

Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: Dec 11, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from: Nov 27, 2017**
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Presentation by Housing (Travis Pierce, Herbert Brundage)**
 1. Rates : Daniell Heights is on year 3 of a 4 year plan for renovation. The project will be completed in June of 2019. Part of Travis's job is to recommend rates to the BOT. They are at \$710 for one bedroom (no increase expected); 2 bedroom rates are going to increase from \$960 to \$1000 to match the market. Lastly a \$45 increase on the 3 bedroom apartment. These rates are comparable to the market in the area. Daniell Heights used to have family and student apartments, and there was a review a couple years ago and this was removed and a unified rate was decided. The only preference for housing now is to students with dependent children under the age of 18. The representatives discussed several concerns about cost and services with them. Travis has suggested that GSG become the voice of Daniel Heights and connect with the IRHC.
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President (Hossein Tavakoli)
 1. Cultural event fund:
 - a) A meeting was held on Dec. 6th and the next one will be on Jan. 18th. They need to define cultural events; if you have any inputs on this send Hossein an email. There will be an annual report submitted to student affairs.
 2. Transportation
 - a) A survey will be sent to from transportation to all students.
 3. Taxable tuition
 - a) We held a walkout and there were several articles about this. Encourage your departments to call your congressional representatives
 4. Suicide notification for parents:
 - a) Two representatives from GSG will submit on this committee.
 5. BOT academic affairs meeting is on Dec. 14th and the BOT meeting is on Dec. 15th
 6. Lifecourse:
 - a) The meeting was on Nov. 28th hosted by IPS.
 7. Canterbury House:
 - a) A dishwasher and stove are being donated to the house. Alumni Association might help with this.
 8. Emergency Fund:
 - a) The fund is almost complete. We need a student to sit on this committee. If you'd like to be on this please email Hossein. The website is being drafted now. Niranjana and Amol P.
 9. GSG E-board:
 - a) Come talk to us if you would like to be on the e-board next year.

- B. Vice-President (Abu Sayeed Md Shawon)
 - 1. Walmart shopping
 - a) January 11th and 13th; volunteers are needed at several different positions. Please fill out the excel spreadsheet to volunteer.
 - 2. Ski day
 - a) January 28th and IPS will need volunteers for several positions including van driving.
 - 3. Health insurance updates
 - a) They contacted BCBS and the cost was over our range. There is also a discussion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the waiver.
 - 4. Accessibility update
 - a) There has been a discussion of providing accessibility and parking for students who have temporary accessibility problems.
 - 5. Spin stationless bikeshare
 - a) This issue has been dropped by the student commission.
 - 6. One-way upland avenue
 - a) The road will not be changed to one- way, but instead we will ask for better lighting.
- C. Secretary (Jennifer Dunn)
 - 1. Reminder that all representatives attendance starts new at the beginning of Spring semester.
 - 2. If you have not held a Meet and Greet for your department you must hold one by week 6 of spring semester or be put on probation.
- D. Treasurer (Niranjan Miganakallu)
 - 1. College of engineering dean update: Interviews are currently taking place for this search.
 - 2. Account balance: \$102537.66 (Univ. a/c + Wells Fargo a/c)
 - 3. Budget standing : \$27522.84/ \$89,390.00
 - 4. Discretionary funding : \$1800 / \$8,000.00
 - 5. Surplus funding : \$1598.60 / \$39050.91

VI. **Committee Chair Reports**

- A. Academic (Lavanya Kumar)
 - 1. 3MT was successful.
 - 2. Virtual Career Fair on Jan 23rd and we are coordinating with other universities.
 - 3. Professional Development Program on Jan 24th with Alaina Levine
 - 4. Please remember to send out emails to your departments.
- B. Social (Kaitlyn Roose)
 - 1. Bowling night was successful and thank you to everyone who helped! We raised \$137 for the emergency fund.
- C. Public Relations (Leonid Surovitsky)
 - 1. The website, instagram, and facebook have been updated.
 - 2. Website problems have been fixed.
 - 3. A new project will be started to highlight graduate student research on campus. This will be done on instagram and facebook. If you have suggestions for the name please contact Leo.

VII. **Liaison Reports**

- A. University Senate: 1-2 (possibly merge with USG) **Leonid Surovitckii, Nabhajit Goswami**
- B. Undergraduate Student Government: **Matthew Coel, Dhairya Kothari**
 - a. Introduced the new USG liaison

- C. IT Governance Group: **Leonid Surovitchii**
 - a. Still working on software for graduate student work stations.
 - D. IT Liaison: **Kevin Sunderland**
 - a. If you have any IT problems let him know. The next meeting is on Monday.
 - E. Work Life: **Katy Roose**
 - a. Next meeting is on Wednesday
 - F. Cultural Event Fund: **Roger Yang**
 - a. Meeting tomorrow.
 - G. Student Activities Committee: **Josh Davis, Apurva Baruah**
 - a. No meeting yet; but they've provided a document.
 - H. CSA Dean Search committee: **Kevin Nevorski**
 - a. Halfway through phone interviews and will have a decision by February.
- VIII. **Old Business & Discussion Items**
- A. **IPS:** Jamie mentioned that it is very difficult for students to get help with visa extensions from IPS.
- IX. **Adjournment**