

Graduate Student Council Agenda
Monday, May 9th, 2005 - 5:30pm
ROTC Blue Room

- I. Call to Order; 5:37 pm
- II. Attendance
- III. Approval of the Agenda; Agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2005; Minutes approved
- V. Officer Reports
 - a. President, Dan Adler
 1. New president wishes to follow strict parliamentary procedures, including raising hand before talking
 2. Goals for the summer are to introduce a benefit package plan for graduate students to the school and to examine the sexual misconduct and judicial policies on campus
 3. BOC meeting report: No discussion at BOC meeting on tenure rejections; Discussion at BOC in at GSC meeting on the rejection of the state budgeting for a MTU child care center due to lack of academic relationship. MTU must seek other avenues to obtain an on campus center
 - b. Vice President, Deborah Rajchel
 1. Excused absents, no report
 - c. Treasurer, David Tobias
 2. Budget update was not yet received from
 - d. Secretary, Nick Nanninga
 3. Asked for 05-06 department reps
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Social, Jerry Ross
 1. Plans for a social event at the Copper Country Theater for the Star Wars movie on May 19th are in the works
 - b. Healthcare, Anne Hartingh
 1. 5 of nine prospective bids were collect. Lowest bid was from current provider (Student Resources), but still an increase of approximately \$250 per supported student. Unsupported and dependant costs will also increase. Currently GSC doesn't know what the Grad. School subsidy will be for next year, but is confident it will not decrease. A special meeting will be held to discuss policy options in the coverage and weather coverage should be compromised to obtain a lower premium cost. GSC will be working all summer to get an increase in Grad. School subsidy for next year.
- VII. Liaisons
 - a. Provost Search Committee, David Forel
 1. The position title was changed to Provost and VP of Academic Affairs and applicants were invited to apply
 - b. University Senate, David Forel
 1. Martha Stone elected new president
 2. University budget in black for this year, expected to be in red next year
 - c. Graduate School Dean Search Committee, Nick Nanninga
 1. All day interview are taking place for three candidates: Jackie Huntoon, Patrick Martin and David Shonnard. GSC to meet with each candidate

VIII. Old Business

- d. Healthcare Resolution proposed by Joe Przywara
 - 1. Main discussion points were should GSC be involved in state legislature and do students support the issue of investigating this health care resolution.
 - 2. Issue was tabled with a 4 to 4 vote against bringing the issue to the floor.

IX. New Business

- a. Myth Busters, Dan Adler
 - 1. GSC lecture team is sponsoring about 25% of the cost of the event, should we increase support so that event will be free to all students
Discussion: GSC has put in enough money already, and ticket prices of \$5 is low enough
 - 2. Some discussion and concern on the responsibility of committee chair responsibilities and the allocation of \$4,000 without a GSC vote.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment; 6:50 pm

Attendance:

Excused

Michelle Manarolla
Deborah Rajchel

Present

Nick Nanninga, MSE
Rick Vendlinski, CEE
Anne Hartingh, Mineral Econ.
Gerald Jalkonen, Mining
Justin Priestman, Math
David Forel, GMES
Emily McCarthy, GMES
Adam Durant, GMES
Bhart Polkhare, SFRES,
David Tobias, CEE
Nana Opumi-Fripong, FRES
Jerry Ross, MEEM
Akshay Patil, MEEM

GSC Minutes from June 6, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to Order at 5:34 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda at 5:35 pm
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2005 at 5:35 pm
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President Dan Adler
 - i. Mentioned the proposed lobby for increased benefits package, including a higher health insurance subsidy. Memo sent to interim Dean Marty Smith and Provost David Reed and University Senate E-board. All seem to be in tentative support of increasing benefits.
 - ii. A draft resolution was sent to the GFC re-numerations subcommittee to increase stipend levels
 - iii. Travel grants were announced. The deadline for applications is July 8, 2005 and the selection of the 11 presenting/2 attending grants is July 11, 2005. Question was asked as to the 1 per year limit on travel grant availability. August-August is the period which is evaluated.
 - iv. Board of Control meeting will be June 24, 2005 and GSC will be represented by Dan
 - b. Vice President Deborah Rajchel no Report
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented updated budget through April
 - ii. Question raised on the possible increase in travel grant allocations, but no defined increase at this time from the Graduate School but a possibility if there is a good reason for the increase.
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Any new representatives should contact secretary.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Student Issues, Health Insurance Report from Anne Hartingh
 - i. Survey came back with support to keep the maximum coverage at \$100,00
 - ii. Next years cost will be \$1,426, but GSC is looking for an increase in the Graduate Schools supplemented amount to supported students. Questions and discussions were held in respect to the Grad. School supplement.
 - iii. There is a plan to phase out the undergraduate plan and only have supported and unsupported plans
 - iv. Cost of unsupported plan will be \$730 for next year
 - v. Mary Anne Brunner is now in charge of health insurance and is responsible for answering questions and taking comments from students. Dan Adler will be the health insurance liaison to the university health insurance committee.
 - vi. Discussion on the availability or lack there of a health center, which most other universities have on campus.

- vii. Discussion on the support of dependants or lack of support by the Graduate School in supplementing the cost of health insurance for dependants
 - b. Orientation Committee Report from Vishesh Kumar
 - i. Four events are tentatively planned for this fall's orientation including; beach, bar, waterfall and mine tour social events. Question and discussion on the possibility of Keweenaw Star tour.
 - ii. Vishesh is in need of volunteer to help with these events.
- VI. Liaison Reports
 - a. GFC report from David Tobias
 - i. Memo sent to GFC for a proposed need of increased stipend levels. Questions rose about the lack of productivity from GSC in pushing for increased stipend levels and increased benefits packages.
 - b. Graduate Dean Search Committee report from Nick Nanninga
 - i. Jacqueline Huntoon will be the new Graduate Dean starting in September.
- VII. Old Business, nothing on the table
- VIII. New Business, nothing on the table
- IX. Announcements, nothing on the table
- X. Adjournment at 6:10 pm

Attendance:

Excused:

Richard Vendlinski, CEE

Present:

Jerrald Jalkonen, Mining

M. Manarolla, SFRES

Adam Durant, GMES

Anne Hartingh, Mineral Economics

Emily McCarthy, GMES

Vishesh Kumar, MEEM

Rajalakshmi Krishna, Physics

Madhana Sundar, MSE

Akshay Patl, MEEM

Bharst Polehgrel, SFRES

Susan Hemme, Chem

Chun Ming Gao, CS

Raghav Vanga, Physics

Zijun Xu, Bio. Sci.

