

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: Oct 23, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Oct 9th, 2017**

IV. **New Business**

A. Indian Student Association Funding request (Aniket Samel)

Eboard from the ISA presented a request for Diwali Night on Nov. 10th. Dewali is known as the festival of light and they will be launching several floating lanterns. They will have a buffet dinner of 700 to 800 guests. It will be held in the Rozsa center. The request will cover costume costs, logistics for performers, and advertising. The request is \$1600 for the event. The GSG voting body approved the request of \$1600.

V. **Officer Reports**

A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)

- 1. Attended the Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 19 and 20th.
- 2. Sustainability Advisory Council has been drafted and they are searching for members to sit on the council.
- 3. Alumni Board Association of Directors
 - a) Hossein is coming up with proposals for the money they have. If you have suggestions let him know.
- 4. Food Insecurity
 - a) The freezer was sold by the advisor, but another one was donated. IT has approved the card swipe.
- 5. International Students Surcharge
 - a) Checking with Les Cook on the cost of this surcharge and the extent of it.
- 6. IPS Fall Arrivals Debrief
 - a) Meeting will be held on Oct. 24 to discuss transportation about the Walmart/ MUB shuttle. If you have other comments please let me know.
- 7. IT Presentation will be given at the GSG meeting on Nov. 27th
 - a) If you have concerns and questions please share with Hossein.

B. Vice-President (Josh Marshall)

- 1. Healthcare
 - a) Healthcare doc will undergo rewriting
 - b) CHP presentations were heavily attended informative.
- 2. Student Commission
- 3. Bike repair Station
 - a) They will get back to us shortly on the cost to maintain the bike stations
- 4. Accessibility and Mobility Committee
 - a) If you would like to be apart of this council please let Josh know.

C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)

- 1. Meet and greet form has been updated.

D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)

- 1. Account Balance: \$94,193.24

2. Budget Standing: \$13206.69/ \$89,390.00
3. Discretionary funding : \$200 / \$8,000.00
4. Surplus funding : \$1598.60 / \$39050.91
5. Fall travel Grants have been approved for 57 presenting grants and attending grants. The funds awarded total \$16200.00

VI. Committee Chair Reports

A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)

1. 2nd academic seminar
 - a) 2nd academic seminar was conducted on Oct. 11th and was recorded and will be posted on the GSG website through a link.
2. 3MT
 - a) 3MT will be held on Nov. 8th from 3-7pm. The submission deadline is Nov. 8th. All reps need to resend the reminder for the event their departments. If you know of anyone that would be willing be a judge please contact them.
3. Virtual Career fair
 - a) It has been postponed as companies have not gotten back to the committee.

B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)

1. Bowling
 - a) Tentatively scheduled for the week of Nov. 6th
2. PhD Comics
 - a) PhD Comics will be on Nov. 3rd at 6pm in Fisher 139. He will present The Power of Procrastination/ The Science Gap
 - b) He will hold a book signing after
3. Laser Tag
 - a) Will be held on Nov. 16th or Dec. 1st.

C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)

1. Instagram
 - a) Increased the amount of followers on instagram.

VII. Liaison Reports

- A. University Senate: 1-2 (possibly merge with USG) Leonid Surovitckii & Josh
 - a. Committees are drafting guiding statements
- B. Undergraduate Student Government: Matthew coel, Dhairya Kothari
 - a. Added IT installation to their new business
- C. IT Governance Group: Leonid Surovitckii
 - a. Meeting coming up next week
- D. IT Liaison: Kevin Sunderland
 - a. If you need a printer for your department your department or you can put in a request for a new printer to IT.
 - b. Windows 10: If you have a problem with windows 10 updating you can contact IT about the problem.
- E. Diversity Council: Jamie Berger, Hossein Tavakoli
 - a. Meeting on Thursday on Thurs Oct. 26
- F. Work Life:

a. Katy Roose is the new liaison.

G. Emergency Fund: Josh Davis, Prathamesh Deshpande

a. Draft has been approved

VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**

A. Comments on Transportation

1. Concerns about the driver of the shuttle not coming at the right times and leaving early to stops.

IX. **Adjournment**