

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Agenda: September 26th, 2016*

- I. Call to order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
- IV. Welcome to new GSG members**
- V. New business**
  - a. Civility Statement discussed by Ann Kitlong-Will: Discussed was the civility and inclusivity statement that is being worked on for the university. The goal of the civility statement is to prevent harassment and discrimination. Currently members of the GSG are being asked to serve as consultants. Akhia Reddy Gorantla and Anna Paul have expressed interest in being representative for the GSG.
- VI. Officer Reports**
  - a. President (Will Lytle)**
    - i. DHH proposal for making a graduate student lounge.
    - ii. Discussed the development of an international students program with the goals of making the adjustment to living in Houghton easier.
    - iii. Development a list of things that could be requested from the board of trustees, particularly focusing on transportation and housing.
  - b. Vice President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang)**
    - i. Student commission meeting focused on voter registration, campus infrastructure (fiber optic cables)
    - ii. The waiting list for Daniel Heights is now over 400.
    - iii. Next student commission will discuss daycare. Anyone may attend a student commission meeting.
  - c. Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez)**
  - d. Secretary (James Rauschendorfer)**
- VII. Committee Chair Reports**
  - a. Academic (Tyler Capek)**
    - i. Thursday October 6th: lunch and learn
    - ii. Wednesday October 5th: Three minute thesis
    - iii. Library workshops all through next week.
    - iv. Thursday October 6th: Social Justice Lecture Series: Alina Fernandez
    - v. Monday October 3rd: EXO planet
  - b. Social (Syed Faud)**
    - i. Friday October 7th: Haunted Maze
    - ii. October 21/22 or November 11/12 Bingo Night
    - iii. December 9th or 10th: Pillow Fight
    - iv. Proposed an increase in budget for the social committee. Proposed was a double of last year's budget. Ways and Means will look into this proposal
  - c. Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon)**
    - i. Start using radio and newspaper to get information out there to students
    - ii. New logo design
    - iii. New Banner
    - iv. MTU town hall meetings for political discussion

**VIII. Liaison Reports**

- a. University Senate (Travis Wakehan and Erin Pischke):**
  - i. discussed about the civility statement
  - ii. Discussed sustainability
  - iii. Mike Myres will present next meeting
  - iv. Next meeting will also discuss the pricing of text books
- b. IT Governance (Kevin Sunderland and Gorkem Asilioglu):** There are too many special computers on campus, these will be limited in the future
- c. Diversity Council (Divya Kamath and Stefan Huperts):** Currently in development phase of several campaigns

**IX. Old Business and Discussion Items**

**X. Adjournment**