Jerry Ross, MEEM

Kiran Khadke, MEEM

Deborah Rajchel, Biology

Dan Adler, President

GSC Minutes from July 11, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:34 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from June 6, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler:
 - i. Mention of increased Graduate School subsidies for supported students. Cost of next years policy will be \$276.
 - ii. Congratulated the GSC for pushing for the increased university help on health care issues, but also commented on need to push for improvements or additional help for unsupported students and dependants. Comment by David Tobias that this support could be achieved through increased stipend support.
 - iii. Next Board of Control meeting will be August 4, 2005
 - iv. Future work includes a "Frequently Asked Questions" for first contact program. Also, need to fill vacant committee char positions (Benefits and Lecture).
 - b. Vice President Debbie Rajchel
 - i. Announced that she will be leaving Michigan Tech shortly and a new VP will need to be nominated
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented the updated budget through May 30, 2005
 - ii. Comment from Rick Vendlinski on if this summer's softball league monies will be on the 04-05 or 05-06 budget. David stated that it would be on the 04-05 budget
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Announced that the minutes will now be on file at the MTU archives in the library, as stated in the bylaws. Minutes from 2000 to 2004 are now on file and future minutes will be sent at the end of each academic year.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Social Chair Rick Vendlinski
 - i. Rick and Dan are planning for a booth at K-day, involving a floating golf green. Several students volunteered to man the booth.
 - b. Orientation Chair Vishesh Kumar
 - i. Announced that everything is on schedule for the orientation events in August, but Vishesh needs many more volunteers to help with the events.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Travel Grant Drawing for the summer term, and the winners are:
 - i. Presenting:
 1. Janae Foss, CS
 2. Rita Koch, SFRES
 3. Beth Leary, Bio

4. Xiaoli Ye, ME
 5. Janet Frederick, SFRES
 6. Sarah Galley
 7. Jessica Hancock, SFRES
 8. Melissa Marzalek, ME
 9. Bakul Dhagat, Chem
 10. Tara Eberhart, SFRES
 11. Abass Sheikh Abdullah, Bio
- ii. Attending:
1. Carrie Andrew, SFRES
 2. Anne Hartingh, Mineral Economics

VII. Announcements

- a. August 1, 2005 will be next GSC meeting
- b. David Tobias asked about the possibility of a Keweenaw Star Cruise for new graduate students. The issue was discussed and Vishesh will look into holding the event later in the semester.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:54 pm

Attendance

Nick Nanninga, MSE
Rihard Vendlinski, CEE
Kiran Khadke, MEEM
Gerald Jalkanen, Mining
Emily McCarthy, GMES
Vishesh Kumar, MEEM
Adam Durant, GMES
Raghav Vanga, Physics
Susan Hemme, Chem.
Bhart Polehare, Forestry
Janae Foss, CS
Debbie Rajchel, Bio
David tobais, CEE

Excused

Jerry Ross, MEEM
Katherine Strojny, ECE

GSC Minutes from August 29, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:38 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Amended and accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from July 11, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler:
 - i. Training session for committees and procedures will be held in the 3rd or 4th week of classes.
 - ii. Will be working on realignment of bylaws for organization
 - iii. Will be working on comprehensive benefits package
 - iv. Many vacant GSC positions, including VP, need to be filled
 - v. Desired to have GSC rep involvement of at least 2 hours between meetings
 - vi. Vice President Vacant
 - b. Treasurer David Tobias Absent
 - c. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Collecting enrollment numbers and need the names of representatives
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Orientation Chair Vishesh Kumar
 - i. Beach party and mine tours big successes, with attendance of 200 and 55, respectively
 - ii. Announced bar social at Nutini's bar on Friday Sept, 2 starting at 8 pm.
 - iii. Keweenaw Star cruise will be Sunday, the 25th of Sept., with no time set yet. The cost will be free for new graduate students and 10\$ for continuing students.
 - b. Social Chari Rick Vendlinski
 - i. K-day GSC booth announcement with golf, mugs, and fliers. Need volunteers for 1 hour timeslots from 12-5 pm on the 9th of Sept. at Hancock beach
 - ii. Social committee budget was proposed. Consensus was for GSC t-shirts to be made, pizza to be at less meetings. Some discussion of the possibility of game nights
- VI. Old Business, None
- VII. New Business
 - a. Acceptance of VP Resignation, passed with no objections
 - b. Opening of BP Nominations, two nominations have been recorded and nominations will be collected until 12:00 pm on Sept. 12th
 - c. New Senate and USG Liaisons, Nick Nanninga as Senate and Dan Adler as USG liaisons was accepted without objection
 - d. Problems with Danielle Heights vacating policy presented by Raghav Vanga. Unfair charging policies for things such as painting walls and grease stains. Problem is going to be taken up with Danielle Heights Residents Committee. Raghav will report on findings at next meeting.

VIII. Liaisons

- a. David Forel on the Provost Search committee announced that four candidates had been invited to on-campus interviews, with the first being this week. After phone interviews, David feels candidate John Hughes represents graduate students best. Hughes has a record of improving graduate benefits. Student support of candidates can be posted on the Provost Search committee website.

