Physics)

Venkata Lakkireddy (MEEM)