

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: Aug 28, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Aug 28th, 2017**
- IV. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)
 1. Shopping Trips:
 - a) Thank you to everyone that participated and helped make them successful
 2. Strategic Plan 2045 will be shared with everyone and David Reed (VP of Research) will present at the next GSG meeting.
 3. President's Council on Health, Wellness, and Mindfulness
 - a) A survey will be sent out to assess to student health and wellness.
 - b) HuskyFan needs volunteers for Fall 2017
 - c) Health and Wellness Fair will be held on September 14th in the MUB Ballroom A from 4-6pm. They will be offering free screenings for body fat %, cholesterol, BMI, and blood pressure. There will also be pet therapy, giveaways, food samples, \$40 flu shots, and massages.
 4. Sustainability
 - a) The director of facilities K. Sleeman has agreed to form a committee
 5. Cultural Events Committee
 - a) The proposal was approved and the next meeting will be held on Sept. 12th
 6. Department Email Reminder
 - a) Make sure when you send an email to your department you CC Hossein. That way we can track whether or not reps are completing their duties.
 7. Downtown Farmers Market- Student Day
 - a) Student day will be held on September 12th from 3-6pm. The first 100 students will receive a \$5 voucher.
 8. Parade of Nations
 - a) This event will be held on September 16th
 9. Transportation
 - a) MTU regular shuttle will run Mon-Friday from 7am to 6:45pm. The bus stops at Daniel Heights before arrival at the MUB. The shuttle runs every hour.
 - b) Extended Hours for Shuttle (Sharon Ave. Loop) from Daniel Heights to Walmart and Downtown is Wed- Fridays from 6:45-8:45pm (every 30 minutes). Trying to find other parties to help cover the \$6000 for the service.
 - B. Vice-President (Josh Marshall)
 1. Students' textbook Lending Library is currently being worked on.
 2. Softball season is over. IT won the season.
 - C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)

1. Reminder that you have 2 excused absences per semester and 1 unexcused absence
2. Reminder that each department has to host a Meet & Greet. A budget will be provided to you.

D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)

1. Voted to use \$600 from the surplus budget to get a new computer for the GSG Treasurer desk in the GSG Office. The vote was **approved**.
2. Travel grants for the fall semester will be open on Sept 8th and open for 6 weeks. This is a reminder that a student can be awarded a travel grant only once a year.
3. Account balance: \$99,843.59
4. Budget standing : \$7265.41/ \$89,390.00
5. Discretionary funding : \$0 / \$8,000.00
6. Surplus funding : \$1000.00 / \$39050.91

V. **Committee Chair Reports**

A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)

1. First Academic Seminar is Sept. 12th
2. 3MT will be held on Nov. 8th
3. GRC will be March 22-23rd
4. Requests that representatives send the emails sent out about workshops and potential speakers.

B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)

1. Orientation Picnic is Aug. 30th from 5-8pm
2. First Friday Social is Sept. 1st from 4-6pm in front of the ROTC building
3. Upcoming social events that are possible are: Bingo night, bowling night, laser tag, soapbox derby, charity emergency fund

C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)

1. Photo Contest
 - a) There will be a promotional contest on instagram with hashtags and prizes will be provided for the funniest photos, biggest group selfie, biggest amount of likes, scavenger hunt, random post. You must follow GSG on instagram to win.
2. Website and Promotional Materials
 - a) A poster was created for orientation week. Also make sure to like the GSG facebook page and use the hashtags! There are updates on the website for softball and updated on instagram and facebook.
 - b) A video was created by the graduate school and available on youtube and GSG website
 - c) Ordered 270 water bottles for the 50th anniversary of GSG with the new logo

VI. **Old Business & Discussion Items**

A. Stipend Increases for the E-board:

1. If you have suggestions for an appropriate budget increases or comments please email Josh Marshall.

VII. **Adjournment**