IX. Announcements, None

X. Adjournment: 6:37 pm

Attendance

Nick Nanninga, MSE
Rihard Vendlinski, CEE
Gerald Jalkanen, Mining
Emily McCarthy, GMES
Vishesh Kumar, MEEM
Adam Durant, GMES
Raghav Vanga, Physics
Susan Hemme, Chem.
Bhart Polehare, Forestry
Satheesh, MEEM
J.R. Lewis, CS
Niranjan, MEEM
Brian Ott, CE
Rohit, ECE
Gaurav, ECE
Akshay, MEEM
Jerry Ross, MEEM
Madhana Sunder, MSE
Lakshmi, Physics
David Forel, GMES
Tara Eberhart, Forestry
Dan Adler, MEEM

GSC Minutes from September 12, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:35 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from July 11, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler:
 - i. Proposed Bylaws Revisions
 1. Reorganization of bylaws
 2. Change membership to 1 rep. up to 40, two up to 80 and so on. Some discussion on limiting membership
 3. Apply emergency line item money to bylaw and not budget
 4. Procedure for creating ad hock committees
 - ii. There will be open forums for candidates of the position of Provost this week and next. An email will be sent before the forum. All reps are encouraged to come.
 - iii. A GSC training session is scheduled for Monday the 19th (Blue Room) to learn parliamentary procedures and committee responsibilities. Dinner will follow at the Library bar and grill.
 - iv. Brown bag seminars will be sponsored by GSC and organized by Student life. Topics include: grant proposal writing, teaching, poster and presentations, and thesis and dissertation writing.
 - v. A leadership symposium will be held by student life on October 15th
 - vi. Vice President Vacant
 - b. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented budget up to June
 - ii. Presented 04-05 GSC end of year budget, discussions on carryover and next years budget planning
 - iii. Presented August budget
 - c. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Asked for representatives from Business, Humanities and Biology departments.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Orientation Chair Vishesh Kumar
 - i. Keweenaw star cruise will be September 25th at 6 pm at dee stadium. Tickets can be reserved at the mub during lunch hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. Reservations can also be collected per department and sent to Vishesh
 - b. Elections Chair Jerry Ross
 - i. Will be finding ways to find reps. from Business, Humanities and Biology as well as other under-represented departments
- VI. Old Business, None
 - a. Daniell Heights Maintenance Charges
 - i. Members of GSC, including Raghav, Vishesh and Akshay attended the Daniell Heights advisory council. Found many

people with similar concerns and the president of the council formed a committee to investigate the problem.

VII. New Business

a. VP Election

- i. There is a problem with the nomination of Akshay Patil, since Bylaws state no more than three students from one department can serve on e-board. Nominations will be open until next meeting. Also, GSC may suspend the bylaw so that Akshay could be VP.
- b. An official announcement for the opening of nominations for committee chair positions of the Lecture, Academic and Student Issues committees. Closing date for nominations will be next meeting
- c. There was a motion to accept the amendments to the bylaws then the amendments were tabled until next meeting.
- d. Julio Rivera was elected as the new Health Insurance Liason for GSC

VIII. Liaisons

a. USG, Dan Adler

- i. Presidents report included the announcement that the realignment of USG will be proposed by Thanksgiving break. It is unknown if this will effect GSC.

b. GFC, Dan Adler

- i. There is no official president to run meetings, therefore no business was discussed

c. University Senate, Nick Nanninga

- i. Blue Ribbon Computing Committee gave a presentation pushing for a director of IT

IX. Announcements

- a. Question regarding difference in cost of health insurance when enrolling for a semester compared to a year. President will follow up on question with Grad. School.

X. Adjournment: 6:50 pm

Attendance

Nick Nanninga, MSE
Rihard Vendlinski, CEE
Gerald Jalkanen, Mining
Emily McCarthy, GMES
Vishesh Kumar, MEEM
Adam Durant, GMES
Raghav Vanga, Physics
Susan Hemme, Chem.
Satheesh, MEEM
J.R. Lewis, CS

Brian Ott, CE
Rohit, ECE
Akshay, MEEM
Jerry Ross, MEEM
Madhana Sunder, MSE
Lakshmi, Physics
Tara Eberhart, Forestry
Dan Adler, MEEM
Brian Beachy, SFRES
Aaron Tice, CEE
Julio Rivera, MEEM
Laura Walz, Biomed.
Vaibhav Kale, MEEM
Warren Powers, CS
Ming Ning, Chem.
T. Aaron Kotlensky, SS
Stephen Holcomb, Math
David Tobias, CEE
Kiran Khadke, MEEM

GSC Minutes from September 26, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:34 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from September 12, 2005: Accepted as amended
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler:
 - i. Proposed Bylaws Revisions
 - ii. Board of Control breakfast, 7:30 am Thursday
 - iii. Child care center is #6 on budget priority list
 - iv. USG report
 1. Want GSC input on USG re-alignment
 2. Changes should not effect GSC infrastructure
 - v. Mentioned nationwide benefit levels
 - b. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented August Budget
 - c. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Asked for representatives from Business, Humanities and Biology departments.
 - ii. Senate report
 1. University presentation on the need for chief information officer
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Orientation Chair Vishesh Kumar
 - i. Keweenaw Star cruise event was a success with 105 persons attending out of the 150 registered
- VI. Old Business, None
 - i. Election of Vice President
 1. Two nominees: Akshay Patil and Brian Ott
 - a. Akshay narrowly won the vote and the amendment regarding number of eboard members from a department had to be suspended.
 - ii. Election of Lecture Chair
 1. Co-chair nominees: Susan Hemme and Emily McCarthy
 - a. Accepted as new chairs
 - iii. Election of Academic Chair
 1. Nominee: T. Arron Kotlensky
 - a. Accepted as new chair
 - iv. Election of Student Issues Chair
 1. Nominee: Brian Ott
 - a. Accepted as new chair
- b. Bylaw changes
 - i. General re-alignment
 1. Passed
 - ii. Declaring representatives as belonging on-campus. Much discussion

