

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Agenda: October 24th, 2016*

## II. Call to Order

## III. Approval of Agenda

## IV. New Business

A. **University Budget and Portrait (Dr. Reed):** Discussion focused on the overhead that is taken by the university in order for funding, the increases in tuition costs, and the differences in tuition between department. The future of the university with housing and transportation were addressed as well.

B. **Part time student travel grant (Sara Alian):** Discussed was the inability of part-time students to receive travel grants. It is a requirement that people be full time to get the grant. Ways and Means will be looking into this issue and with the possibility to include language to remove the obstacles that part-time students face and while retaining the old regulations for full-time grads. Note the part time students pay just as much for GSG representation and often receive less than full time grad students.

C. **Surplus Funding Request (Film Board):** Interested in purchasing new speaker system for the film board. Discussed the relevance of this student organization and their effectiveness as a group. \$3000.00 was asked for and agreed by vote was \$2182.20 (the GSG maximum). Next year, this goal should be meet (important when deciding on funding for next year).

## IV. Officer Reports

A. **President (Will Lytle):** Conducted the BOT presentation and addressed the issue of transportation and housing. These issues are being looked into and decisions about them may be voted on soon. Next Meeting, Josh Olson will be in from IT.

B. **Vice-President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang):** Student commission meeting conducted on the 13th of October. Discussed this time was the possibility of installing a printer in DH, meals for students working in dining services and housing services in general. These session are conducted Thursday, biweekly, at 2pm in MUB Ball room A1. Please send students working with dining services to these upcoming meetings to determine issues for graduate students.

C. **Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez):** Regular report and awarded travel grants were discussed. In detail the reasons some applications were not approved was mentioned.

D. **Secretary (James Rauschendorfer):**

## V. Committee Chair Reports

A. **Academic (Tyler Capek):** Three Minute Thesis was conducted and was successful. There will be multiple academic events sponsored by the GSG coming soon, details will be sent out through email. Distribute information to your departments.

B. **Social (Syed Fuad):** Bingo Night will be coming up soon. Details can be found in the GSG email. Distribute information to your departments.

C. **Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon):** Photos of yourselves for the representative webpage should be sent to Muralee as soon as possible. Currently a new logo for the GSG is being worked on. A monthly newsletter from the GSG is still being worked on and setting up a blog on the GSG webpage is also being set up. Also discussed was what forms of social media should be used to spread GSG's events, and decisions to graduate students effectively.

**VI. Liaison Reports (Most people left due to timing of this session)**

- A. University Senate: Travis Wakeham, Erin Pischke**
- B. Undergraduate Student Government: Anthony Jones, Matthew Brege**
- C. Research Advisory Council: Niranjana Miganaikallu, Rupsa Basu**
- D. IT Governance Group: Kevin Sunderland, Gorkem Asilioglu**
- E. Friends of the Library: Sia Sharath Gorthy, Binita Hona**
- F. Philanthropy: Akhila Reddy Gorantla, Pratyusha Paidikondala**
- G. International Group: Kuber Dutt Sharma, Khalid Khan**
- H. Diversity Council: Divya Kamath, Stefan Hupert**
- I. Sustainability: Erin Burkett, Hossein Tavakoli**
- J. Work Life: Aeshah Muqri**
- K. Advisory Group for Women's Apparel: Erin Pischke, James Rauschendorfer**
- L. Husky Fan: Pratyusha Paidikondala, Nadun Diassanayake**
- M. Safety: Ronald Mangey, Mufazzal Hossain**

**VII. Old Business & Discussion Items**

- A. Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives**

**VIII. Adjournment**