

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: Aug 14, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: July 10th, 2017**

- IV. **New Business**
 - A. Presentation and Q&A by the Director of transportation (Kristi Isaacson)
 1. Presented on what is/ will be available from university transportation this academic year. She specifically discussed the shuttle and the updates that will be coming in the next month. The biggest change will be an expansion of the shuttle service most likely to a loop structure that travels from campus to town and then to Walmart and back to campus. Legally, transportation services on campus can only provide services for faculty, students, and staff. Campus can only provide shuttles for university property, while the city shuttles can take students to town and up to Walmart; therefore a partnership with the city is necessary. They are hoping to expand and provide a shuttle in the summer.
 2. There was feedback that more signage needs to be provided at the buses. If you have anything that you would like to see added please contact Kristi.
 3. If you plan to ride the campus shuttle you will have to present your student ID to the driver to get on the bus.

- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)
 1. Emergency Funds
 - a) The first draft has been presented and we are waiting on approval from Pushpa. Once it has been approved we will need a representative to sit on the committee. The loans will range from \$250- \$1000.
 2. Sustainability Meeting
 - a) Working on the resolution right now and plan to present it at the first general meeting of the academic calendar.
 - b) The next step is to propose a sustainability committee that reports to the president
 3. Board of Trustees Presentation
 - a) Presented updates for the summer and discussed book prices
 4. Orientations
 - a) ME-EM students will attend their own orientation program this year on August 29th from 11am- 4:30pm
 - b) Grad Orientation is from 11am to 4:30pm on Wednesday August 30th
 - (1) Facilitators are needed at orientation (email Hossein)
 - c) Orientation Picnic is after the Grad Orientation on August 30th at Hancock Beach
 5. First Friday Social is Sept 1st beside the ROTC building on campus

6. Orientation Shopping Trips (fill out google form)
 - a) Wednesday August 23rd at MUB bust stop from 6 to 9pm
 - b) Friday August 25th at MUB bust stop from 11am to 3pm
 - c) Saturday August 26th at MUB stop from 11am to 3pm
 7. Strategic Plan of 2045
 - a) Invited the Vice President of Research to talk at our September Meeting
- B. Vice-President (Josh Marshall)
1. Health Insurance for next year:
 - a) Working on this with Ginger Sleeman and we have tentative support from all three unions to create a merged insurance plan.
 2. Accessibility Issues Committee
 - a) Committee is being formed; A charge has been drafted and will go through the Student Commission
 3. International services
 - a) International programs will cover and assist with this as much as possible and talking points will be sent out department representatives
 4. Graduate Issues presented to the University Senate
 - a) We have a list of preliminary issues and a draft will be distributed to the University Senate
 5. Revising Proposals
 - a) Josh is currently looking at specific issues related to GTA funding and healthcare
 6. GSG Softball
 - a) GSG Softball team needs members; contact Prudvi Raj (pkandrag@mtu.edu) to join the team
- C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)
1. Meet and Greets:
 - a) Each department must hold a Meet & Greet for the 2017-2018 Academic year; All information is provided on the GSG website
 - b) If you are going to be absent for a meeting send an email to jdunn@mtu.edu
- D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)
1. Account balance: \$99,843.59
 2. Budget standing : \$3865.41/ \$89,390.00
 3. Discretionary funding : \$0 / \$8,000.00
 4. Surplus funding : \$1000.00 / \$39050.91
 5. Expenses- A reminder to all the academic and social committee members to give your expense forms to your committee chairs to streamline the process of reimbursement.

VI. **Committee Chair Reports**

A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)

1. Analysis Survey
 - a) Please encourage everyone to fill out the survey Lavanya sent out.
2. Alumni Reunion Poster Session
 - a) Event went great and we had 17 participants (10 posters presented)
 - b) The alumni would like to see the posters displayed for a longer period of time.
3. Virtual Career Fair

- B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)
 - 1. Volunteers needed for the orientation picnic
 - 2. Social events survey needs to be filled out if you have not done so.
- C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)
 - 1. Presented the new GSG Logo to the representatives
 - 2. Pictures have been posted online from the alumni poster presentation
 - 3. There are problems with the website which are being fixed.
 - 4. Kaity suggested that we have a contest for the First Friday Social to attract more people to our social media presence. .
- D. Softball (Brad Wells)
 - 1. Softball Playoffs are this week (August 14th)
 - 2. Softball Picnic will be on Saturday August 19th at 1pm (If you are willing to help with the picnic please fill out the google sheet sent out by Hossein)
 - 3. Send an email to bawells@mtu.edu if you have any questions

VII. **Liaison Reports**

- A. Transportation (Prudvi Raj Kandragula):
 - 1. Change in the Walmart shuttle route via sharon avenue- UDH-LDH- MUB.
 - 2. Shuttle services on Sat and Sun probably for 4-5 hrs from 10-2pm or 3 pm.
 - 3. If possible 2 shuttles running parallel during fall.
 - 4. There are concerns about the driver leaving early from stops
- B. Library Liaison needed
- C. IT Groups (kevin Sunderland)
 - 1. Zoom- If you need this program for your thesis defense or dissertation please contact IT to help set it up.
 - 2. All husky printers will be tied to cloud printing; therefore you can print from your own laptop or phones. IT will have a table in the library during the first week of classes to help everyone set this up. All the printers will have a scan to email function now. The IT group also has a few computers available if you need it. There are new student IDs available, but it is a \$15 charge if you want it.

VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**

- A. Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives
- B. Suggestion to ask the printing service to provide a printer to print on canvas or fabric for poster presentations for graduate students
- C. E-board salary- There was a discussion of increasing GSG E-boards salary for the next academic calendar.

IX. **Adjournment**