- 1. Issue withdrawn
- iii. Change rep./constituent number from 1/25 to 1/40
 - 1. Passed
- iv. Publish enrollment numbers by second week.
 - 1. Passed
- v. Dereliction of duties of voting reps. same as e-board members
 - 1. Passed
- vi. Exemption of e-board members to standing committee
 - 1. Passed
- vii. Change nomenclature for distributing funds
 - 1. Passed
- viii. Delete subsection vii, as it is a conflict of interest
 - 1. Passed
- ix. Generation of a sense of community in GSC the duty of the Social Committee
 - 1. Passed
- x. Social seminar series should be omitted
 - 1. Passed
- xi. Definition and designation of ad hoc committees
 - 1. Passed
- xii. Change timeline for elections
 - 1. Passed
- xiii. Delete section clarifying majority vote for quorum
 - 1. Passed
- xiv. Include Advisor of dereliction of duty
 - 1. Passed
- xv. Include a position for public relations director
 - 1. Passed
- xvi. Clarification of funds from fees, separation of travel grants and general budget
 - 1. Passed
- xvii. Motion to reconsider declaration of social chair responsibility to include GSC sense of community
 - 1. Motion denied

VII. New Business

- a. MEEM Rep. Vishesh Kumar asked about department bill board, and would like input before developing their bill board

VIII. Adjournment: 7:15 pm

Attendance

Nick Nanninga, MSE
 Satheesh Rajh, MEEM

Gerald Jalkanen, Mining
Vishesh Kumar, MEEM
T. Arron Kotlonsky, SS
Niranjan Londhe, MEEM
Rajalakshmi Krishna, PHY
Rick Vendlinski, CEE
Brian Beachy, SFRES
Julio L. Rivera, MEEM
Bharat Polehare, SFRES
Emily McCarthy, GMES
Brian Ott, CM
Raghav Vanga, PHY
Gaurvare Kulkarni, EE
Ming Ning, CH
Susan Hemme, CH
Zijuix Xu, Biology
Stephen Holcomb, Math
Karl Haapala, MEEM
Laura Walz, BME
Akshay Patil, MEEM
Adam Durant, GMES
Santosh Ghimire, CEE
David Tobias, CEE
Dan Adler, MEEM

Excused:

Aaron Tice, CEE
Kiran Khadke, MEEM

GSC Minutes from October 10, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:32 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from September 26, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Bylaws, Department caps on e-board members. Rule was suspended officially so that Akshay could become Vice President of GSC
 - b. Bylaw change, Department representation number changes will not be active until next elections, i.e. next year.
 - c. Update on the Daniell heights issue. GSC representatives are still involved with issue.
- V. Officer Report
 - a. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. There is no departmental First Contact person for; Mineral Economics, ECE, Forestry, Biology, CS, Math, Telecommunications
 - b. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Excused Absence
 - c. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. No report
 1. No senate meeting
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Child Care – There will be a campus child care center available for students, faculty and staff by fall 2006. This will most likely be a modular home at the Daniell heights
- VII. New Business
 - a. Travel Grant award drawing, and the winners are:
 - i. **Presenting:** Bowen Li, Cinza Fissore, Karen Springsteen, Pasi Lautala, Prasanjit Karre, Marika Dalton, Molly Hayenga, Sofya Chepushanova, Jessica Metzger, Ksenia Llyasova, Changpeng Fang, Zinnu Ryne, Taryn Lopez, Jason Dreyer, Cynthia Weber, Kiran Khadke, Vishesh Kumar, Micheal Deegon, Jorge Kurita, Shen Hau Tseng, Subhro Nathak, Drew Vettel, Karl Haapala.
 - ii. **Attending:** Ampa Jimtison, Timothy Pipkern.
 - b. Discussion on the format for awarding travel grants. Some representatives believe the award should be on need base and not lottery.
- VIII. President's Report, Dan Adler
 - a. Committee chairs should set up group meetings if they have not yet.
 - b. Announcement of new Graduate School Dean, Jacki Huntoon.
 - c. GSC Presents lectures, Thursday is Bill Kennedy on "Improving Student Teaching."
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Student Leadership Symposium held on Saturday, featuring a talk from our very own leader, Dan.

X. Adjournment, 6:11 pm.

Attendance

Dan Adler

Rohit Itticheria

Tara Eberhart

Akshay Patil

Gaurav Kulkarni

T. Arron Kotlensky

Rick Vendlinski

Aaron Tice

Satheesh Rajh Rajagopulau

Jayavanon Vijayen

Vishesh Kumar

Madhana Sunder

Gerald Jalkonen

Ming Ning

Raghav Vanga

Jerry Ross

Rajalskmi Krishna

Julio rivera

Jim Nugent

Sarah Trvax

Heather Hoffman

Steve Holcomb

Emily McCarthy

Susan Hemme

Zijun Xu

Niranjan Londhe

Adam Durant

Bhart Polharel

Brian Ott

Laura Walz

David Tobias

Nick Nanninga

GSC Minutes from October 24, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:35 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Daniell Heights over charging on vacating – President Dan took the issue up with VP of Student Affairs Les Cook. A meeting will be held to further discuss this issue. Heights management does not seem to be receptive to changing policies. The vacating policies have been an issue in the past.
- V. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler:
 - i. Cleaned ROTC and updated website
 - ii. Announced plan to open ROTC Blue Room to public as free student study area, since the room is under-utilized.
 - iii. ISA had enough money for the Diwali event, therefore they withdrew the request for funds.
 - iv. USG report
 1. Under the USG re-alignment, a “CEO” type position would reside as the head student government official for all students. This person would have overwriting power over GSC policy and decision making. General consensus in GSC is to not support this proposed re-alignment.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. Still need First Contact person for CS, Mineral Economics and Business departments
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. No unusual transactions in the previous budget
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Announced persons who still need to sign up for a committee
 - ii. Senate report
 1. University presentation on recruitment and enrollment. Enrollment is up 3% for undergraduate and 10% for graduate programs. Applications for next year are up 27% from the previous year
 2. Presentation on summer and distant learning. Want to survey students to see what classes should be offered in the summer term. Proposal for summer tuition where administration gets 1/3 and departments 2/3.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Elections chair Jerry Ross
 - i. Business department will be excused this semester from attending meetings since they have a class conflict
 - b. Lecture chairs Emily McCarthy and Susan Hemme

- i. Want to bring in a comic artist that does skits tailored towards graduate students. The artist will be on tour in the area in Febuary or March and seems willing to come to MTU.
 - c. Academic chair T. Arron Kotlensky
 - i. Discussed the proposal of an option D masters project which is course work only with no final oral examination. A similar proposal was rejected last year by the university senate.
 - d. Student Issues chair Brian Ott
 - i. Major student issues are stipend levels, health care and travel grants
 - 1. Committee will investigate costs of having an on campus walk-in facililty to lower insurance costs. Want to compare national and regional insurance plans at other institutions to those of MTU students and dependants.
 - 2. Would like to get stipend levels to national or peer institution levels
 - 3. Child care facility may open up at old Gunlach building.
 - ii. Health insurance manager Julio Rivera
 - 1. Met with Mary Ann Brunner to discuss the health insurance
 - 2. Would like to put insurance guideline on the website.

