Graduate Student Government of University 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: Niranjan 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 Huperts
  - 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 meet by this plan.
  - Graduate students needs are not being meet, 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