

GSC Minutes from October 24, 2005 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:35 pm
- II. Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection
- III. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2005: Accepted without objection
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Daniell Heights over charging on vacating – President Dan took the issue up with VP of Student Affairs Les Cook. A meeting will be held to further discuss this issue. Heights management does not seem to be receptive to changing policies. The vacating policies have been an issue in the past.
- V. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler:
 - i. Cleaned ROTC and updated website
 - ii. Announced plan to open ROTC Blue Room to public as free student study area, since the room is under-utilized.
 - iii. ISA had enough money for the Diwali event, therefore they withdrew the request for funds.
 - iv. USG report
 1. Under the USG re-alignment, a “CEO” type position would reside as the head student government official for all students. This person would have overwriting power over GSC policy and decision making. General consensus in GSC is to not support this proposed re-alignment.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. Still need First Contact person for CS, Mineral Economics and Business departments
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. No unusual transactions in the previous budget
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Announced persons who still need to sign up for a committee
 - ii. Senate report
 1. University presentation on recruitment and enrollment. Enrollment is up 3% for undergraduate and 10% for graduate programs. Applications for next year are up 27% from the previous year
 2. Presentation on summer and distant learning. Want to survey students to see what classes should be offered in the summer term. Proposal for summer tuition where administration gets 1/3 and departments 2/3.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Elections chair Jerry Ross
 - i. Business department will be excused this semester from attending meetings since they have a class conflict
 - b. Lecture chairs Emily McCarthy and Susan Hemme

- i. Want to bring in a comic artist that does skits tailored towards graduate students. The artist will be on tour in the area in Febuary or March and seems willing to come to MTU.
 - c. Academic chair T. Arron Kotlensky
 - i. Discussed the proposal of an option D masters project which is course work only with no final oral examination. A similar proposal was rejected last year by the university senate.
 - d. Student Issues chair Brian Ott
 - i. Major student issues are stipend levels, health care and travel grants
 - 1. Committee will investigate costs of having an on campus walk-in facililty to lower insurance costs. Want to compare national and regional insurance plans at other institutions to those of MTU students and dependants.
 - 2. Would like to get stipend levels to national or peer institution levels
 - 3. Child care facility may open up at old Gunlach building.
 - ii. Health insurance manager Julio Rivera
 - 1. Met with Mary Ann Brunner to discuss the health insurance
 - 2. Would like to put insurance guideline on the website.

VII. New Business

- a. Travel Grant drawing proposal from Adam Durant
 - i. Presented survey data from the Geology department
 - ii. Summarized the proposal
 - 1. Discussion on the definition of support and proving support for conferences.
 - iii. Need to get information from department constituents.

VIII. Discussion Items

IX. Adjournment: 6:47 pm

Attendance

Nick Nanninga
 David Tobias
 Dan Adler
 Satheesh
 Gerald Jalkanen
 Ming Ning
 Julio rivera
 Adam D.
 Kiran Khadke
 Akshay Patil
 Brian Ott
 Jim Nugent

Sarah Traux
Emily McCarthy
Zijun Xu
Lakshmi
T. Arron Kottlensky
Vaibhav Kale
Jerry Ross
Karl Haapala
Warren Powers
Heather Hoffman
Laura Walz
Rick V.
Susan Hemme
Steve Holcomb
Rohit (Joshua)
Vishesh Kumar

Excused

Raghav
Aaron Tice
Tara