

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Date: Sep 11, 2017*

## I. New Business

### A. University Strategic Plan update (Dr. Reed, Dr. Shonnard, Dr. Barkdoll)

1. Dr. Reed discussed the strategic plan and listened to GSG's comments and concerns. The strategic plan has three components (the portrait, the strategic plan, and annual budget). Feel free to comment on the strategic plan until Sept. 22nd. It is important to critique and provide suggestions for programs that should continue. There were questions and comments about how the review process is conducted for the strategic plan. Questions were raised about the presidential search timeline and how it relates to the strategic plan for MTU.

## II. Call to Order

## III. Approval of Agenda

## IV. Approval of Minutes from: Aug 28th, 201

## V. Officer Reports

### A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)

#### 1. Transportation

- a) Look at the shuttle schedule online through transportation services.
- b) Asked for more services to provide from campus to downtown and Walmart.
- c) Questions- were asked about the fees for parking and what that contributes to.
- d) Share comments with Hossein before noon tomorrow (Sept. 12th)

#### 2. Dissertation Workshop:

- a) Wednesday Sep. 20th at 12:05pm in Lib 242

#### 3. Diversity Council Meeting Tomorrow

#### 4. GFC meeting- Hossein will discuss insurance, book prices, etc.

#### 5. IPS is offering a course called welcome to life at MTU (room U115 M&M)

- a) Sept. 5th - Oct. 17th from 5 to 6pm
- b) Sept. 6th - Oct. 18th from 5 to 6pm
- c) There is a misconception about what IPS between the Board and the students. Send an email to Hossein if you'd like to join the monthly meeting with IPS.

#### 6. Parade of Nations Sept. 16th

### B. Vice-President (Josh Marshall)

#### 1. Textbooks is being passed on to IRHC

#### 2. Jack Bergman Town Hall

- a) Oct. 6th from 11am to noon in the MUB Ballroom.

### C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)

#### 1. Reminder that attendance starts today for the semester.

#### 2. All departments must hold a Meet & Greet

### D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)

1. Fall travel Grants are open from now until Oct. 13th at 5pm
2. Account balance: \$100,292.25 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)
3. Budget standing : \$10993.15/ \$89,390.00
4. Discretionary funding : \$0 / \$8,000.00
5. Surplus funding : \$1600.00 / \$39050.91

**VI. Committee Chair Reports**

A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)

1. Academic Seminar is happening on the 12th of Sept.
2. 3MT on Nov. 8th
3. GRC Feb. 27th and 28th
4. Possibility for an external speaker (Alaina Levine)
5. Graduate School is conducting workshops for PhD students to work on job applications, etc.
6. Presidential Search Townhalls are this week (make sure to attend)

B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)

1. Orientation Picnic went well and had 350 students attend
2. First Friday Social had roughly 250 students attend
  - a) Dept. reps need to email students and let them know we have lost and found items.

C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)

1. Prizes will be handed out to the winners of the social media contest for GSG.

**VII. Old Business & Discussion Items**

- A. Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives

**VIII. Adjournment**