

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Agenda: June 13th, 2016

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Menon motioned to approve the minutes and Ulises seconded to approve the motion.
- III. **Welcome to New GSG Members**
- IV. **New Business**
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President (Will Lytle)
 - Orientation: MEEM students will have their own student orientation on Aug. 24th: facilitators are needed.
 - Civility Statement: university is developing one. Undergraduates currently have policies in place and graduate students are being asked for inputs on programs. A committee has not yet been formed.
 - Representatives volunteered for positions as liaisons in the GSG. Will has approved the following people for each of the roles:
 - University Senate: Travis Wakeham, Erin Pischke
 - Undergraduate Student Government: Anthony Jones, Matthew Brege
 - Research Advisory Council: Niranjana Miganakallu, Rupsa Basu
 - IT Governance Group: Kevin Sunderland, Gorkem Asilioglu
 - Friends of the Van Pelt Library: Sia Sharath Gorthy, Binita Hona
 - Philanthropy: Akhila Reddy Gorantla, Pratyusha Paidikondala
 - International Group: Kuber Dutt Sharma, Khalid Khan
 - Diversity Council: Divya Kamath, Stefan Hupert
 - Sustainability: Erin Burkett, Hossein Tavakoli
 - Work Life: NO ONE CURRENTLY
 - Advisory Group for Women's Apparel: Erin Pischke, James Rauschendorfer
 - Husky Fan: Pratyusha Paidikondala, Nadun Diassanayake
 - Safety: Ronald Mangey, Mufazzal Hossain
 - B. Vice-President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang)
 - GSG won first softball game!
 - Health Insurance update: same plan as last year since there were not bids from other insurance agencies. It is possible to buy a separate plan if individuals needs are not met by this plan.
 - Graduate students needs are not being met, so an anonymous survey should be conducted. Representatives Justin Zhang, Erin Burkett, and Divya Kamath volunteered to look into this
 - C. Treasurer (Ulises R. Gracida)
 - Account Balance summary was given
 - Travel grants: 79% of the grants were reimbursed and the summer travel grant application forms will be due June 17th.
 - D. Secretary (James Rauschendorfer)
- VI. **Committee Chair Reports**
 - A. Academic (Tyler Capek)
 - Alumni Breakfast Poster Session will be conducted soon. This event will have 12 students presenting on their research: abstracts for each of the students will be created soon.
 - Leadershape: three spots will be available for graduate students in the workshop. This workshop aims to help develop leadership skills.
 - B. Social (Giovana Azzi) (Not at meeting)

- Pizza: waiting on budget approval to close deal with dining services on pizzas, salads and lasagna for next meetings.
- First Friday Social
 - Still deciding if we should do the same as last year's
- Orientation Picnic and Quincy Mine Tour events

C. Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon)

- Currently the website is being updated. The pages specifically updated were the committee chairs, travel grants, and the softball.
- It was discussed that posters should be created to advertise the softball games each week
- Menon would like to include photographs of each representative and create a GSG blog space.
- It was suggested that each month a single person is introduced through the site for people to "meet"
- It was also suggested that the GSG has a stronger presence on Facebook and Twitter. Some representatives voiced hesitation for twitter.

D. Softball (Lowell Pinto) (Not at Meeting)

VII. **Liaison Reports**

A. Sustainability (Hossein)

- Created a report but need to attend another meeting. The report will be sent out, it was suggested that the water of Daniel Heights be tested due to its distinctive taste.

VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**

IX. **Adjournment**