

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date:

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda Feb 5, 2018**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Jan 22, 2018**

- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Presentation by Kirsti Arko, Title IX Coordinator**

Kristi passed out speak out cards and an agenda with information on Title IX. She encouraged individuals to get involved with focus groups on topics related to sexual and domestic violence. I sign up sheet was passed around for this.
 - B. **Presentation by Patrick Hopp, IT Director (The future of BarkBoard)**

Barkboard will be taken down at the end of this semester. Patrick came to speak with GSG to see if it was a tool the students wanted to keep or not. Or if it should be replaced with another service that USG/GSG would offer and host.
 - C. **Presentation by Jacque Smith, Grad School (Emergency Fund)**

MTU's emergency Fund for graduate students is up and running now. The [Emergency Fund](#) allows for students to apply for a loan from the graduate school The range allowed is \$250 to \$1000. MTU Graduate students are eligible for this loan if they are enrolled in 1 credit of courses or research, good standing academically, and not have faulted on a previous loan.
 - D. **Discretionary Funding Request (Chinese Student Association)**

The Chinese Student Association requested funding for the event celebrating the Chinese New Year on February 17th.. They requested \$1600 from GSG to help put the event on. GSG voted to fund them \$1600 for the event.
 - E. **Surplus Funding Request (Hossein Tavakoli, Freezer program)**

Dining Services has requested funding to cover containers and labels for the freezer program. The request is \$222.75. They will purchase 1000 boxes and labels. GSG voted to fund the this request.

- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. **President (Hossein Tavakoli)**
 1. **Transportation:** The current schedule cannot be sustained in future years. GSG is working with GSG to locate potential sources of funding. They are proposing to increase parking permits, request student affairs to fund, increasing the experience tech fee, etc.
 2. **University Budget Forum:** The next meeting is on Feb. 13th in MEEM 111 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 3. **Cultural event fund:** They had a meeting on Friday Jan. 26th. The application has been designed and finalized and now they working on the rubric to evaluate requests.
 4. **Insurance:** To clarify the insurance should cover car accidents.
 5. **Suicide Prevention Program:** A program has been created called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)
 6. **Virtual Career Fair:** They are working to include international jobs in the career fair.

7. Social with Administration: There is a social after our general meeting on Feb. 19th with the administration from the university and it will be held at the Continental Fire Company.
- B. Vice-President (Abu Sayeed Md Shawon)
1. Ski Day: Thank you to everyone who volunteered.
 2. GSG Evaluation: The GSG eboard are reviewing the comments and results and will make changes accordingly. We are considering a different type of online forum to provide options for comments.
 3. Inter Resident Housing Council: Thank you Prasad for securing a seat for GSG on this committee. The co-tenant agreement is being worked on by the University Lawyer and will be shared shortly.
 4. Student Commission Meeting: MTU is working to improve the handicap parking on campus.
- C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)
1. Meet and Greet: All representatives who have not held a meet and greet for their department by Feb. 23rd at 5pm will be put on a 15 day probation.
- D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)
1. Account balance: \$97555.17 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)
 2. Budget standing : \$34594.22/ \$89,390.00
 3. Discretionary funding : \$1800.00 / \$8,000.00
 4. Surplus funding : \$1598.60 / \$39050.91
 5. Travel Grants: The application close on Feb. 23rd at 5pm.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)
1. SPARK: It went well and thank you to everyone who attended it.
 2. GRC: Please encourage your students to present at the the GRC. Volunteers are needed for the 27th and 28th. A signup sheet will be sent around shortly.
- B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)
1. Hockey Alumni Social: There is a social this friday Feb. 9th at 5:30pm at the MTU Hockey game. If you would like to attend please RSVP.
 2. Future Events: We will have a laser tag event or paintball coming in March.
 3. Chilli Run: Volunteers are need so please sign up.
- C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)
1. Husky Spotlight: There have been 4 posts.

VII. Liaison Reports

- A. University Senate: 1-2 (possibly merge with USG) **Leonid Surovitckii, Nabhajit Goswami**
- a. They are proposing a new minor in biomaterials.
 - b. Strategic Plan is online and you are encouraged to comment on it.
- B. Undergraduate Student Government: 1-2 (possibly merge with US) **Harsh**
- a. Please join USG in building snowmen on Saturday.
- C. IT Liaison: **Kevin Sunderland**
- a. Meeting is happening this week. If you are having trouble logging in you need to send a complaint to IT with the name, room, and computer it happened on.

VIII. Old Business & Discussion Items

- A. Questions or concerns from GSG Representatives

1. Lock Down for Winter Carnival: Graduate students are upset about not being able to access buildings during winter carnival.
2. Social Media Policy: Students would like to know if there is a policy related to student and faculty social media relations and inappropriate posts.

IX. Adjournment