

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Date: Nov. 27, 2017*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Nov 6, 2017**
- IV. **New Business**
  - A. **Presentation by IT (Josh Oslon, Brian Hutzler)**
    1. Josh Oslon and Brian presented the IT services and new updates. They shared the results of the surveys run in the past 3 years and talked about a decrease in graduate student's participation. Katy suggested rewards for the survey, but they cannot because their source of budget is student's tuition. Also IT could add a feedback card in the Lib entrance.
    2. They talked about installing software on the productivity machines and 2 potential solutions:
      - a. Students be the admin: They have done it before and came up with the huge amount of bills. Students do not know about the capability of the machines.
      - b. IT be the admin: They installed principal softwares (these machines are not intended for research).
    3. GSG will send 2 representatives and Leo to the next IT governance meeting. (if you are interested, email Hossein.
    4. Problems reported to IT:
      - a. Forestry lab machines are slow for login; Ande was asked to send an email to IT management.
      - b. Daniel Heights Internet: IT suggested that representatives encourage students to install personal modems. Meanwhile, IT will add more access points through a 3rd party.
      - c. IT will check the Adobe Pro licence to see if it can be added to the software center.
      - d. HDMI cables in classrooms: IT has upgraded 20 classrooms, but the cost was substantial.
      - e. Personal Laptops for Eng. Fundamentals (Freshmen course): This idea was suggested by Faculty and Admin and not IT. IT will continue to support graduate machines.
- V. **Officer Reports**
  - A. **President (Hossein Tavakoli)**
    1. Cultural Event Fund: The meeting was held on Nov. 9th. Several parties attended and the fund will start soon. The next discussion of this will on Dec. 5th at the diversity council and on Dec. 6th at the academic forum. GSG and USG will work to create an application, while CDI and IPS develop a website, and Alumni Association opens a bank account.
    2. Transportation: A survey has been requested by Kristi. There will be an open forum on Nov. 28th at 5pm in the MUB Ballroom B if you'd like to provide comments.

3. Sustainability: A meeting was held on Nov. 13th. A sustainability resolution is being drafted. The group has also discussed asking the university to change the recycling contractor.
  4. Taxable Tuition Waivers: GSG is working with President Mroz and Les Cook. GSG asks that representatives encourage their departmental students to contact their congressional representatives.
  5. Student Insurance Subcommittee: The meeting was held on Nov. 7th and the discussed comparable providers, requested physical ID cards for students, requested a quote from BCBS for next year. Lastly, the next meeting will be on Nov. 29th.
  6. GFC Meeting: It was held on Nov. 7th and GSG encourages program directors to promote 3MT in their departments.
  7. University Finance Discussion: The meeting was held on Nov. 27th. They discussed the international fee, budget planning for the next academic year. Nabhajt Goswami will attend the next meeting with Hossein.
  8. GSG, USG, University Senate, and Staff Council will organize a forum in mid january.
  9. IPS Life Course: The next meeting to discuss this will be on Nov. 28th.
- B. Vice-President (Abu Sayeed Md Shawon)
1. Student Commission Meeting: The meeting was on Nov. 9th.
    - a. Bikes: They discussed bike station maintenance being provided by the SDC. MTU is now a bike friendly campus under the League of American Bicyclists. A stationless Bikeshare was discussed with 2018 having a pilot program that let students rent for a short time.
    - b. All In Campus Democracy Challenge: They discussed getting involved in this national challenge to encourage democratic engagement by students in voting and government. GSG needs a member to attend a meeting in December. If you'd like to volunteer email Jonathan at [jrdavey@mtu.edu](mailto:jrdavey@mtu.edu)
    - c. Sidewalk changes: They have proposed to change Fairview Street to one way with a sidewalk. Abu Sayeed will meet with Travis Pierce to draft a charge.
- C. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)
1. Account balance: \$92387.81 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)  
 Budget standing : \$23314.27/ \$89,390.00  
 Discretionary funding : \$200 / \$8,000.00  
 Surplus funding : \$1598.60 / \$39050.91
  2. Travel Grants: Niranjan is still processing travel grants.

## VI. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)
1. Bowling Night: An email has been sent out and the event is full. The social committee will be meeting in the next 2 days prior to the event. Students will pay at the event. Katy has asked for Jacque to get a MTU ID reader and credit card reader for the event.
  2. Event idea: The social committee is thinking about having an event with the worklife advisory council.
- B. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)
1. Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be next week and they need to check to make sure a photographer will be at the bowling event.

## VII. Liaison Reports

- A. University Senate: 1-2 **Leonid Surovitckii, Nabhajt Goswami:**
  - a. The next meeting is on Nov. 29.
- B. Undergraduate Student Government: 1-2 **matthew coel, Dhairya Kothari:**
  - a. They discussed the updates for Fairview Street.
- C. IT Governance Group: **Leonid Surovitckii:**
  - a. The next meeting will be next week with 2 new reps.
- D. Diversity Council: **Jamie Berger:**
  - a. There will be a meeting next week
- E. Work Life: **Katy Roose:**
  - a. They will be hosting 2 events and Hossein will forward it through email.
- F. Pavlis Honors College: **Jacob Blazejewski:**
  - a. They met today and discussed having a survey.
- G. Student Activities Committee: **Josh Davis, Apurva Baruah:**
  - a. They met on Nov 9th; USG requested an increase to cover their costs. Apurva has asked Hossein to provide more info about the proportion that USG and GSG receive from this source. They will meet this week.
- H. Friends of the Library: **Abu Sayeed Md Shawon:**
  - a. They met on Nov. 16. There is \$6000 of funding available, feel free to share your suggestions.
- I. CSA Dean Search committee: **Kevin Nevorski:**
  - a. They met on Nov. 13.

VIII. **Adjournment**