

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Agenda: February 20th, 2017

## I. Call to Order

## II. Approval of Agenda

## III. Approval of Minutes

## IV. New Business

### A. Funding request Norouz (ISA)

1. Iranian community at MTU presented a request for funding for the Iranian New Year celebration. The expected attendance is roughly 250 people and they are requesting \$1600. The total event costs roughly \$10,000. The funding request will cover accommodations and flights for a musician and a stand up comedian. This will cover two days and two nights and flights. The event will be held on March 25th in the MUB Ballroom. Expected price of tickets is \$10 for students and \$12 for community members. If they do not get funding from GSG or from local business prices for tickets will go up to cover the event. Ulises reported that the request was presented on time. There was only one concern about the amount of money that they spent on their events, however last year they requested around \$4000 for this event. They are following the guidelines and the majority of the Ways and Means committee approved of the request. It is a very popular event and has sold out the last two years. The Ways and Means committee gets on average 5 event requests per year, but then can fund six events and possibly have enough for a 7th event. **A vote was conducted to fund the event and GSG decided to fund ISA the full amount of \$1600.**

## V. Old Business

### A. Funding request Chinse Night (CSSA)

1. Ulises presented a revised budget request from CSSA based on comments and questions from the last meeting. In the previous meeting they were told GSG could not fund prizes. The CSSA submitted a new budget request that includes costumes costs, ingredients from Chicago, and food for rehearsals totalling \$1465. **GSG voted to fund CSSA the full amount of \$1465.**

### B. Indigenous Peoples Day Campaign Resolution

1. Menon made alterations to the resolution along with the Indigenous Peoples Days Campaign to write a resolution where GSG will actively encourage MTU to support the Indigenous Peoples Campaign. It was proposed that the resolution be revised so instead of saying MTU it says MTU students, administration (i.e. staff and faculty), alumni, and the board of trustees. **GSG voted to adopt the resolution.**

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## VI. Officer Reports

### A. President (Will Lytle)

1. SBG Volunteer needed to sit on the special budgeting committee for USG to determine what student organizations get funding.
2. Winter Carnival Alumni: GSG presented student issues to the Alumni during Winter Carnival.
3. GSG Liaisons: need to let Will know if their position should be continued in the next academic year
4. Emergency Loan: GSG needs to work with Dr. Murthy and Jacque to set guidelines for this loan system. The options as of right now are no interest pay back loan or a grant where individuals can directly submit funds for a particular cause. There were questions about whether there will be a separate body or governing board for administering this loan. Jacque said they have looked into financial services administering the loan portion of the funds, but they aren't sure about the grant option. There is still a lot to discuss, but there is money in the fund mostly from Alumni. Fundraising for this fund will begin soon. If you'd like to be involved in this contact Dr. Murthy.

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

1. Student commission meeting on Thursday Feb. 23.

2. GSG Survey had 30 responses.
  - a) Representatives make sure to talk with individuals from your department to make sure GSG is hearing all the issues from each department.
3. Student Insurance Committee Meeting: This will be held on March 13th in the MUB Alumni B from 1-2pm.

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C. Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez)

1. GSG Travel Grants have received 48 applications. Applications will close this Friday, Feb. 24th at 5pm. Bylaws need to be revised this semester to ensure that part-time students can apply for this grant.
2. Ways and Means committee would like to propose that travel grants be expanded when the budget for the academic year of 2017-2018 is proposed.
3. **Account balance: \$96,288.87**
4. **Budget standing : \$37,689.94 / \$85,255.00**
5. **Discretionary funding : \$1,200.00\* / \$8,000.00**
6. **Surplus funding : \$8,751.01 / \$43,643.94**

## VII. Committee Chair Reports

A. Academic (Tyler Capek)

1. Thank you to everyone that helped out for the Graduate Research Colloquium (GRC).
2. Library Skills Refresher- Tuesday Feb. 21st from 4-5pm Library 242
3. Company Research- Monday Feb. 20th 4-5pm Library 242
4. Copyright for your thesis: Wed. Feb. 22 12-1pm
5. Copyright for instructors
6. Resume blitz
7. Lunch n' Learn: One more will be held this semester. There was a suggestion to discuss the transition from student life to professional life.

B. Social (Syed Fuad)

1. Movie Night: Captain Fantastic will be viewed at 5:30pm on Friday Feb. 24th. Popcorn will be provided to the first 100 individuals. Following this movie will be a discussion hosted by Will Lytle and Melissa Michaelson, titled "My Family is Better Than Your Family." Following this will be dinner and a screening for Apollo 13 at 9pm in Fisher 135. Only the first movie will be free.

C. Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon)

1. GRC Publicity: News story on ABC 10 (Insert link); Radio Interview, posters, and student activity blog, Tech Today, Emails and EDS. Photos of GRC will be up on our website and facebook page soon
2. Movie Night Publicity: Facebook event has been created and posters will be up soon.

## VIII. Liaison Reports

A. University Senate: Travis Wakeham, Erin Pischke

1. Changing and making sure passwords are strong and secure, presented results about the University survey

B. Undergraduate Student Government: Josh Marshall

1. Indigenous Peoples Day presentation; Teaching methods survey to present at GSG, trying to set up a meeting with Jack Bergman,

C. Research Advisory Council: Niranjan Miganakallu, Rupsa Basu

1. Did not attend the meeting as it was held on the same day as GRC

D. IT Governance Group: Leonid Surovitsky

1. No news

E. IT Liaison: Kevin Sunderland, Gorkem Asilioglu

1. Graduate students having less than adequate computers. Graduate students will get computers based on department rules, currently no computers are available. Undergraduates laptop policy- no plans to decrease desktops, but instead create laptop stations and rooms. You can download programs to your computer through the software center rather than rely on the system in each room. Check into Mix mode storage

- F.** Library: Sia Sharath Gorthy, Binita Hona
  - 1. March 2nd next meeting
- G.** Philanthropy: Akhila Reddy Gorantla, , Meena Chandrasekar
- H.** International Club: Khalid Khan, Nihar S. B.
- I.** Diversity Council: Divya Kamath, Stefan Hupperts
  - 1. Posters should be coming out soon. Social Justice lecture series held last week and the next one is held on March 22nd.
- J.** Sustainability: Hossein Tavakoli
  - 1. Waste management proposal has been approved and recycling bins will be provided to as many rooms on campus.
  - 2. Food leftovers- talked to dining services to get food waste and provide to churches etc. they also need a freezer so it's a work in process.
- K.** Work Life: Aeshah Muqri, Lakshmanan Subramanian
  - 1. Next meeting on 2/21
- L.** Advisory Group for Women's Apparel: Erin Pischke
  - 1. Attended a clothing giveaway for another group; so she suggests moving the liaison to another group that does a clothing drive every semester. Tess Alhborn (tess@mtu.edu)
- M.** Husky Fan: Deep Doshi
- N.** HSTF Safety: Ronald Mangey, Prudvi Kandragula
  - 1. Ronald has a hard copy of the new safety report that the university is planning to pass. GSG Secretary will share this with everyone.
- O.** SAC Safety: Mufazzal Hossain

**IX. & Discussion Items**

- A.** Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives
  - 1. Kinesiology is having a safety concern at their building because cars are driving up next to the building and getting wifi. The students are having to contact Public Safety to get escorts to their vehicles after classes and they would like to talk with IT and Safety about this concern. This has been a problem in the community and UP Health System has had vandalism on their property after wifi was removed.

**X. Adjournment**