VII. New Business

- a. Travel Grant drawing proposal from Adam Durant
 - i. Presented survey data from the Geology department
 - ii. Summarized the proposal
 - 1. Discussion on the definition of support and proving support for conferences.
 - iii. Need to get information from department constituents.

VIII. Discussion Items

IX. Adjournment: 6:47 pm

Attendance

Nick Nanninga
 David Tobias
 Dan Adler
 Satheesh
 Gerald Jalkanen
 Ming Ning
 Julio rivera
 Adam D.
 Kiran Khadke
 Akshay Patil
 Brian Ott
 Jim Nugent

Sarah Traux
Emily McCarthy
Zijun Xu
Lakshmi
T. Arron Kottlensky
Vaibhav Kale
Jerry Ross
Karl Haapala
Warren Powers
Heather Hoffman
Laura Walz
Rick V.
Susan Hemme
Steve Holcomb
Rohit (Joshua)
Vishesh Kumar

Excused

Raghav
Aaron Tice
Tara

GSC Minutes from November 7, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 6:03 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from October 24th, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler Absent
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. Sent out First Contact information for students that were accepted at MTU through October.
 - ii. Climate Change Committee will send out a survey for faculty, staff and students to fill out..
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias Absent
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Successful presentation to the MTU Parent Fund on the activities and planned GSC activities to date.
 - ii. Senate Report
 1. Presentation from Tim Schulz on MTU National Rankings. We have been ranking lower in US News because of week scores in peer assessment. Could rank significantly higher if peer assessment went up, which would be achieved if faculty performed and presented more research.
 2. Three new programs proposed: Coaching Endorsement Certificate, Minor in "Coaching Fundamentals", and Bachelor of Science in Anthropology.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Lecture chairs Emily McCarthy and Susan Hemme
 - i. Announced the Brown Bag Lunch presentation series for that week on the Sustainable Futures Initiative talk.
 - b. Academic chair T. Arron Kotlensky
 - i. Voted to move the Fall Poster Session to Early January.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Travel Grant Group will consult with Dr. Huntoon to get suggestions on how to award grants on need and academic performance.
 - b. Daniell Heights issue is still on-going.
- VII. New Business - none
- VIII. Discussion Items - none
- IX. Adjournment: 6:20 pm

Attendance

Nick, MSE
Kiran, MEEM
Steve H, Math

J.R. Lewis, CS
Emily M, GMES
Aaron Tice, CEE
Heather Hoffman, HU
Sarah Truax, HU
Warren Powers, CS
T. Arron K, SS
Jerry J, GMES
Niranjan L, MEEM
Brian O, ChE
Susan H, Ch
Zijun Xu, Bio
Vaibhav, MEEM
Madhana, MSE
Raghav, PHY
Jayavanan, EE
Ming, Ch
Laura W, BE
Bhart, SFRES

Excused

Dan Adler, MEEM
Vishesh, MEEM
Tara, SFRES
Rick V, CEE
Brian B, SFRES
David Tobias, CEE
Adam D, GMES

GSC Minutes from November 28, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:35 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from November 7th, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Advisor Report, Jacki Huntoon,
 - a. Introduced herself to the Council and discussed some of the things that she wants to improve for graduate students.
- V. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler,
 - i. Preparing a formal statement addressing the cleaning fee vs. security deposit as well as the poor quality of performance in dealing with common procedural maintenance and cleaning procedures. A meeting between GSC representative, Bob Wenc (Heights Manager), and Les Cook (VP for Student Affairs) will be held December 14th.
 - ii. The Comprehensive benefits package will be prepared and propped at the first Board of Control meeting next semester. GSC will attempt to gain support of the proposal from GFC and the University Senate.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. The University Climate Committee survey has been circulated and all students should fill it out.
 - ii. Inquired about the results and responses from first contact program. Please fill out the sent spread sheet and send it back to Akshay (agpatil@mtu.edu).
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented the budget up through October.
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Senate Report
 1. Presentation by Dan Greenlee on Graduate Cost vs. Benefit Committee stated that Graduate programs could be more profitable than undergraduate.
 2. John Hughes was selected as the lead Provost candidate by the university search committee. It is currently unclear whether or not he will accept the position
 3. Three proposals for new programs were accepted: 1) Coaching Endorsement Certificate, 2) Minor in "Coaching Fundamentals," 3) Bachelor of Science in Anthropology.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Student Benefits, Brian Ott
 - i. Investigating the problem with the book returning policy.
 1. Three solutions have been discussed: Asking for a receipt upon returning book, updating the library computing and tracking system and improved training of the staff.
- VII. New Business - none

VIII. Discussion Items

- a. GSC Resolution 0504: A Resolution to recommend the university improve the policies and procedures associated with renting from the Daniell Heights/MTU apartments.
 - i. Motion to bring resolution to the floor by David Tobias and Seconded by Aaron Tice. Some discussion as to the validity of the case laws that we were using and whether or not there is more recent cases that would support the argument of the Heights policy.
 - ii. The resolution passed unanimously.
- b. GSC Resolution 0505: A Resolution to develop a new distribution system for the administration of the Travel Grants Program.
 - i. Discussion on the relevancy and number of grants in each of the proposed columns. The proposal encourages new students to apply and receive grants.
 - ii. Motion to bring resolution to the floor was first and second.
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment: 6:25 pm

