

Meeting Agenda: February 6th, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agendas**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Funding Request (Chinese Students & Scholars Association):** Ulises presented the request. An updated budget was presented to GSG. They received around \$2020 from tickets for the event. They also provided more information and receipts. GSG would cover Chicago trip, food rehearsal, and prizes. They are requesting \$1465. GSG does not fund for prizes or alcoholic beverages and the Ways and Means, suggests that in the future we make that more clear. The committee agrees with this funding request. There were concerns that they did not provide receipts for prizes and costume costs didn't match what they requested. There was discussion of the Ways and Means committee sending an email helping to clarify some of the concerns, removing the request for prizes, but asking the same amount. There is a concern that this could set the wrong precedent and that future groups could request funds after an event has occurred. We would have to suspend the bylaws to vote on this. There was a motion to suspend the bylaw (VIEii4) that would affect this request (request must be received 2 weeks ahead of time) and vote on this budget request with amendments at the next meeting. **GSG voted to suspend the bylaw (VIEii4) and it was passed and the budget request will be discussed at the next meeting.**
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. **President (Will Lytle):**
 1. GSG General Meeting Feb. 20th: The next meeting will be held in DOW 641
 2. Women's Apparel: Clothing report for women's apparel is back on and they are taking gently used women's clothing (12-3pm) on Sunday Feb 19th.
 3. Unity March- Thursday Feb. 9th at 5:05pm from the Husky Statue to the Miner Statue and back. Wear white to represent peace and bring friendly signs. If distributing this to your departments send this in a separate email not represented with GSG.
 - B. **Vice-President (Justin Zhang)**
 1. Student Commission Meeting
 - a) Textbooks: On Feb. 9th a meeting will be held with faculty to stress the importance of using alternative forms of textbooks. Joshua Marshall mentioned that the proposal needs to be worked on. If you'd like to join you can on Feb. 9th at 2pm in the Library room 103.
 - b) Housing: Contract for Co-tenant (2 volunteers needed- talk with Syed about this); There is also concern over the noise problems in Daniell Heights. Two volunteers are needed to tackle this issue; if you'd like to volunteer email Justin Zhang. The printer in the activity Room in Upper Daniell Heights is now online.
 - c) Freshmen Engineering Student Requirement: The university is still working on this draft and as of right now they have said they won't take away the computer labs. There was a question of whether they will continue to purchase new machines for graduate students or if they will continue maintenance on the current desktops. This question was referred to the IT Liaison (Gorkem) to ask at his next meeting. This policy will affect first year engineering students (Fall 2017) and in particular Dillman Hall. The university is also considering building a new computer lab in the basement of Wadsworth Hall.
 - d) Next Meeting: 2-2:30pm on Feb. 23 in the MUB (Ballroom A1)
 - e) GSG Survey- Preliminary analysis has been conducted and will be shared at the next meeting.
 - f) Health Insurance: Justin needs to follow up with the Health Insurance group. It was suggested that every fall and spring the health insurance liaison for the university should come give a talk with GSG and provide info on what has changed and they possibly video this and post on the GSG website.
 - C. **Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez):**
 1. Current Account Balances:
 - a) Account balance: \$96,800.62;
 - b) Budget standing :\$36,502.57 / \$85,255.00;
 - c) Discretionary funding : \$1,200.00* / \$8,000.00;
 - d) Surplus funding : \$8,751.01 / \$43,643.94
 2. Travel Grant GSG applications:

a) 29 applications have been received and applications are due by Feb. 24th at 5pm.

D. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)

1. Elections for e-board positions: Will be held on March 13th and nominations are now open.
2. Elections for chair positions: Will be held on March 27th and nominations will open March 13th.
3. Meet & Greets: The following departments have still not held a meet & greet: biological sciences, biomedical engineering, cognitive learning sciences, geology, humanities, mathematics, MSE, School of Technology, and Business. The deadline for this is Feb. 17th.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

A. Academic (Tyler Capek)

1. GRC: Will be held on Feb, 15th and 16th 8am to 4pm and will be publicised on the radio (Keweenaw Radio on Sunday). The poster session will be on Feb. 15th from 9am-12pm. A volunteer sheet for the GRC will be sent out tomorrow.
2. Lunch & Learn: Will be held on Tuesday Feb. 7th from noon to 1pm in the MUB Ballroom A1 and will focus on oral presentation skills.
3. Winter Carnival Book Sale: Will be held on Sat. at 11am in the library.
4. Career Fair: Tuesday Feb. 14th from 11am to 2pm in the MUB ballroom there will be a career fair prep talk.
5. Husky Talk- There will be a talk on internships and Co-ops on Wed. Feb 15th from 12-1pm in Admin 220.

B. Social (Syed Fuad)

1. Laser Tag- GSG collected \$270 which will be donated to the Graduate Student Emergency Funds. 204 and students showed up to the event. A total of 18 GSG members were involved in making this event a success.

C. Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon)

1. Publicity of GRC: This event was publicized via local news media (print, radio, tv), the MTU facebook page, and posters around campus.
2. GRC Publicity: Upcoming Lunch and Learn has been posted to the Student Activity Blog, Tech Today, emails, and EDS.
3. GSG Events: GSG events will be added to the university calendar through the involvement link. This is a reminder for those considering running for this position that events can be submitted to Tech Today a day in advance.

VII. Liaison Reports

A. University Senate: Travis Wakeham, Erin Pischke

1. Impacts of the executive order were discussed and the Senate passed a resolution. Cassie from IPS gave a presentation of the Universities impacts and the website that they created to get information to graduate students. The senate voted to approve a proposal against the Executive Order which requested that the University put out some strong language against this Presidential executive order. Will Lytle will send out an email with the link for the website from IPS.

B. Undergraduate Student Government: Josh Marshall

1. Two weeks ago USG started looking into helping students with addiction problems; more details will be provided in the future. Old USG documents are archived at the library. For Winter Carnival they will be providing buttons saying Staying Sober.

C. Research Advisory Council: Niranjan Miganakallu, Rupsa Basu

1. Next meeting is on the same date as the GRC.

D. IT Liaison: Kevin Sunderland, Gorkem Asilioglu

1. Meeting on Thursday 2/9/17, if you have any issues email Gorkem

E. Library: Sia Sharath Gorthy, Binita Hona

1. A meeting was held on Feb. 2nd where they discussed the book sale and installing water bottle fillers in the library (each would cost about \$1000). They also had some questions about improving the library database.

F. International Group: Khalid Khan

1. Working on getting GSG to call for a group meeting of all international association e-boards.

G. Diversity Council: Divya Kamath, Stefan Hupperts

1. A meeting was held in January and there was nothing to report.

H. Sustainability: Hossein Tavakoli

1. Hossein met with engineering department to form a campus sustainability conference in the fall. Green talks about Earth Day will be held in April.

I. Husky Fan: Laksh Subramanian

1. They are running low on food. They need a new representation as Laksh can't attend the meetings. .

VIII. Old Business & Discussion Items

A. Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives

1. Computer Problems: There was a concern about computers not working in the Chemical Sciences building and not being able to provide a working computer for graduate students specifically (Laksh). It was suggested that he talk with the IT president and Kevin Sunderland.
2. Campus smoke free: There was a concern that students have been standing out front of the MUB in the paths or the parking lots. This concern will be brought up with the Student Commission or individuals can call Public Safety. There is a fine if you are caught smoking on campus.

IX. Adjournment