Graduate Student Government of
Michigan Technological University

Meeting Date: January 11, 2016

I. Call to Order
   A. 5:20 PM call to order

II. Approval of Agenda
    A. Motion by Shelley
    B. Second by Rafael
    C. Passes unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes from: November 30th, 2015
     A. Motion by Omkar
     B. Seconded by Ida
     C. Passes unanimously

IV. New Business
    A. No new business

V. Officer Reports
   A. President (Chelsea Nikula)
      1. GSG will be hosting many events this semester, make sure to participate in your committee as we will need everyone’s participation to be successful.
      2. Community Events
         a) HuskiesFit Dollar Days will allow people try a fitness class for $2 this week.
         b) Seminar on submitting your dissertation will be hosted by the graduate school in the upcoming weeks.
         c) Medical Careers Week from Career Services, begins Jan 19th
         d) BioTech Career Talk by Matthew Hymes will be on Jan 28th
         e) Cultural Events this semester:
            (1) Help us find the dates for them all so we can help advertise
            (2) Thai Night is this Saturday
         f) MLK day banquet is Jan. 18th
      3. University Budget Forum will be Feb. 4th at 11am in DOW 642
   B. Vice-President (Will “Sustainability” Lytle)
      1. Student health insurance issues
         a) Student was unable to get services due to them not being registered in the UHC system.
         b) www.uhcsr.com allows people to properly register themselves to get health coverage, remind your departments
         c) You need to go through this registration process to be able to print or request a physical copy of your health insurance card.
C. Interim Treasurer (Joe Reath)
   1. Account balance $92,629.44
   2. Standing budget: $29,752.86/85,413
   3. Discretionary: $1,200/8,000
   4. Travel grants have opened today
      a) 64 presenting awards and 4 attending awards are available
      b) Close Feb. 19th at 5pm

D. Secretary (Joe Fedie)
   1. Gave senate report for Gorkem
      a) The senate wants to discuss additional means of supporting graduate
         students, including plans that would fund one graduate student per each
         graduate student funded by an external grant. It’s just a discussion right
         now and I’m not sure when there would be any concrete results.
      b) They’re working with the library to mitigate large publisher costs
         especially for bigger publishers (there wasn't much detail discussed on
         the topic).

VI. Committee Chair Reports
   A. Academic (Shelley Jeltema)
      1. GRC abstracts close tonight at 11:59 PM
      2. We are looking for a keynote speaker for the GRC
      3. Lunch ‘n’ Learn will be on Friday at 11:45 AM, it will be on oral and poster
         presentations
      4. 3MT will be in March

   B. Social (Bethany Klemetsrud)
      1. IPS Ski Day will be on Sunday (Jan 24th) and will require people to pay for
         rentals and will take place at Mt. Ripley
      2. Cross country ski day will be Feb. 14th. at Tech Trails
      3. International Dance Night will be taking place March 18th
      4. Chili Run will take place during All-Nighter, we need volunteers
         a) Ida- How many people do you need and do you have to do the whole
            thing?
            (1) Jacque- It runs 9-midnight and has two shifts.

   C. Public Relations (Avinash Subramanian)
      1. Website is just about ready to be switched over
         a) The old website will remain available to us under another domain
      2. I will be gone for the next week

VII. Ad Hoc Committees
   A. Housing and Transportation
      1. We will schedule our next meeting and start developing a survey soon
VIII.  **Liaison Reports**

A. University Senate (Gorkem Asilioglu)
   1. Report given by Joe F.

B. Undergraduate Student Government (Abbey Senczyszyn)
   1. Not present

C. Research Advisory Council (Muralee Menon)
   1. Not present

D. IT Governance Group (Shelley Jeltema)
   1. Still looking at funding software people need without buying extraneous software as well as removing software that is no longer relevant/useless.

E. Friends of the Van Pelt Library (Kevin Waters)
   1. No report

F. Council of Philanthropy (Wesley McGowan)
   1. No report

IX.  **Old Business & Discussion Items**

A. Meet & Greet Reports
   1. Omkar- The ME-EM dept. had one last month, main concerns were courses and GSG social event times. All concerns were addressed

B. Other Concerns
   1. Karen- Student has a hold on his account due to having not taken ARCR course, but he needs to get his transcripts.
      a) Shelley- Deb Charlesworth can help them out.
   2. Nithin- Students are wondering if they have access to their Michigan Tech Google Drive and account after graduation
      a) Chelsea- You should have access to your email after graduation.
      b) Jacque- Has heard that if it stays dormant too long it can be deactivated.
      c) Shelley- Will check with IT and get back to us.
   3. Sudhir- Many students are not happy with the SDC break hours.
      a) Chelsea- We can talk to the SDC about this, not sure if they can change it but we can ask.

C. Announcements
   1. Karen- How many new graduate students have joined this semester?
      a) Roughly 90.

X.  **Adjournment**

A. Motion to adjourn by Joe R.
B. Second by Ida
C. Passes unanimously