

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: July 10, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: June 12, 2017**
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. Surplus Funding request: GSG water bottles (Lavanya)
 1. Niranjan explained the difference between surplus funding (\$39,050.51) and discretionary funding (\$8,000).
 2. Funding request for souvenir for 50th Anniversary of GSG:
 - provided as a memento for GSG reps, selected Grad school staff, BOT Members, etc.
 - Requested amount of \$1,000
 - **Voted in favor to fund the request**
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)
 1. Emergency funds: 2nd meeting is next tuesday (July 18th).
 2. Sustainability meeting on June 26th
 3. Liaison for housing contracts needed
 4. Orientation
 - Orientation for ME-EM Aug 29th from 11am to 4:30pm
 - Orientation for all grads on Aug. 30th from 11am to 4:30pm
 - GSG picnic held right after this orientation.
 - Volunteers needed for orientation and shopping trips (Hossein will share a document to sign up).
 5. Emails to Departments:
 - Make sure to CC Hossein whenever you send an email out to your department
 - B. Vice-President (Josh Marshall)
 1. Liaison needed for Renter's Rights (email Josh)
 2. Health Insurance for next year
 - Waiting on Ginger Sleeman
 3. Accessibility issues committee:
 - Let Josh know if you would like to suggest anything
 4. University Senate:
 - Presenting issues of graduate students to the University Senate in August. Email Josh if you have anything to add.
 5. GSG Softball Team
 - Need more members to play (email Bradley Wells)
 6. Password
 - Be aware that IT is changing the system to renew or change your password for your email.
 - C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)- Nothing to report

D. Treasurer (Niranjana Miganaikallu)

1. Summer Travel Grants Processed- 33 students awarded
2. Account balance: \$85355.82
3. Budget standing : \$875.13/ \$89,390.00
4. Discretionary funding : \$0 / \$8,000.00
5. Surplus funding : \$0 / \$39050.91

VI. **Committee Chair Reports**

A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)

1. Need Analysis Survey Results:
 - They have created a list of top topics to discuss at each workshop.
 - Top Choices: Innovation and entrepreneurship, project management, research design, etc.
 - Preferred time for seminars/ GRC
 - Workshop Topic: Grant Writing; might have an external faculty.
2. Alumni Reunion Poster Presentation on August 3rd
 - Need volunteers (Email Lavanya)
3. Virtual Career Fair Committee
 - First meeting scheduled for July 11th

B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)

1. Fill out the survey
2. Picnic is currently being planned for the beginning of the semester

VII. **Liaison Reports**

D. **IT Liaison: Kevin Sunderland**

1. Zoom Software:
 - MTU has changed over to Zoom. The account will be tied through the university and you can download it to your account through the programs.

VIII. **Adjournment**