

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Minutes: November 7th, 2016*

## **I. Call to Order**

## **II. Approval of Agenda**

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

## **IV. New Business**

A. **IT (Brian Hutzler):** Discussed was a great deal of topics relating to graduate students and how to work with IT to take care of any issues that come up during research. Some topics discussed included the rise of phishing attacks, Google Two step security, the printing updates, and a new cable service for the university. Questions directed to Brian revolved around how IT can better serve grad students.

B. **Sig Rho Thanksgiving:** The Sig Rho fraternity will be having a thanksgiving event at their house. International students are encouraged to attend

C. **Discretionary Funding Requests (International Night):** The event will occur on November 12th. This year International night requested \$1200 from the GSG. This amount was awarded in full.

D. **Surplus Funding Request (film Board):** GSG members elected to give the max amount to the film board.

## **V. Officer Reports**

A. **President (Will Lytle):** Conducted a follow up meeting with the Board of Trustees concerning portrait: GSG worries that the Portrait is not complete enough and does not cover issues of housing and transportation. The League of Women Voters wants to work with the GSG on the issues of transportation.

B. **Vice President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang):** The last meeting for the student commission was canceled. Topics of interest for the student commission include the dining service (particularly the issues of feeding employees) and current housing issues that graduate students face. Graduate students are encouraged to bring their concerns to the Student Commission meetings conducted on Thursdays.

C. **Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez):** Normal report on the budget of the GSG

D. **Secretary (James Rauschendorfer):**

## **VI. Committee Chair Reports**

A. **Academic (Tyler Capek):** Lunch and Learns are being planned for the future. The GRC conference is approaching, a planning committee is meeting soon to discuss how to prepare for this.

B. **Social (Syed Fuad):** The bingo night has been planned by the social committee. This event will be happening soon.

C. **Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon):** Photographs are being uploaded to the GSG Facebook page. The PR is working with the Social Committee to great publicity for the Bingo night event. A new GSG logo is still being developed. There is still possibility for a newsletter and a blog for the GSG.

**VII. Liaison Reports**

**A. University Senate: Travis Wakeham, Erin Pischke:** Discussed at the meeting was the self evaluation process and the input that the undergraduate students have concerning the department Deans.

**B. Undergraduate Student Government: Matthew Brege:** The proposal of the USG is currently being approved.

**C. Research Advisory Council: Niranjana Miganakallu, Rupsa Basu:** A meeting was attended but it was difficult to understand what occurred at this meeting.

**VIII. Old Business and Discussion**

**IX. Adjournment**