

# **Student Government Council**

University of Michigan-Flint

Friday, January 23, 2009

*Minutes*

## **Attendance**

### Executive Board

President- Owen Agho

Vice President- Nic Josey

Treasurer- Bob Routhier (absent)

Secretary- Tamera Dandachi

Director of Student Relations- Krystal Long

Director of Student Organization Partnership Board- Saad Qureshi

Director of University Affairs- Marcus Batson

Director of Government and Legal Affairs- Steve Mintline

### Representatives

Felipe Andrez

Kurtis Banks

Andrea Beaulieu

Albert Chang

Tyeisha Cox

Taylor Flynn

Shawntae Harris (absent)

Adrian Matthews

Adam Stites

### Ex-Officio Members

### Guests

Keith Hazel

Wade Merrill

Jeff Shuel

## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm  
Presided over by President Owen Agho

### Agenda Acceptance

- Josey moves to accept the agenda as presented
- Taylor seconds
- Discussion
  - Tamera moves to add election code under new business
  - Mintline seconds
  - Vote: all in favor
- Vote: all in favor

### Minutes Acceptance

- Krystal moves to accept the minutes from last meeting
- Marcus seconds
- Vote: all in favor

### Guests

- Wade Merrill
  - Thanks for confirming me last week
  - If you have any questions about the agenda items, you can ask me now
  - The major items that were changed are that “majority” was changed to “plurality”
  - The old code said that you had to have a phone number on campaign materials, and it now says “email or phone number”
  - I have nominations for the associate members of the election commission
    - The code calls for 6 associates, and we wanted to find the most active people who would be able to do the job well
    - Josey- I would just say that you should make sure that International Students
- ITS
  - I am here to talk to you about mailbox sizes, and the biggest concern is the cost.
  - Our goal is to get feedback to you, and then hold some open sessions on campus
  - The product we are looking at right now would offer 10G of space as well as many other features for use
  - I think that it would be very worthwhile for you to listen to a presentation from a representative
  - You would also be able to keep your email address for life
  - The accounts would be free, and the accounts would not receive spam until after graduation
  - Marcus- what are some other reasons you choose Microsoft?
  - Gmail didn't comply with some of the international standards, and they are still considered Beta
  - Owen- will all of our inbox items be transferred over?

- We're going to work on that next. We would create some transfer accounts and work on all of that
- We want to keep it similar to now, so Microsoft is the best idea
- Microsoft has put aside funds to work on this transition so this would cost us nothing.
- We want to have informational sessions and we want your approval before we move ahead with this

### **Constitutions**

- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
  - Marcus moves to table until we hear from a representative
  - Josey seconds
  - Vote: all in favor
- International Youth Fellowship
  - There are over 40 members
  - There is no treasurer
  - There is no faculty staff advisor
  - Kurtis moves to table this until we can speak with a representative
  - Taylor seconds
  - Vote: 7 in favor, 3 opposed (Nic, Marcus, Adrian), 3 abstaining (Albert, Mintline, Kurtis). Motion carries.

### **Officers' Reports**

#### Director of Student Organization Partnership Board

- We talked about org center rules
- We need markers and paper rolls
- The large meeting is happening on 2/12 and there will be pizza and stuff probably
- The registration forms for the student organizations are due next week so then we will know meeting times for clubs

#### