

# Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

*Meeting Date: Jan 22, 2018*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Dec 11, 2017**
- IV. **New Business**
  - A. **Presentation by IPS (Laura Givens)**
    1. Laura presented on Ski Day asking for volunteers. There are 150 students coming to the ski hill. They need 9 people for the 9:15 to 11:30, and 9 people needed for the 12:15pm to 2:30pm and van drivers from 1-5pm.
- V. **Officer Reports**
  - A. **President (Hossein Tavakoli)**
    1. Transportation: Added a bus contracted through Lamers to go from Daniel Heights to MUB during the busy hours. They extended the evening bus shuttle hours. See schedule on the transportation website.
    2. Sustainability: We are working on the resolution and plan to present it in the next month. It will be presented to GSG, USG, and the University Senate.
    3. Graduate Faculty Council: There is a meeting tomorrow and Hossein will be presenting GRC and encouraging faculty to attend.
    4. Multicultural Fund: The next meeting is on Friday Jan. 26th.
    5. Strategic Plan Comments: The deadline is Friday, so please comment online if you have concerns.
    6. University Budget Forum: The next meeting is on Feb. 9th in Dow 642.
    7. Emergency Fund: The hope is to open it up for applications next week. The funding options are a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$1000.
    8. Biotech Presentation: There is a talk on Thursday in Dow 642 for the biology department.
  - B. **Vice-President (Abu Sayeed Md Shawon)**
    1. Volunteers: Thank you for volunteering for the Walmart shopping trip.
    2. Ski day: Please sign up to volunteer for this event on Sunday January 28th.
    3. CO-tenant agreement: All students who live in Daniel Heights have been emailed the co-tenant agreement and it is on their website.
    4. Inter-Residence Housing Council (IRHC): IRHC holds authority on housing decisions and no graduate students sit on the committee. Prasad is attending the meeting tonight and we hope to have a liason on this council in the future to improve communication.
    5. Health Insurance Update:
      - a) Approximately 550 students have a insurance that is not ACA compliant.
      - b) MTU has a waiver for students so they can get insurance outside of MTUs insurance. GSG representatives voted on whether or not this waiver should only apply for insurance that is ACA compliant. The vote was to not strengthen the waiver.
  - C. **Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)**

1. Attendance: Representatives were reminded that their attendance starts over for this semester.
2. Meet & Greet: Representatives must hold a Meet & Greet by 5pm on February 23rd.

D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)

1. Travel Grants: An email has been sent out letting graduate students know that the travel grants application is now open. If you have any questions refer them to Niranjan. Deadline is Feb. 23 at 5pm.
2. Account Balance: Account balance: \$97846.97 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)
3. Budget standing : \$34574.22/ \$89,390.00
4. Discretionary funding : \$1800.00 / \$8,000.00
5. Surplus funding : \$1598.60 / \$39050.91

VI. **Committee Chair Reports**

A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)

1. SPARK: The workshop will be held on Wednesday Jan. 24th all day. Please attend.
2. Virtual Career Fair is on January 23rd. Please do participate.
3. Graduate Research Colloquium:
  - a) Judges: Representatives Please recruit judges from your department.
  - b) Student Participation: Encourage students in your department to participate in the GRC.
  - c) Volunteers: 14 volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet will be sent in an email shortly.

B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)

1. GSG Networking Social: GSG representatives will have the opportunity to network with alumni and GSG alumni at the SDC prior to the hockey game on Feb. 9th at 5:30pm and you will get a free ticket to the hockey game. A google form will be sent out shortly for you to RSVP.
2. Social Committee Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday at 7:30pm in the GSG office.
3. Chilli Run: We need volunteers for the chilli run during winter carnival. Please fill out the google spreadsheet sent out by Katy to volunteer. Shift 1: 9-10:30pm; shift 2: 10:30pm to 12am.

C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)

1. Huskies Spotlight: This campaign was started 3 weeks ago to promote graduate student research at MTU. Please encourage students to submit their information to be represented on instagram.
  - a) Husky spotlight suggestions: Make sure to put the labels “department” and “degree” next to the items in the instagram. Include a link at the bottom of the bio for the larger story online.
2. SPARK: This event is publicized across campus on posters, GSG website, instagram, Facebook, and twitter as well as Tech Today.
3. Graduate Research Colloquium: The promotion process has started and they are preparing to do a radio interview.

VII. **Liaison Reports**

A. University Senate: **Leonid Surovitchkii, Nabhajit Goswami**

- a. Keep an eye open for the Bachelor of Science degree course on science and society.
- b. Committee for Bias on Teachers: There is a committee set up on this and they are looking into course evaluations

- c. Accessibility Group Meeting: They are working to update accessibility. If you have issues related to accessibility please share it with Leo or Nabhajt.
- B. IT Governance Group: **Leonid Surovitckii**
  - a. Software Installation: Students soon will be able to make a request to download software.
- C. Diversity Council: **Jamie Berger**
  - a. Publication: They are creating a new publication for faculty to update them on the cultural events and issues on campus.
  - b. Conference in April: Conference for Native Americans and they hope to have representation from the university.
- D. Student Activities Committee: **Josh Davis, Apurva Baruah**
  - a. Meeting will occur soon. They are looking into whether or not to request a raise on the student activity fee, but it will probably be for next year and not this coming academic year.
- E. University Safety Advisory Council: **Nehal Doshi**
- F. Public Safety Oversight Committee: **Apurva Baruah**
- G. Friends of the Library: **Josh is the new liason.**
- H. Food Insecurity: **Ande Myers**
  - a. Working to attend a meeting at Northern Michigan University on food waste. The freezer is up and running and they have a card swipe. They are now discussing how to promote this opportunity for the appropriate target populations. Meal swipe addition to the ID card is working now. Your individual meal begins at 5 meals, and you can request additional meals from dining services.
- I. CSA Dean Search committee: **Kevin Nevorski**
  - a. They have four candidates coming to talk and the first is tomorrow at 3pm.
- J. Policy of notifying parents after attempted suicide: **Ruby Ahajjir**
  - a. They decided to let parents know about suicide.

#### VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**

- A. USG Representative: They are trying to break a Guinness World Record by building the most snowmen in an hour. It will be Saturday February 10th and the time is to be determined.
- B. Jamie Berger: There was a discussion amongst students about counseling services needing to be promoted more to graduate students.
- C. Meetings: It was suggested that to reduce meeting time the e-board could share ahead of the meeting information relating to voting issues.

#### IX. **Adjournment**