

# Graduate Student Government *of* Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Date: Oct. 10, 2017*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Sept. 25th, 2017**
- IV. **New Business**
  - A. **Muslim Student Association**
    1. Requested \$200 for the association to host an event to enhance public understanding of Islam and Muslim's lives in the United States. GSG representatives voted in favor of the budget request. The money would go to cover the cost of food for the event.
  - B. **Disaster Relief Fund**
    1. Mayra Sanchez Morgan came to speak with GSG reps encouraging them to donate to the Americas Disaster Fund Challenge. The largest donating organization or department will receive food from La Cantina in Hancock, MI.
- V. **Officer Reports**
  - A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)
    1. Transportation
      - a) Graduate school negotiated with the university and have agreed to cover the cost for this academic year. We will revisit the budget for this next semester to cover the following year. If you have complaints about the shuttles please contact Hossein.
    2. Parking
      - a) If you have heard complaints about parking then please contact Hossein with your comments.
    3. Local kids scholarship fund
      - a) We are still brainstorming on how to create the scholarship to help facilitate and encourage relationships between international graduate students and the local community. Please let Hossein know if you have comments or suggestions.
    4. Hunger in the U.P. Talk
      - a) Food waste on campus is being conserved and now money is needed to buy boxes to serve the food and labels. At the next meeting Hossein will provide a budget request.
    5. Winona Laduke speaking at MTU on the Oct. 25th at the MUB ballroom.
  - B. Vice-President (Josh Marshall)
    1. Student Commission
      - a) Requested Les Cook and Ellen H. reconvene the smoking policy committee.
      - b) Working to create an accessibility committee
      - c) They are trying to encourage the student commission meeting.
    2. Bike Repair Poll
      - a) A poll will be sent out to inquire about how many and how often graduate students use the bike stations.

3. Healthcare
    - a) The document about healthcare was sent out to the university for comment. Comments have been received and are being summarized. Physical ID cards will be sent to students home addresses. Monday and Tuesday Oct. 16 & 17th a representative from the health insurance company will be on campus to speak with students.
  4. Townhall
    - a) Jack Bergman town hall had low attendance.
- C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)
1. Reminder to sign the attendance sheet.
  2. All departments must hold a Meet & Greet
  3. Meet and Greet report is being revised.
- D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)
1. Fall travel Grants are open from now until Oct. 13th at 5pm
  2. Account balance: \$94,193.24 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)
  3. Budget standing : \$13081.28/ \$89,390.00
  4. Discretionary funding : \$0 / \$8,000.00
  5. Surplus funding : \$1598.60 / \$39050.91

## VI. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)
1. Academic Seminar is happening on the Oct. 11th
  2. 3MT on Nov. 8th from 3-7pm.
    - a) Registrations and submissions are due Oct. 31st.
    - b) Judges are needed. Please encourage the faculty from your department.
  3. GRC Feb. 27th and 28th
  4. External Speaker picked for Jan. 24 or 26th
  5. Virtual Career Fair
    - a) Please sign up to contact companies to join the virtual career fair.
    - b) [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fuJm2fmBXu-xrFILnLWzH3X2nJPWshogRY7-j\\_Ix2C4/edit#gid=2012396001](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fuJm2fmBXu-xrFILnLWzH3X2nJPWshogRY7-j_Ix2C4/edit#gid=2012396001)
- B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)
1. Social Committee Meeting was held on Thursday 9/28
  2. Bowling (Tentative) October 27th
    - a) Friday evening from 4/5-10pm
    - b) Costume contest
    - c) Waves of food/groups
  3. PhD Comics will come on November 3rd 6pm in Fisher Hall
  4. Laser Tag will be held on either November 16th or December 1st
  5. Spring semester suggestions for events:
    - a) Laser Tag
    - b) Snowboarding/Skiing
    - c) Paintballing (with paintball club)
    - d) "Beach Party"
    - e) Bingo night/Game night
      - (1) Cash bar (or mocktails) and PJ party!
- C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)
1. Prizes will be handed out to the winners of the social media contest for GSG

VII. **Liaison Reports**

- A. Undergraduate Student Government: They need to present a USG representative to attend GSG meetings
- B. IT Liaison: Meeting this thursday please contact Kevin Sunderland
- C. Sustainability
  - 1. Hossein has heard some comments about Daniel Heights recycling and will discuss with the liaison.
- D. Emergency Fund
  - 1. The fund is setup and applications will be open shortly.

VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**

- A. International Students tuition fees increased
  - 1. This is still being worked on by Hossein.

IX. **Adjournment**