



## GSG General Body Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 5:17 pm

Approved Agenda & Minutes from 10.30.18

Minutes Legend
★ Action Item
★ Action Item for All Representatives
Important dates

### Visiting Guest: Courtney Archambeau and Dr. Bennet (*Housing and Residence Life*)

- Here to address issues
  - Rent: Determined by the Board of Trustees
    - There is a Room and Board Rate Committee
  - Apartment Wear and Tear
    - General wear and tear is taken into consideration when moving out of apartment
      - What they charge for?
        - Burns in counters or floors
        - Holes or marks on walls
          - Scuff marks for moving in furniture
          - Holes from hanging up posters
  - Apartment Move-Out Process
    - Inspection
      - Resident moves out June 30- generally 100 students move-out
      - Inspections are done by multiple staff members
    - Charges
      - Substantial damages are photographed and placed on report
  - How to dispute a housing charge
    - 1st: send an email to [housing@mtu.edu](mailto:housing@mtu.edu)
      - Emails are routed to designated person
    - Additional information (forgot to give at the original time of dispute)
      - Email [housingappeal@mtu.edu](mailto:housingappeal@mtu.edu)
        - Can't do this without completing the first step
  - Billing
    - Occurs when Spring bills are released
      - December 3, 2018

- Hold on Account
      - When does a hold get placed?
        - Depends on payment plan
        - Occurs around the first of the month
      - How long does it take for a hold to be released?
        - Normally released the same day the bill is paid
  - Move-In
    - Once contract is signed, link is given for deposit to be paid
      - Link is only available for a certain amount of time
      - Can pay in housing office or over the phone
      - Send copy of receipt to confirm bill has been paid
    - New Move-In date is January 11th
      - Move-In Packets
        - Welcome letter
        - Courtney's Contact Information
        - Daniel Heights terms and COnditions
        - Itemized sheet of what is look for at time of inspection
  - Questions and Suggestions from GSG Members
    - If you need a payment plan, contact Courtney for payment extension so you can register for classes
    - Suggestion for welcome packet:
      - For new move-in students in Winter
        - Create a short video of what to expect
        - What you have to pay
        - What changes to make to temperatures in apartment during Winter
    - Noise Complaints
      - Contact Courtney at [housing@mtu.edu](mailto:housing@mtu.edu)
        - Will reach out to entire apartment building and then reach out to individuals
      - For late at night noise issues
        - Call Public Safety and they will come and deal with the situation

**Visiting Guest:** Dan Schudlich (*President of Blue Key Honor Society*)

- Winter Carnival 101
  - Looking to increase student involvement on campus
- What is Blue Key?
  - Honor Society that is founded to create a sense of service and homecoming events to the MTU community
- Winter Carnival
  - Theme: Years of Innovation STEM from this Snowy Situatuion

- Occurs in February
  - February 6-9th, 2019
- MTU Tradition since 1922
- Events
  - Queens
    - Competition amongst women to be name Winter Carnival Queen
    - Saturday before Winter Carnival
    - Is the Kick-Off Event for Winter Carnival
    - 1000.00 first place scholarship
  - Stage Revue
    - Student Orgs compete by performing a skit based on Winter Carnival theme
    - Free to students
    - Takes place on Thursday of Winter Carnival week
  - Statues
    - 2 different kinds
      - Month long statues
        - Begin right after break
        - Organization thing
        - Applications are NOW OPEN!
          - Deadline: December 5th
      - All-nighter statues
        - Applications open January 14th at 8 PM
        - Applications close January 29th at 5 PM
        - Safety Meeting January 24th at 5 PM in Fisher 139
        - Building begins February 6 at 4 PM and ends February 7th at 9 PM
  - Special Events
    - Allows groups of students to pick what they want to do and how they want to participate
      - Human Ice Bowling
      - Human Dog Sledding
      - Curing
      - Snoccer
        - Basically a way to have fun in the snow!
        - Registration is now open! Goes through January 13th

- To participate: [www.mtu.edu/carnival](http://www.mtu.edu/carnival)
        - Select the “Participate” tab
- Additional Events
  - Torchlight parade
  - Fireworks (Mt. Ripley)
  - SnoBall
    - Happens at the end of Winter Carnival

### President’s Report

- **President-Elect elections**
  - Will happen in our next meeting (December 11th)
  - ★ **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**
- Husky FAN
  - ★ Remind constituents that this is NOT a free food service
  - Only for those in **SERIOUS NEED!**
  - Spring Hours
    - Tuesday 1-3 PM
    - Wednesday 4-6 pm

### Vice President’s Report

- Looking for 4-5 volunteers that will be staying on Campus during Winter Break
- **Needs help for Spring Arrivals**
  - Walmart Trip
  - **Tentative Dates: January 10th and 11th**

### Secretary’s Report

- Sign-In on the attendance sheet
- Please fill out the Google form for the St. Vincent de Paul Community Service project
  - Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/pGz60yBWLAWalZUt2>

### Treasurer’s Report

- Travel Grants are being processed
- ★ Remind your constituents to submit their Travel Forms so they can be reimbursed ASAP

### Academic Chair's Report

- Two Academic Seminars coming up on Wednesday!
    - Survey Methods
      - Admin 404
      - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
      - Dr. Mark Rouleau (Social Sciences)
      - Register at: <https://mtu.libcal.com/event/4783413>
    - Working with MATLAB
      - Lib242
      - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
      - Dr. Mark Gockenbach (Mathematical Sciences)
      - Register at: <https://mtu.libcal.com/event/4783339>
- \*There is a waitlist for the event

### PR Chair's Report

- Academic Workshops are on YouTube
  - Will be shared personally this week
  - Next semester, will be placed on Social Media
- Fill out the #KnowYourRepresentative Survey
- ★ Feedback for PR activity is needed
  - An email will be sent with the form
    - Please provide CONSTRUCTIVE Criticism and feedback

### Social Chair's Report

- Laser Tag
  - Will be taking place December 6-7
  - Final details will be sent November 29th or 30th
  - Attempting to have this event in both Fall and Spring Semesters
- Spring Events
  - Will be on website next week. Stay tuned!

### Liaison Reports

#### **Experience Tech Fee Committee (Stas Zinchik)**

- Just had their first meeting
  - Next meeting is in two months
- Experience Tech Fee
  - Fee that we pay to participate in various facilities/activities on and off campus

- Fee is used by companies for payroll , operation, and maintenance of facilities
- Working on getting a Welcome packet that will list all the places students will have access apart of their fees
- Committee meets every 6 years
- Issue: Fee may need to increase in upcoming years
  - How much should the fee increase
    - Not sure at the moment, we will know soon
  - Why it is increasing
    - Have budget and maintenance issues
    - Minimum wage for the State of Michigan is also increasing

### **Diversity Council (Ruby Alhajja)**

- Ruby needs feedback about priorities that will be supported by the President
  - Some examples:
    - Childcare on Campus
    - Increase Programming of Cultural Competency on Canvas
  - Contact Ruby Alhajjar for more information

Meeting adjourned: **6:37 PM**