Attendance

Nick, MSE
Julio, MEEM
Steve H., Math
Bharat, SFRES
Kiran, MEEM
Raghav, PHY
Akshay, MEEM
Aaron, CEE
Laura, BME
Susan, Chemistry
Madhana, MSE
Karl, MEEM
Jim, HU
David T, CEE
Brian O, CME
Rick, CEE
Ming, Chemistry
Rohit, EE
Gerald, Mining
Emily GMES
Jayavanan, ECE
Lakshmi, PHY
Dan, MEEM

Excused

Tera, SFRES

Adam, GMES

Brian B, SFRES

Vaibhav, MEEM

Arron, SS

GSC Minutes from January 9th, 2006 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:34 pm
- II. Check of Attendance
 - a. Adan Liu and Opuni-Frimpong were absent from third straight meeting and are therefore dismissed from the council.
- III. Approval of agenda, Accepted without objection.
- IV. Approval of minutes from November 28th, 2005: Accepted without objection
- V. Advisor Report, Jackie Huntoon - Introduced herself to the Council and discussed some of the things that she wants to improve for graduate students.
- VI. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler,
 - i. GSC t-shirts are complete and available for all reps.
 - ii. The Daniell Heights meeting between the Manager, Student Life officials and GSC did not go well. The legal argument dealing with the cleaning charges apparently do not apply to state universities. The Daniell Heights manager will collect data on how often and how much people are charged for cleaning. There was a motion passed to post an issue summary on the GSC website and seek feedback from students on problems that they have encountered when residing at the Heights. There was a question asked as to the availability of the cleaning check-sheets used in assessing cleaning charges.
 - iii. Graduate Student Footprint
 1. Four ad-hoc committees were formed to assist future and current Tech graduate students on university-student relations. The four committees are: Financial Systems, Admissions, Annual Systems and Student-Advisor Relationships
 - iv. The Associated Students of Michigan Technological University (ASMTU) and GSC have reached a conclusion that we will work in parallel for at least the first year of the ASMTU operation then decide after that if some responsibilities should be shifted. An open forum for ASMTU will be held this Sunday the 15th from 2-3 in the MUB. All reps are encouraged to attend.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. The University Climate Committee survey has been completed. Initial feedback shows that both faculty and students are not happy about the operation of Administrative duties and formats.
 - ii. There has not been a list distributed of new students accepted in January for the First Contact Program.
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented the budget up through November.
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga, No report
- VII. Advisor Report, Dr. Huntoon - Stated that the Graduate School is in the process of updating its website and will require some student assistance in testing new site.

VIII. Liaisons

a. SDC, David Tobias

- i. Operations completed thus far this year: updating sound systems, new windows, hairdryer, plow truck, elevator lasers, sand volleyball courts and football scoreboard.
- ii. Operations to be completed: resurfacing the multipurpose room at the end of summer, new shower trees in locker rooms and new disc golf course at tech trails this summer. This will be the first disc golf course in the UP. Also the university will be hosting the National Junior Olympics Cross Country Ski competition next year.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Lecture

- i. Emily McCarthy, the next professional development seminar is will be held shortly. The topic is presenting at a conference and will consist of a panel of experts
- ii. Susan Hemme, Jorge Cham is available March 20 or 22. It was decided that we should invite him for the 22 of March.

X. New Business, None

XI. Open Floor

- a. David Tobias encouraged people to attend the ASMTU open forum on Sunday.

XII. Adjournment: 6:11 pm

Attendance

Nick, MSE
Dan A, MEEM
Akshay P, MEEM
David T, CEE
Gerald J, GMES
Kiran K, MEEM
T. Arron K, SS
Julio R, MEEM
Jay V, ECE
Jerry R, MEEM
Rick V, CEE
Laura W, BME
Susan H, Chem
Emily M, GMES
Brian O, CHE
Lakshmi, K, Phy
Raghav V, Phy
Zijun X, Bio

Jim N, HU
Niranjan L, MEEM
Aditya Kapoor, ECE
Bharat P, SFRES
Vishesh K, MEEM

Excused

Tara, SFRES
Ming N, Chem
Mudhana S, MSE
Sateesh R, MEEM

GSC Minutes from January 23rd, 2006 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:33 pm
- II. Approval of the Agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from January 9th, 2006: Accepted without objection
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler,
 - i. Approximately 7 pages of feed back were received from students commenting on their Daniell Heights experience. About 50% of students had a good experience and no complaints, 35% had issues with cleaning fees and 15% had other issues not related to cleaning fees. A meeting was scheduled between GSC, Student Life and Daniell Heights manager Bob Wenc. A survey of checklists will be conducted by GSC representatives.
 - ii. The comprehensive benefits package will need to be prepared earlier than expected due to the university budgeting process.
 - iii. GSC representatives need to sign up for one of the ad hoc Graduate Student Footprint committees.
 - iv. Graduate School Dean, Dr. Huntoon requests feed back from graduate students on the revised graduate school webpage.
 - v. The university alcohol policy is in the process of being reviewed and revised to limit university liability in alcohol related cases
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. The list of students accepted into the graduate program up to January 20th has been sent out to first contact representatives.
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. The university Internal Audit Department is reviewing the GSC credit card records
 - ii. The Graduate School has transferred \$15, 000 to GSC for the years travel grants.
 - iii. Decembers monthly update
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Senate update
 1. There is a internal search for a CIO (Chief Information Officer)
 2. Provost Candidate to visit the university on Friday the 27th
 3. Ombudsman revised description passed
 4. Master option D passed
 5. A presentation on the Academic Integrity Policy review was given
 6. A new proposal for a degree program in Biochemistry was introduced
 7. New proposals for a title change from Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology Concentration to Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology.

V. Committee Reports

a. Lecture

- i. Tips for presenting posters, Thursday at 12 pm, sign-up only.

