

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Minutes: December 12th., 2016

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. New Business

1. **Resolution for students on Board of Trustees:** The USG president presented information about a resolution to get students on the Board of Trustees for MTU. This would require a change at the state level (i.e. change in state constitution) and support from other universities. GSG voted **YES**, to support this resolution going forward.
2. **Surplus Request from GSG Social Chair:** social chair requested additional funding for social events for the Spring semester. He is planning for 4 events (e.g. laser tag, bingo, movie night, and end of year picnic). Total Request \$5001.81. We voted **YES** for the social committee to receive this funding.
3. **GSG Secretary:** voted for a new GSG secretary Jennifer Dunn

V. Officer Reports

1. **President (Will Lytle):** requesting department representatives to get a general list of volunteers from their departments. Orientation Week needs volunteers for the Chicago trip (January 3rd-5th), Banweb Session (Jan 5th); and shopping trips (Jan 7th)
2. **Vice President (Jiongxun (Justin) Zhang):** Feedback Survey is being sent out to each GSG Rep. and needs to be filled out by (Dec. 31st). Last week's student commission meeting was cancelled.
3. **Treasurer (Ulises Gracida-Alvarez):** Normal review of current GSG accounts.
4. **Secretary (James Rauschendorfer):** James will be stepping down. Jennifer Dunn will be taking over.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

1. **Academic (Tyler Capek):** Graduate Research Colloquium submissions are due Jan. 13th. Still need volunteers for the event; ask your departments for volunteers. Merit Award nominations are due on Jan. 13th. There is a new category for outstanding staff member this year.
2. **Social (Syed Faud):** Zumba/mediation night was successful. Tentative events for next semester are: laser tag, amazing race, bingo, movie night, and the end of the year picnic. Syed presented a list of each social event held this semester and how many GSG reps. Attended each event. He wants to emphasize to all representatives that attendance at these events has been low and it is difficult to get graduate students to attend if their department representatives don't attend the events.
3. **Public Relations (Muraleekrishnan Menon):** The representative web page is updated for GRC and travel grant information and Merit Award nominations.

VII. Liaison Reports

1. **University Senate: Travis Wakeham, and Erin Pischke:** all meeting minutes and agenda are on the website. The research policy committee chair is advocating for lower textbook costs.
2. **USG-** USG is trying to get representation on the alumni board.
3. **IT Liason:** fraudulent university emails are getting disabled. IT will not install software on desktops provided to graduate students; if you want specific software your department or research group must request it.
4. **IT Governance Group: Kevin Sunderland, Gorkem Asilioglu:** Meeting with the IT government was conducted. All free software for students was approved. Adobe illustrator will only be installed for certain departments.
5. **Friends of the Library:** January 12th is the next meeting.
6. **Philanthropy:** Requesting volunteers to join committee.
7. **Sustainability:** Hossein Tavakoli: Next week a meeting will occur with Engineering Depts. About sustainability in freshmen courses. GSG is applying for a sustainability project under USG to provide recycling bins in each room on campus. The committee is meeting with the civil engineering department to change the curriculum so students are required to take a certain amount of sustainability classes.
8. **Worklife-** next meeting is on Dec. 14th.
9. **Safety: Ronald Mangey, Mufazzal Hossain:** Make sure that safety training is done by TAs. Next meeting is in February.

VIII. Adjournment

1. **Next Meeting is Jan 9th.**