

GSC Minutes from February 20th, 2006 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:32 pm
- II. Approval of the Agenda: Accepted as modified without objection
- III. Special Reports
 - a. Possible proposal for Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology presented by Dr. John Jaszczak
 - i. Benchmarked Drexel's Nanotechnology Certificate where 1 course is required in each of three areas, 2 approved elective courses and 6 seminars attended
 - ii. Dr. Jaszczak would like GSC input on interest level and possible layout of a Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology at MTU
 - iii. Questions posed to Dr. Jaszczak included: other graduate certificates at MTU, would new courses need to be created, would students have to be enrolled in a graduate program to obtain the certificate
 - b. Graduate Students and the Career Center presented by Kiran Khadke
 - i. Currently there are very few opportunities at the career fair for graduate students. This is because the head of the Career Center was under the impression that graduate student job placement was an operation preformed by individual departments
 - ii. Graduate students are not represented on the student Career Center advisory committee. Kiran joined the committee
 - iii. After discussions about the potential for increased opportunities for graduate students in campus career services, it was decided the Jim Turnquist would be invited to discuss possibilities with the GSC.
- IV. Officer Report
 - a. President Dan Adler,
 - i. DH Housing Focus Group
 1. The Daniell Heights Resident Council voted to keep the current cleaning policies in place
 2. A focus group was formed to investigate the inventory sheets and cleaning policy to help residents better understand their rights and responsibilities. The members will be Iman B, Bharat P and Dan A.
 - ii. Communications Plan
 1. In retrospect of last meetings poor preparation of the award ceremony for the graduate faculty award, Dan is drafting guidelines for GSC interactions with other groups.
 - iii. Graduate Student Footprint
 1. Keep working on the issues and don't be deterred if some problems seem too large to handle.
 - iv. BOC Breakfast

1. The breakfast will be held Friday, February 24th at 7:30 am, attending will be Dan A, Vaibhav K, Julio R and Nick N.
 - v. Provost Search
 1. The preferred provost candidate John Hughes and the MTU administration could not reach an agreement on issues such as the faculty union and the stability of the Glenn Mroz as President of the university
 2. The new search will begin soon and a graduate student search committee member will be needed to replace the graduating David Forel. Emily McCarthy volunteered to be the graduate student member on the committee.
 - vi. ASMTU
 1. Initially, it appears the reorganization did not have enough student votes and will fail.
 - b. Vice President Akshay Patil
 - i. First Contact persons should expect the list of accepted fall students before the end of the week.
 - c. Treasurer David Tobias
 - i. Presented the updated January budget
 - d. Secretary Nick Nanninga
 - i. Senate update
 1. Tech Fund presentation with a focus on increasing Endowments for faculty and graduate students as well as increasing financial aid to students.
- V. Approval of Minutes from February 6th, 2006
- a. Corrections, add Muatala to names present
 - b. A cookie was given to Susan for finding the errors and incorrect statement about the take over of Canada
 - c. Approval of minutes was postponed until next meeting so that students can have the opportunity to look through them once more.
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Social Committee chair Rick Vendlinski
 - i. The curling social was rescheduled for March 18th.
- VII. New Business
- a. Available Travel Grants for Spring and Summer
 - i. A differentiation between the number and amount of travel grants awarded and the money allocated by the graduate school was found.
 - ii. Nick moves to supply the current number of travel grants this year and to pay for the cost difference with GSC carry-over money. Motion was seconded and passed.
 - iii. Dan will draft up a few ideas to correct for the problem by asking for increased graduate school funds, or changing the amount and value of the travel grants.
 - b. Travel Grant drawing (first drawing with new system)

- i. Presenting awards:
 1. Josh Cowden, CEE
 2. Susan Hemme, Chemistry
 3. Tracy Neher, Biology
 4. Ryan Schweitzer, CEE
 5. Laurence Jose, HU
 6. Heather Hoffman, HU
 7. Akshay Patil, MEEM
 8. Scott See, SS
 9. Augustin Morua, CEE
 10. Lin Pan, Physics
 11. Brandon Braithwite, CEE
 12. Seshasei Srinivasari, Math
 13. Matthew Norman, Mineral Economics
 14. Anne Mareck, HU
 15. Lauren Fry, CEE
 16. Ming Ning, Chemistry
 17. Brett Huntzinger, SFRES
 18. Jiesheng Wang, Physics
 19. Shawn Apostal, HU
 20. Brent Bellinger, Biology
 21. Meghan McGee, BME
 22. Samuel Mensen, Physics
 23. Mark Glecsa, SFRES
- ii. Attending awards:
 1. Cara Shonsey, CEE
 2. Sarah Truax, HU
- c. Open Nominations for Principal Officers
 - i. Nominations for principal officers will be accepted anytime after Monday February 20th until 5:30 pm of the next scheduled meeting.
 - ii. Nominations for committee chair positions will open once principal officer nominations are closed.
 - iii. Email Jerry Ross (jlross@mtu.edu) to nominate. Self nominations are welcome.
- d. Resolution to form an opinion on Senate Proposal 21-06 “Policy Governing Change of Grades”
 - i. Following discussions of how this issue would affect graduate students a motion was passed that: “the Graduate Student Council would support the policy change if there is a clause stating supported graduate students would not be responsible financially for re-taking a course.”

VIII. Discussion Items, none

IX. Adjournment: 6:45 pm

Attendance

Nick N, MSE
Dan A, MEEM
Akshay P, MEEM
David T, CEE
Ming N, Chemistry
Tara E, SFRES
Kiran K, MEEM
Satheesh R, MEEM
Iman B, Business
Cindy T, Business
Oystein T, CS
Warren P, CS
Aaron T, CEE
Emily M, GMES
Bharat P, SFRES
Rick V, CEE
Jim N, HU
Lakshmi K, Physics
Julio R, MEEM
Vaibhav K, MEEM
Susan H, Chemistry
Brandon Rizhads, MSE USG Liaison
Raghav V, Physics
Heather H, HU
Nathan C, HU
Niranjan L, MEEM
Steve H, Math
Zijun X, Biology
Santosh G, CEE
Muatala M, GMES
Brian Ott, CME

Excused

Vishesh K, MEEM
Laura W, BME