VI. New Business

- a. Position Statement on Proposed ASMTU Constitution, questions arose as to the existence and/or role of GSC if ASMTU is approved, the distribution of the student activity fee and conflicts of interest, benchmarked student government was Georgia Tech model, overlap in the talent pool if there are Grad. School senators separate from GSC reps. There was no formal motion for encouraging graduate students to vote either way.
- b. Power Allocation Request – Bigfoot Snowshoe Event, motion moved by Dan and seconded by Jerry. Comment made about all the good things that this event does and the high attendance of graduate students. The allocation request was approved in full. A suggestion was made to add the allocation into the GSC budget.
- c. Comprehensive Benefits Budget, questions on if we should offer lower plans, about tuition scholarships and if they will lower our chances, comment on tuition scholarships only amounting to 1 semester. The motion was accepted to approve the amended plans with 0, 10 and 20 full year tuition scholarships
- d. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Resolution, comment about how a full day recess is a point of honor and respect, comment on the fact that there are already too many vacation days and graduate students don't typically observe MLK day. Motion passed with only 2 dissenters

VII. Discussion Items, none

VIII. Adjournment: 6:42 pm

Attendance

Nick, MSE

Dan A, MEEM

Akshay P, MEEM

David T, CEE

Ming, CHEM

Aaron T, CEE

Warren P, CS

Xijun, BIO

Julio, MEEM

Emily M, GMES

Muatala, GMES

Akshay, MEEM

Madhana, MSE

Heather, HU

Brian, CME
Santosh, CEE
T. Arron, SS
Raghav, PHY
Bharat, SFRES
Vaibhav, MEEM
Stephen H, MATH
Rick, CEE
Jim, HU
Susan, CHEM
Aditya, ECE
Jerry, MEEM

Excused

Tera, SFRES
Lakshmi, PHY
Kiran, MEEM

GSC Minutes from February 6th, 2006 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:37 pm
- II. Approval of the Agenda: Accepted without objection\
- III. Award Ceremony
 - a. Poster Session Winners
 - i. Poster: 1st; Shu Chiang Yat, 2nd; Emmanuel Opuni-Frimpong, 3rd; Michael J. Deegan & Rita M. Koch
 - ii. Presentation: 1st; Vijaya Kumar Kayastha, 2nd; Raghav Vanga, 3rd; Tara L. Eberhart
 - iii. Best Overall: Lindsay Shartell
 - b. Graduate Faculty Mentoring Award
 - i. Winner of the mentoring award for the 2005-2006 academic school year was Dr. John Gierke of the Geology and Mining Engineering and Sciences Department.
- IV. Approval of minutes from January 23rd, 2006: Accepted without objection
- V. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler,
 - i. Daniell Heights Housing Issue
 1. Tuesday at 6:30 pm the Daniell Heights Resident Council will meet and hear presentations from Manager Bob Wenc and GSC President Dan Adler on the cost and benefits of cleaning fee's. Following the presentation the council members will vote on initiating cleaning fee's.
 2. Comprehensive Benefits Plan, a justification for the proposed amounts will be available by the end of the day. There was a comment from Dr. Huntoon about adjusting the values for inflation so that they coincide with the proposals from the Graduate School.
 3. MLK Resolution, USG voted down the MLK full day off proposal. The GSC proposal was sent to the University Senate.
 4. USG is publicizing the ASMTU elections.
 5. Upcoming BOC meeting is February 24th, where President Dan will be giving an update.
 6. Big Foot Snowshoe event, partially funded by GSC, was a successful event.
 7. There will be a proposal at the next meeting to balance the GSC budget by reducing the travel grant awards from 18 to 15 thousand dollars per year.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil, no report
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias, no report
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Senate update
 1. The three previously mentioned academic program proposals were passed

2. A new proposal for a BS degree in Science and Exercise Science was introduced

VI. Committee Reports

a. Graduate Student Footprint Committees

- i. Financial Systems: 2 people met and reviewed the travel grant procedure, and special funding situations. Some problems in the Administration of the University were discussed
- ii. Admissions: Several issues were discussed including; choosing advisors, funding, insurance, orientation on website, summaries and guidelines, application status updates, links to housing and cost of living, downloadable type forms, clear deadlines, campus visit links, extracurricular activities links, online recommendations, and 1 application for all schools in the state of Michigan.
- iii. Student Advisor Relationships: Want to receive student inputs on experiences and ideas and compile information for faculty and peers on good and bad student advisor experiences.
- iv. Annual Systems: Issues include: Parking, Library and interlibrary loan, class registration, books, computer and Building access, housing, grade changes and different situations

b. Elections Committee chair Jerry Ross

- i. Dates of elections for officer chairs in the 7th week and closing the 9th for elections. Committee chair positions open the 9th week and close the 11th. Email Jerry Ross for nominations. Officer positions cannot be external persons and current GSC reps. vote for next years executive board positions.

c. Social Committee chair Rick Vendlinski

- i. February 18th GSC will be hosing a curling social in calumet followed up by a bar social

VII. Advisor Report, Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Huntoon

- a. Valorie Troesch has been replaced by Pete Larson as the new contact person for assistance in grant and proposal writing.
- b. Would like advice on initiation of a family leave program where one member of a household would receive 6 weeks of paid leave upon the arrival of a new child. This proposal would include graduate students where the cost difference would be covered by the Graduate School.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Discussion Items, none

X. Adjournment: 6:10 pm

Attendance

Nick, MSE

Dan A, MEEM

Akshay P, MEEM
T. Arron K., SS
Vishesh K., MEEM
Kiran K., MEEM
Brian O., CME
Yoke Khin Yap, PHY
Rohit, EE
Santosh G., CEE
Rick V., CEE
Vijaya K., PHY
Bharat P., SFRES
| Julio R., MEEM
Susan H., CHEM
Gaurav K., EE
Jim N., HU
Vaibhav K., MEEM
Laura W., BME
Raghav V., PHY
Tara E., SFRES
Frank Poradek, MEEM
Niranjan L., MEEM
Emily M., GMES
Zijun X., BIO
Warren P., CS
Shu Chian Yat, CME
Satheesh R., MEEM
Dennis Lynch, HU
Jerry Ross, MEEM
Steve H., Math

