

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date:

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda March 5, 2018**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Feb 19, 2018**
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Sustainability Resolution (William Lytle, Hossein Tavakoli)**
 1. William Lytle presented the sustainability resolution created by a group of students, faculty, and staff. It focuses on the three pillars of sustainability and how to improve on these on campus. The goal is that USG, GSG, and the University Senate vote to approve the resolution. The group also created a sustainability pledge that students can sign online. Once this has been approved and recognized by several groups and individuals this will be presented to the Board of Trustees. The GSG e-board and representatives voted to approve the resolution.
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. **President (Hossein Tavakoli)**
 1. Transportation updates (next meeting March 8th)
 - a) We are currently trying to figure out how to fund the transportation services for future years. A council, in which GSG has a vote, has discussed increasing the activity fees for graduate students to match undergraduate students and that increase can help cover the transportation costs. The increase would be roughly \$15 to a total of \$91. Dr. Murthy and the provost have also requested to get some money from the general fund to cover this. Other options are to have Daniel Heights residents pay a fee for transportation. There are multiple options on the table for how to cover the cost for transportation.
 2. Transportation issues:
 - a) There was an issue with the city shuttle driver this past Friday. An emergency meeting has been held and is being dealt with accordingly.
 3. Sustainability Resolution (presented in Senate, Feb 21)
 4. BOT: Attended a meeting on Feb. 22-23
 5. Alumni BOD :
 - a) There is a mentor program that students can sign up for online.
<https://futureu.peoplegrove.com/>
 6. Graduate Faculty Council meeting is tomorrow.
 7. Cultural Event Fund meeting is on March 8th.
 8. Virtual Career Fair will be held in April.
 - a) for all students at 10 Michigan Public Universities, inviting only companies operating in Michigan
 - B. **Vice-President (Abu Sayeed Md Shawon)**
 1. Inter- residence housing council: Prasad will attend the next meeting.
 2. Student commission: The meeting on Feb. 22 got cancelled. The next meeting is on March 8th.
 3. Health insurance: Meeting on March 14th. If you have complaints talk to the student insurance office.
 4. Feedback form will be put online on the GSG website. Please provide edits.

- C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)
 - 1. Elections for the e-board are on March 19th.
 - 2. Elections for the chair positions are on April 2nd.
- D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)
 - 1. Travel Grants: 62 awardees; 47 are presenting and 25 attending awards
 - 2. Discretionary Funding: We will have 3 requests coming up in the next meeting.
 - 3. Account balance: \$97555.17 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)
 - 4. Budget standing : \$46192.95/ \$89,390.00
 - 5. Discretionary funding : \$3400.00 / \$8,000.00
 - 6. Surplus funding : \$1821.35 / \$39050.91
- VI. **Committee Chair Reports**
 - A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)
 - 1. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the GRC.
 - B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)
 - 1. Lasertag on March 24th from 1:30pm to 9:30pm. 30 minute sessions.
 - C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)
 - 1. Husky Spotlight: Continue to encourage students in your department to fill out the spotlight form to highlight their research.
- VII. **Liaison Reports**
 - A. **University Senate: 1-2 (possibly merge with USG) Leonid Surovitckii, Nabhajit Goswami**
 - a. Sustainability resolution was presented at the Senate meeting last week.
 - B. **Emergency Fund Selection Committee: Niranjan Miganakallu**
 - a. Received 3 applications for emergency funds and one has been processed.
 - C. **Cultural Event Fund: Roger Yang**
 - a. Meeting on March 8th
 - D. **Student Activities Committee: Josh Davis, Apurva Baruah**
 - a. The current recommendation is not to increase the student activity fee.
 - E. **Friends of the Library: Josh Davis**
 - a. Book sale is April 4th.
 - F. **CSA Dean Search committee: Kevin Nevorski**
 - a. Currently extending an offer to a candidate.
- VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**
 - A. Travel Grants: We discussed how to increase funding for students to attend conferences who are not eligible for a travel grant. Niranjan talked about holding a fundraiser to create a fund.
 - B. Driver Issue: Ruby suggested having the driver take a training.
- IX. **Adjournment**