

GSC minutes from Mar 19th, 2007 Meeting

- I. Call to order: 5:10 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- III. Approval of minutes from Mar 5, 2007: Corrections by Casey R noted.
  - a. VI f : Nick C changed to Nathan C.
  - b. VIII d: \$1000 changed to \$500.
  - c. Minutes approved as amended.
- IV. Officer Reports:
  - a. President - David Tobias  
Covered below.
  - b. Vice-President - Nick Nanninga  
No report.
  - c. Treasurer - Emily McCarthy
    - a. Presented the budget for the month of Apr.
    - b. Budget for the upcoming year will be presented at the next meeting.
  - d. Secretary - Rajalakshmi Krishna
    - i. In the sign-in doc please indicate if you'll continue to be a rep for next term.
- V. Invited Presentation  
None.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic - Rebecca Targove
    - i. Academic committee met with Dr. Neil Hutzler to plan for the Sigma Xi colloquium on Apr 14 2007.
    - ii. President Tobias requested council's input on using the blueroom as the venue for colloquium.
    - iii. The committee will look for better rooms for colloquium and luncheon.
    - iii. Few suggestions that came up included rooms in Rekhi and Fisher hall. President Tobias encourages graduate students for involving undergraduate participation. Requested Lisa T to bring this up at the USG meeting and have it written in the USG minutes summary on the Lode.
  - b. Social - Brian Ott
    - i. President Tobias is planning on organizing a social at the MUB for grad students during or a week before finals.
    - ii. Trying to get Pasi cats perform for the social.
  - c. Orientation  
No Report.
  - d. Lecture - Laura Walz (Excused absence)
    - i. President Tobias informed the council that Lecture committee is working on list of speakers for the next year.  
Raghav V - We are trying to invite Dr. Chris McKay, NASA.
  - e. Public relations - (Open)  
No report .

- f. Student Issues - Casey Rudkin
  - i. Committee will meet on Fri Mar 23.  
President Tobias attended the health insurance meeting. The health insurance provider is not increasing the premium this year. There is also an increase in the prescription drug cap from \$1000 to \$1500.

## VII. Liaisons

- a. COE Dean search - David Tobias
  - i. Provost Reed is satisfied with the Dean search committee's progress and said they serve the purpose of being role models for other on-campus search committees.
- b. Provost search - Emily Mccarthy
  - i. No meeting held last week.
- c. USG - Lisa Tomlinson
  - No report.
- d. University Senate - Nick Nanninga
  - No report.
- e. Graduate Tuition Reform Task Force - David Tobias
  - i. Data gathering is underway for peer and aspiration peer universities. Comparing tuition & fee structure, full-time credit requirements, MS vs. PhD differences, Engg. vs. Sciences vs. other differences .
- f. Science & Arts Dean search committee - Rebecca Targove
  - i. First meeting will be held on Mar 20 2007.
- g. Student Health Services - Jill Witt
  - No report.
- h. School of Business chair Search Committee- Iman Blyther
  - No report.
- i. Grad Faculty Council (GFC)
  - President Tobias is the secretary for GFC.
  - i. Discussed proposed Nanotechnology Certificate.
  - ii. Proposing changing MS Plan C to allow written in addition to oral final exam.
  - iii. Copyright issues with MS theses in MTU library.
  - iv. Modified continuous enrollment policy to eliminate current last term 1-credit policy.

## VIII. Old Business

- a. Experience Michigan Tech/Inclusive Fee

- i. President Tobias requested the reps to poll their departments on the Experience Michigan Tech fees.
- ii. There was a positive feedback from MSE, Phy, Humanities, Bio, GMES. Math did not welcome it.
- iii. If USG decides to support this fees then this will be put up for campus wide referendum.

b. MTU Drug & Alcohol Policy

The clause which defines the mere presence of any student organization members as an official endorsement of the student organization is a cause of concern. President Tobias will ask the concerned person to clarify or rephrase the clause.

c. Discretionary Funds guidelines

Nick N was requested to come up with draft of guidelines for sanctioning discretionary funds.

IX. New Business

a. 2007-2008 Officer Elections.

i. Nominees for the post of President - Casey R and Emily M. Emily McCarthy elected as the president for 2007-2008.

ii. Nominee for the post of Vice President - Lakshmi K. Elected unanimously.

iii. No nominations received for the post of secretary. Nominations are open.

iv. Nominee for the post of Treasurer - Madhana S. Elected unanimously.

b. 2007-2008 Committee Chair Nominations.

i. Moved and seconded.

ii. Send nominations to the GSC council list at [gscouncil-l@mtu.edu](mailto:gscouncil-l@mtu.edu)

X. Discussion Items

Lecture by Dr. Harry Mika . Will send a note out to council.

XI. Adjournment: 6:15 pm

Attendance

Lakshmi K, MSE

Nick N, MSE

Madhana S, MSE

Rebecca T, Math

Rohit G, MEEM

Vaibhav K, MEEM

Muatala M, GMES

Miriam R, GMES

Emily M, GMES

David T, CEE

Lisa T, CEE

Brian Ott, Chem Eng

Kris N, Biology  
Raghav V, Phy  
Partha P, Phy  
Oystein T, CS  
Warren P, CS  
Jill W, SFRES  
Tara E, SFRES  
Casey R, Hu  
Rajni K, Chem  
Iman B, Business

Excused  
Laura W, BME  
Rohit I, EE