

**Graduate Student Government of
Michigan Technological University
Meeting Minutes: January 9th, 2017**

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

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IV. New Business

1. **Counseling Services (Kerri Mayra):** Graduate student support group starting in counseling and Kerri wanted feedback from GSG on times, dates, topics, etc. The group would focus on stress, mental health, time management, and bring in resources as topics arise. It will be held in the relaxation room on the third floor of the administration building.
2. **Graduate School Website (Jill Fisher and Becky Barnard):** They are looking for input on the graduate school website. If you have any photos of graduate students send them to Jill and Becky to go on the website. If you have quotes about the grad school or why you like MTU, send it to them as well. GSG PR Committee and a few volunteers will work with Jill and Becky to test run the website. Syed and social committee will possibly work on a graduate student bucket list.
3. **GSG Meeting Location:** Discussion on a new room for the meeting. We will look at the EERC, GLRC, and DOW.

V. Officer Reports

1. **President (Will Lytle):** Spring Orientation went well and a big thank you to the volunteers. If your department is short on representatives please hold elections. Send the new representatives information to Jenny Dunn so they can be added to the listserv. Begin considering your interest in E-Board positions. The University Budget Forum is scheduled for January 26th from 1pm-4pm (DOW 642). This meeting is open to all students. The Indigenous People's Day Campaign meeting is on January 23 if you'd like to join. Meet and Greet events still need to be held by several departments and there is information on the GSG website on hosting this event.
2. **Vice President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang):** Student commission meeting will be on Jan. 12th from 2-3:30pm (MUB B3). A new committee is being formed for student insurance if you'd like to be a part of this email Justin. The GSG feedback survey has received 26 responses out of 40. This is a low response so another email will be sent out to GSG reps this week.
3. **Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez):** There was a normal review of GSG Budget Accounts. Travel grants will open on Monday January 16th and close on February 24th.
4. **Secretary (Jennifer Dunn):** Email Jdunn@mtu.edu with excuses for missing a meeting.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

1. **Academic (Tyler Capek):** The graduate research colloquium (GRC) is on Feb. 15th and 16th. The poster session is on the 15th from 9am-12pm and the banquet

is on Feb. 16th from 6-8pm. Tyler needs help recruiting judges, encouraging student participation, and department sponsorship. Representatives usually ask their departments for donations of \$50 for each GSG rep. Deadlines for the GRC and merit award nominations are Jan. 13th at 11:59pm.

2. **Social (Syed Faud):** Syed needs volunteers for the winter carnival chilli run. Sign up by January 16th for this event and shifts are 9 to 11pm and 10:30 to 12:30am. The IPS and GSG ski day also needs volunteers; email Syed to sign up. Next social meeting will occur soon and all GSG members are invited to attend and provide event ideas.
3. **Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon):** GRC poster deadlines have been posted. There is an upcoming event organized by the Thai students Association-Thai (K)night. There are limited tickets on sale for this event at the MUB promotions counter 11-2pm everyday.

VII. Liaison Reports

1. **Research advisory council:** New meeting coming up soon
2. **Friends of the Library:** Meeting on thursday Jan. 12th
3. **Sustainability:** A proposal was submitted to USG for funding a recycling plan on campus.
4. **Worklife:** Next meeting is on Jan 17th.
5. **Safety:** Ronald Mangey, Mufazzal Hossain: A meeting occurred today and the results of this meeting will be reported next week.

VIII. Old Business & Discussion Items

1. **Questions or concerns for GSG Reps:** There is a concern about tuition increase and university budget transparency. There was a recommendation to form a subcommittee to look into the university budget.
2. **Graduate Student Emergency Fund:** Dr. Murthy donated money to open a fund for emergency loans for graduate students at MTU and the hope is that more donations will come.
3. **President's Bonus:** There was a discussion of the president's bonus which was roughly \$35,000. Part of the reason the university has chosen to provide a bonus and continues to raise the president's salary is to make it competitive with other universities because a new president will be hired in the next few years. GSG members also wanted to know where this number came from and where the money came from, whether it was from an endowment or student tuition, etc.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting is Jan 23rd