GSG General Body Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 5:21 pm

Approved Agenda & Minutes from 3.5.19

Visiting Guest: Dr. Pushpalatha Murthy (Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate Education)

Commencement

- New president wanted to look at how other graduate programs have a different commencement ceremony for masters and PhDs
  - They have a separate, special ceremony for graduate students in addition to the overall University Commencement
- Want to try to implement this idea at MTU
  - Currently under discussion
  - Graduate school would like for grad students to have their own ceremony and walk with undergraduates at the university commencement.
    - Graduate students would be recognized but they would not walk across the stage

GSG Principal Officer Elections

Results from Vice President Election

- Rehab “Ruby” Al-Hajjar-2
- Daniel Byrne-18
- Bethel Tarekegne-13
- Abstain-1

Results from Secretary Election

- Ranit Karmakar- 29
- Abstain- 3
- Abstain- 1

Results from Treasurer Election

- Nabhajit Goswami- 9
- Bethel Tarekegne- 22
Newly Elected Principal Officers for 2019-2020 Academic Year

- Vice President
  - Daniel Byrne
- Secretary
  - Ranit Karmakar
- Treasurer
  - Bethel Tarekegne

President’s Report

Rescheduled Meetings

- Insurance
- Experience Tech

Welcomed Two New Board of Trustees

- They are excited for GRC

Vice President’s Report

MDOT Meeting

- Gave concept plans for US-41
  - Not yet shareable
  - Will share when they are available
- Upcoming Plans
  - College Avenue will be made into a 3-lane road
  - The east end of Montezuma will become a 2-lane road from a 3-lane road
  - Townsend Drive will be converted from a double lane road to a one lane road
    - Concerns were raised from students on the absence of signs on Townsend Drive
    - Students felt as though there should be crosswalk or pedestrian signs on this roads
    - Felt that this is a safety concern

Secretary’s Report

No Report

Treasurer’s Report

Spring Travel Grants

- Received 50 applications
- Spring 2019 awardees number is 42

Meet and Greet Reimbursements

Email qsg-treasurer@mtu.edu for Meet and Greet Reimbursements

Academic Chair’s Report

Academic Seminars

- Grant Writing is scheduled for March 6th
Will be held by Peter Larsen (MTU’s Director of Research Development)
- He plans to lead a workshop that will discuss the process of applying for external grants
- Libcal: [https://mtu.libcal.com/event/5018079](https://mtu.libcal.com/event/5018079)

**Graduate Research Colloquium**
- **Date:** March 27th and 28th
  - March 27th- Poster and Oral Presentations
  - March 28th- Oral Presentations
  - Awards Banquet will be held on March 28th
- **Volunteers**
  - Judges are need for GRC
    - ★ Each rep need to recruit judges for GRC
  - Volunteers will be needed to help GRC run smoothly
    - To volunteer please click [here](#) and fill out the form
- **GRC Banquet**
  - Please attend the GRC banquet
    - ■ RSVP for the banquet [here](#)
    - ■ Reservations are due by 5:00 PM on March 19th

**PR Chair’s Report**
- No Report

**Social Chair’s Report**

**Grad Family Movie Night**
- Showing Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse
- Dates: March 22-24th
- Free tickets and Concessions to graduate students

**Laser Tag Tournament #2**
- Dates: April 12th and 13th
- Details TBA

**Tech Forward Initiatives**

**Diversity and Inclusion-** Apurva
- They gave their presentation to President Koubek and the Board
  - Received very nice feedback
- Now they are looking for ideas to implement into their proposal
  - ★ If anyone would like to contribute ideas, contact the task force.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:19 PM