

# Graduate Student Government *of* Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Agenda: July 11th, 2016*

- I. **Call to Order**
  - A. 5:18pm meeting is called to order.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
  - A. Motion to approve the agenda by: Gorkem
    1. Seconded: Hussam
    2. Motion passes unanimously
- III. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - A. Motion to approve the minutes by: Lowel
    1. Seconded by Grokem
    2. Motion passes unanimously
- IV. **Welcome to New GSG Members**
  - A. Rep for Business and Economics
- V. **New Business**
  - A. Surplus Fund Request: Graduate Student Orientation Events
    1. Graduate school requests \$1500 to go towards the creation of the T-shirts to the new graduate students during orientation.
    2. Discussion
      - a) Gorkem “If we commit to this yearly expense how much of a burden will this be on the surplus?”
        - (1) “It will not affect the surplus budget too heavily”
      - b) Menon “If we dont invest in this will graduate students not be able to attend the other orientation events?”
        - (1) “I dont believe they have the power to do that, and I highly doubt that will happen.”
      - c) Gorkem “Aside from this T-shirt impact, I think this is a decent expenditure as long as the surplus keeps growing.”
      - d) “Is there anyway to give them something else besides T-shirts? Maybe water bottles?”
        - (1) “That is a good suggestion but I dont think it would work right now as its too late.”
      - e) Voting
        - (1) Yes (23)
        - (2) No(3)
        - (3) Abstain (2)
      - f) Voting Results
        - (1) Motion passes with 23/28 votes
  - B. Surplus Fund Request: GSG Meeting Meal Budget
    1. Change to the food budget which leads to an increase in food quality but a decrease in food portion size.
    2. Each meeting will have a 3 Pizzas, vegetable lasagna and a garden size salad. It

- would require an increase of \$227.29 from the current budget.
3. Tyler “Are there any repercussions for not going through the MUB?”
    - a) I dont believe so, and I dont think they are in any position to affect us.
  4. Menon “I am completely against imposing the the MUB’s policy on the student orgs.”
  5. Will “We may be able to shop around for other options off campus such as the Franklin Sq. Inn.
  6. Motion to table this voting to later: Gorkem
    - a) Seconded by: Menon
    - b) Passes unanimously

## VI. Officer Reports

### A. President (Will Lytle)

1. Meetings with Ellen Horsch, Kerri Sleeman and Jay Meldrum.
  - a) I will be discussing bike and pedestrian traffic on and off campus.
2. Orientations for ME-EM students on August 23rd (1-5pm) and Orientation for general students from 1-5pm on Wed. August 24th.
  - a) Orientation requires facilitators. Facilitators are required to guide discussions during orientation and are each provided a free lunch for the day at the MUB.
  - b) Menon “I think its a great opportunity for graduate students to impart knowledge and help out the incoming graduate students.”

### B. Vice-President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang)

1. Softball
  - a) Lowell “3 or 4 weeks left on the softball league and seems to be going well and should wrap up soon.”
2. Health Insurance
  - a) Working on an anonymous survey and would value any input before I send it out.

### C. Treasurer (Ulises R. Gracida)

1. Travel grants for summer
  - a) 51 presenting applications
    - (1) 30 awarded.
    - (2) 21 denied due to either missing advisor’s approval, not full time or missing proof of acceptance.
  - b) 8 attending applications awarded
    - (1) 5 awarded.
    - (2) 3 denied due to missing advisor’s approval
2. Doctorate of Physical Therapy has been introduced but cannot apply for travel grants due to not paying tuition.
  - a) They do pay the activity fee, so what are the thoughts of the general body on this?
  - b) Discussion
    - (1) Matthew “If they pay the student activity fee and have student IDs they should be allowed to get travel grants.”
    - (2) Tyler “If they are technically the CMU students can't they get travel grants from their?”
      - (a) Menon “If they are not fully funded they can get the travel grants, it doesn't matter where else they the funds from.”

- (3) The research is done through Tech so it is contributing to the university.
- (4) Travis “Do you know who was pushing back on this?”
  - (a) Will “I don't think it was coming from the top of the graduate school, I think it was an administration error.”
- (5) Ulisses “Currently part of the travel grant requirements is being a full time student and these students are CMU not tech students so we need to change the wording to be if a student pays the student activity fee they are eligible.”
- c) Motion to vote that students who are enrolled in doctorate for physical therapy the apply for travel grants: Menon
  - (1) Seconded by Kate
  - (2) Voting
    - (a) Yes (21)
    - (b) No (4)
    - (c) Abstain(3)
  - (3) Results
    - (a) Motion passes 21/28

D. Secretary (James Rauschendorfer)

VII. **Committee Chair Reports**

A. Academic (Tyler Capek)

- 1. President’s Breakfast poster session: August 5th, 2016
  - a) Need volunteers for setup and running the table
  - b) Slots are 7:30-8:00am, 8-10:30am, 10:30-11:00
  - c) Email [tjcapek@mtu.edu](mailto:tjcapek@mtu.edu) if interested in helping out.
  - d) 13 students interested in participating.

B. Social (Giovana Azzi)

- 1. First Friday Social
  - a) September 2nd, 4-6pm (room for change)
- 2. Orientation picnic August 24th, 5-8pm
- 3. Quincy Mine Tour: August 27th 10:30-3pm
  - a) Cost has increased from \$25 to \$40 per tour so the tour budget may need to be adjusted.

C. Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon)

- 1. Need anyone who has any interest in designing posters, photography, videography or blog writing.
- 2. Updating the website with photos for the department reps.

D. Softball (Lowell Pinto)

VIII. **Liaison Reports**

- A. University Senate: Travis Wakehan, Erin Pischke
- B. Undergraduate Student Government: Anthony Jones, Mathew Brege
- C. Research Advisory Council: Niranjana Miganakallu, Rupsa Basu
- D. IT Governance Group: Kevin Sunderland, Gorkem Asilioglu
- E. Friends of the Van Pelt 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

1. Matthew “Tested the water using a GC-MS to see if there was any organic pollutants. It appears to not be contaminated with any organics and I believe that there is no organic pollutants in Daniel Heights water.”
2. Preparing the Husky Sustainability plan in order to get people to get more aware of the green options around them and actively participating in them.
3. Want to give a talk during orientation in an attempt to change the culture on campus to direct it towards a more green culture.

J. Work Life: NO ONE CURRENTLY

K. Advisory Group for Women's Apparel: Erin Pischke, James Rauschendorfer

L. Husky Fan: Pratyusha Paidikondala, Nadun Diassanayake

M. Safety: Ronald Mangey, Mufazzal Hossain

**IX. Old Business & Discussion Items**

A. Water testing at DH

B. GSG member bonfire

C. Graduate Student Lounge

1. Dow atrium has an atrium that seems to be a good place to meet up and may encourage inter departmental discussion.

D. Strengthsfinder Tests

E. Parade of Nations

1. Having a poster design competition and winners get prizes.

F. Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives

**X. Adjournment**

A. Motion to adjourn by: Travis

1. Seconded by: Gorkem

2. Motion passes unanimously