Excused

Madhana S., MSE
Lakshmi K., PHY
David T., CEE

GSC Minutes from February 20th, 2006 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:32 pm
- II. Approval of the Agenda: Accepted as modified without objection
- III. Special Reports
 - a. Possible proposal for Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology presented by Dr. John Jaszczak
 - i. Benchmarked Drexel's Nanotechnology Certificate where 1 course is required in each of three areas, 2 approved elective courses and 6 seminars attended
 - ii. Dr. Jaszczak would like GSC input on interest level and possible layout of a Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology at MTU
 - iii. Questions posed to Dr. Jaszczak included: other graduate certificates at MTU, would new courses need to be created, would students have to be enrolled in a graduate program to obtain the certificate
 - b. Graduate Students and the Career Center presented by Kiran Khadke
 - i. Currently there are very few opportunities at the career fair for graduate students. This is because the head of the Career Center was under the impression that graduate student job placement was an operation preformed by individual departments
 - ii. Graduate students are not represented on the student Career Center advisory committee. Kiran joined the committee
 - iii. After discussions about the potential for increased opportunities for graduate students in campus career services, it was decided the Jim Turnquist would be invited to discuss possibilities with the GSC.
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler,
 - i. DH Housing Focus Group
 1. The Daniell Heights Resident Council voted to keep the current cleaning policies in place
 2. A focus group was formed to investigate the inventory sheets and cleaning policy to help residents better understand their rights and responsibilities. The members will be Iman B, Bharat P and Dan A.
 - ii. Communications Plan
 1. In retrospect of last meetings poor preparation of the award ceremony for the graduate faculty award, Dan is drafting guidelines for GSC interactions with other groups.
 - iii. Graduate Student Footprint
 1. Keep working on the issues and don't be deterred if some problems seem too large to handle.
 - iv. BOC Breakfast

1. The breakfast will be held Friday, February 24th at 7:30 am, attending will be Dan A, Vaibhav K, Julio R and Nick N.
 - v. Provost Search
 1. The preferred provost candidate John Hughes and the MTU administration could not reach an agreement on issues such as the faculty union and the stability of the Glenn Mroz as President of the university
 2. The new search will begin soon and a graduate student search committee member will be needed to replace the graduating David Forel. Emily McCarthy volunteered to be the graduate student member on the committee.
 - vi. ASMTU
 1. Initially, it appears the reorganization did not have enough student votes and will fail.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. First Contact persons should expect the list of accepted fall students before the end of the week.
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented the updated January budget
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Senate update
 1. Tech Fund presentation with a focus on increasing Endowments for faculty and graduate students as well as increasing financial aid to students.
- V. Approval of Minutes from February 6th, 2006
- a. Corrections, add Muatala to names present
 - b. A cookie was given to Susan for finding the errors and incorrect statement about the take over of Canada
 - c. Approval of minutes was postponed until next meeting so that students can have the opportunity to look through them once more.
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Social Committee chair Rick Vendlinski
 - i. The curling social was rescheduled for March 18th.
- VII. New Business
- a. Available Travel Grants for Spring and Summer
 - i. A differentiation between the number and amount of travel grants awarded and the money allocated by the graduate school was found.
 - ii. Nick moves to supply the current number of travel grants this year and to pay for the cost difference with GSC carry-over money. Motion was seconded and passed.
 - iii. Dan will draft up a few ideas to correct for the problem by asking for increased graduate school funds, or changing the amount and value of the travel grants.
 - b. Travel Grant drawing (first drawing with new system)

- i. Presenting awards:
 1. Josh Cowden, CEE
 2. Susan Hemme, Chemistry
 3. Tracy Neher, Biology
 4. Ryan Schweitzer, CEE
 5. Laurence Jose, HU
 6. Heather Hoffman, HU
 7. Akshay Patil, MEEM
 8. Scott See, SS
 9. Augustin Morua, CEE
 10. Lin Pan, Physics
 11. Brandon Braithwite, CEE
 12. Seshasei Srinivasari, Math
 13. Matthew Norman, Mineral Economics
 14. Anne Mareck, HU
 15. Lauren Fry, CEE
 16. Ming Ning, Chemistry
 17. Brett Huntzinger, SFRES
 18. Jiesheng Wang, Physics
 19. Shawn Apostal, HU
 20. Brent Bellinger, Biology
 21. Meghan McGee, BME
 22. Samuel Mensen, Physics
 23. Mark Glecsa, SFRES
- ii. Attending awards:
 1. Cara Shonsey, CEE
 2. Sarah Truax, HU
- c. Open Nominations for Principal Officers
 - i. Nominations for principal officers will be accepted anytime after Monday February 20th until 5:30 pm of the next scheduled meeting.
 - ii. Nominations for committee chair positions will open once principal officer nominations are closed.
 - iii. Email Jerry Ross (jlross@mtu.edu) to nominate. Self nominations are welcome.
- d. Resolution to form an opinion on Senate Proposal 21-06 “Policy Governing Change of Grades”
 - i. Following discussions of how this issue would affect graduate students a motion was passed that: “the Graduate Student Council would support the policy change if there is a clause stating supported graduate students would not be responsible financially for re-taking a course.”

VIII. Discussion Items, none

IX. Adjournment: 6:45 pm

Attendance

Nick N, MSE
Dan A, MEEM
Akshay P, MEEM
David T, CEE
Ming N, Chemistry
Tara E, SFRES
Kiran K, MEEM
Satheesh R, MEEM
Iman B, Business
Cindy T, Business
Oystein T, CS
Warren P, CS
Aaron T, CEE
Emily M, GMES
Bharat P, SFRES
Rick V, CEE
Jim N, HU
Lakshmi K, Physics
Julio R, MEEM
Vaibhav K, MEEM
Susan H, Chemistry
Brandon Rizhads, MSE USG Liaison
Raghav V, Physics
Heather H, HU
Nathan C, HU
Niranjan L, MEEM
Steve H, Math
Zijun X, Biology
Santosh G, CEE
Muatala M, GMES
Brian Ott, CME

Excused

Vishesh K, MEEM
Laura W, BME