

GSC minutes from Feb 19th, 2007 Meeting

I. Call to order: 5:07 pm

II. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

III. Approval of minutes from Feb 5, 2007: Approved.

IV. Officer Reports:

a. President - David Tobias

i. Updating the GSC website to include the changes in By-Laws made over the previous semesters.

b. Vice-President - Nick Nanninga

No report.

c. Treasurer - Emily McCarthy

Presented budget for the month of January.

d. Secretary - Rajalakshmi Krishna

No Report.

V. Invited Presentation

BlueSky Medical - Dr. Jeffery Huotari.

Synopsis - Out-patient based health care system, affordable cost & quality service, planning on 24/7 accessibility, flexible payment system (credit card or cash).

Jill W - Do you refer to any clinic for lab tests?

Dr. Huotari - Lab facilities are presently not available. In case any lab test is needed, will provide available options here. Patients have liberty to choose a clinic.

Jill W- Do you provide prescription samples?

Dr. Huotari- No.

Jill W- What are the services Bluesky health offers now?

Dr. Huotari- Full-spectrum outpatient family medicine services including evaluation, diagnosis, and management (or appropriate referrals for management if needed) of most new problems, ongoing management of chronic diseases, preventive care, and office procedures done under local anesthesia such as lesion removal, joint injection, and repair of small lacerations. We do not currently offer contraception management, disability exams, workers' comp evaluations, or a formal chronic pain management program.

Dr. Huotari can be contacted at jhuotari@blueskyhealth.org.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Academic - (Open)

No Report.

b. Social - Brian Ott

No report (absent).

c. Orientation

No Report.

- d. Lecture - Laura Walz
 - i. 03/01 'Lunch n Learn' - Presentation by Jim Turnquist, Director of the Career Centre, on the job hunt process aimed at the graduate students. This event will be held at the Alumni Lounge from 12-1 pm.
 - David T - Dr. Volger sent a thank you card for collaborating to invite Dr. James Brown on campus.
- e. Public relations - (Open)
 - No Report .
- f. Student Issues - Casey Rudkin
 - President Tobias suggested the student issues committee work on health care insurance and on campus clinic.

VII. Liaisons

- a. COE Dean search - David Tobias
 - i. The dean search committee has requested vision statements from all the COE dean candidates. This will assist the search committee in shortlisting the candidates along with the input from campus community.
- b. Provost search - Emily Mccarthy
 - The search committee is in the process of shortlisting the applications. The shortlisted candidates are tentatively scheduled for campus visits after spring break.
- c. USG - Lisa Tomlinson
 - i. USG voted to present ASMTU without any structural modifications.
 - ii. Will call for referendum from the student body.
 - iii. Polls are scheduled from Feb 28 to Apr 1 2007.
- d. University Senate - Nick Nanninga
 - No update.
- e. Graduate Tuition Reform Task Force - David Tobias
 - i. Trying to identify peer institutes and study their tuition structure.
- f. Science & Arts Dean search committee - Rebecca Targove
 - No meetings held.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Senate Calendar Issues
 - President Tobias is working on drafting a resolution for the previously discussed senate calendar issues (Thanksgiving break and Final exam policy).
- b. ASMTU

After reviewing the ASMTU By-Laws the council expressed the following concerns:

- i. Including “Graduate Student Affairs (GSA)” committee can be a cause of possible conflict of opinions with the GSC in the future. Therefore GSA committee should not be included in the ASMTU. Issues common to graduate and undergraduate students can be addressed by ASMTU with input from GSC.
- ii. To remove GSC from special budget group as GSC has no role in the USG’s budget allocation to student organizations.
- iii. Since USG receives 50% of graduate student activity fee, including one grad student representation in the ‘Joint ways and Means Committee’ would serve in preserving the interests of GSC in ASMTU.

IX. New Business

a. Experience Michigan Tech/ Inclusive Fee Proposal

Student commission has taken this initiative to provide students at Tech to have access to theatre productions, performances at the Rosza centre (excluding Great Events), Skiing, Tennis court, golf course at a mandatory flat fee of \$60 per student . Student commission has presented the budget to USG for vote.

Nick N - We need clarification on how long the MUB expansion fee would have to go before voting on this proposal.

Oystein S - This is a good opportunity for students to experience all the events and activities in and around Tech.

b. Engineer’s without Borders- Discretionary funds request

EWB representative will be at the next GSC meeting. Voting on the EWB requests will take place during the next meeting.

Nick N - We should clearly define guidelines to distribute discretionary funds.

X. Discussion Items

a. Spring Travel Grants

The deadline for the spring travel grants is 5pm Feb 23 2007 . The applications must be dropped in the Blueroom mail box, ROTC.

b. BOC cancelled

The Board of Control meeting was cancelled because there was no quorum.

c. Leadership in the New Millennium

Lecture on Thu Feb 22 at 9pm in MUB Alumni Lounge.

d. International Club

International club is soliciting volunteers to participate in their annual nite “Spectrum of Cultures”. This event will be held on Apr 7 2007 at the Rosza Center.

e. Student Banquet Awards

Nominations are due by 5:00pm on Fri, Mar 9 2007. Each time you nominate a student, advisor or an organization, your names will be included in a drawing. Two apple iPods will be given away as prizes. For more information, Visit www.sa.mtu.edu/awards/.

XI. Adjournment: 6:10 pm

Attendance

Lakshmi K, MSE

Nick N, MSE

Rebecca T, Math

Muatala M, GMES

Miriam R, GMES

Emily M, GMES

Vaibhav K, MEEM

David T, CEE

Lisa T, CEE

Laura W, BME

Kris N, Biology

Raghav V, Phy

Oystein T, CS

Warren P, CS

Jill W, SFRES

Casey R, Hu

James R, SS

Nathan C, Hu

Rajni K, Chem

Excused

Tara E, SFRES

Madhana S, MSE

Soumya S, Chem