GSG General Body Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 5:18 pm

Approved Agenda & Minutes from 2.5.19

Minutes Legend

| ★ | Action Item |
| ★ | Action Item for All Representatives |

Bylaws Amendment Proposal

Proposal 1
- Addition to section V.E.2 as below:
  
  h. Term Limit
    i. The Executive Board is elected for a term of 1 year.
    ii. Any Executive Board member is eligible to run for re-election in the per-session elections following their term.
    iii. The Executive Board members can only be elected for 2 consecutive terms.
- Bylaws amendment voting postponed until the General Body Meeting on 2/19/19

Proposal 2
- Splitting the Academic Chair Position into two positions:
  - Academic Research Chair and Academic Seminar Chair
  - Duties of Academic Research Chair:
    - Investigate and develop recommendations for the GSG on any academic matters that may enhance the academic skills of the graduate student body.
    - Organize and run annual campus research events including
    - The annual campus-wide Graduate Research Colloquium, Merit Awards Program, and Banquet.
    - The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) event
    - The Graduate Poster Session during the Alumni Weekend’s Annual Breakfast
  - Duties of Academic Seminar Chair:
    - Organize and run a total minimum of five (5) academic seminars during a
session with a minimum of two (2) academic seminars each fall and spring semester, respectively.

- Organize and run along with the Graduate School a total minimum of five (5) professional development workshops during a session with a minimum of two (2) professional development workshops each fall and spring.
  - Both: Work with Public Relations Chair to publicize all events
  - Concerns from Reps:
    - Each chair should have their own committee so that the Academic committee isn’t split
      - Committees may not need to be equally sized
    - How will this affect the stipend?
      - The dollar amount of the stipend has not been discussed, however it will be discussed with the graduate school

- Further discussion and voting on Proposal 2 is postponed until the next General Body meeting on 2/19/19

**Tech Forward Reports**

- **Advanced Materials and Manufacturing**
  - Rep- Prathamesh Deshpande
  - Updates: No updates

- **Autonomous and Intelligent Systems**
  - Rep- Daniel Byrne
  - Updates: On 2/21/19 two slides will be presented to Dean Huntoon and the VP of Research.
    - Once slides are complete they will be shared with the GSG body

- **Data Revolution and Sensing**
  - Rep- Kakula Siva
  - Updates: recapped ideology of the task force
    - Key ideas: increase population and research funding to 5% growth every year
    - Task force is now looking at a way to achieve this

- **Education for the 21st Century**
  - Rep- Ami Kling
  - Updates: Broke into smaller groups to further discuss ideas for promoting self-authorship in the academic community
    - Details: Restructuring higher education regarding choosing major and GPA reflection
      - Example: Instead of declaring major, the individual will declare a mission about what they want.
      - This group is heavily focused on undergraduate education

- **Health and Quality of Life**
  - Rep: Kevin Nevorski
  - Updates: Trying to divide funding into two parts
Part 1:
Part 2: Building a center for health research
  ● Learning how to write NIH grants
● Natural Resources, Water, and Energy
  ○ Rep: Kelley Christenson
  ○ Updates: Will put updates on Google Drive
● Policy, Ethics, and Culture
  ○ Rep: Marina Choy
  ○ Updates: Working on presentation slides to propose a policy, ethics
  ■ Interdisciplinary research in a new Tech environment,
● Sustainability and Resilience
  ○ Rep: Will Lytle
  ○ Updates: Will put updates on Google Drive
● Diversity and Inclusion
  ○ Rep: Apurva Baruah
  ○ Updates: Focusing on students, retention, and recruitment
  ■ All other updates are on the Google Drive

President’s Report
Library RUSH request
  ● Is being used but is not meant for books
  ● Requests are processed M-F 8 AM-4 PM
  ● The service will not be available on days when the university is closed
  ● If something is not available through RUSH, it will go through the ILL
    ○ If you don’t want it to go through the ILL please reply with the necessary steps.

Vice President’s Report
Ski Day
  ● Ski day was a success

MDOT Survey
  ● MDOT is conducting a survey to have the major roadways reconstructed.
  ● This construction includes US-41
  ● The survey will inform

Secretary’s Report
Attendance
  ● Designate an alternate if you are going to be absent

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Community Service
  ● Next trip to SVdP is February 16, 2019
  ● Anyone who wants to volunteer please email gsg-secretary@mtu.edu

Meet and Greets
All meet and greets need to be conducted by February 22, 2019
- Departments that need to host a meet and greet
  - Biomedical Engineering
  - Cognitive & Learning Sciences
  - Computer Science
  - Data Science
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Geology & Mining Engineering & Sciences
  - Humanities
  - Kinesiology & Integrative Physiology
  - School of Technology
- Remember to fill out the Meet and Greet form and submit all receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement
  - Link: https://goo.gl/forms/PF5flV1Wh3Zbtuv03

Empty Department Rep spaces
- Please fill all empty rep slots by the end of this month. Voting will begin in March.

Treasurer’s Report
Changing banks
- Since FlagStar is charging for statements and checks, we are looking at changing to the Michigan Tech Credit Employee

Academic Chair’s Report
Grant Writing Workshop
- Rescheduled March 6
- Location, time, and LibCal is all the same

Next Professional Development Workshop
- Graduate Student Networking, on 2/13/19, from 4-6 PM
  - Location: TBD (Tentatively Admin Building)
  - Hour 1: Tips and Tricks- will be recorded
  - Hour 2: Mocktails and Practice

GRC Presentation Registrations
- Please make sure your department is represented
- Registration is due 2/11/19 by 11:59 PM
  - Can potentially extend
- Judge Recruitment is February 4-18, 2019
  - Each rep must ask two faculty members from their department IN PERSON

21st Annual Western UP Science Fair and STEM Festival
- Date: Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30-8:30 PM in the MUB Ballroom
- Looking for GSG members to volunteer to serve as judges
● 4th-8th graders will present an investigation they conducted
  ○ Need 60 judges
  ○ Have 200 projects that need to be judged

PR Chair’s Report
No Reports

Social Chair’s Report
Winter Carnival Chili Run
  ● Need 4-6 volunteers
  ● Time: 9PM- 10:30 PM or 10:30 PM- 12 AM
  ● When: Tomorrow night at all nighter

Events in Progress
  ● Snow Shoeing (with OAP)
  ● Laser Tag Tournament (with I-Club)

Meeting adjourned: 6:27 PM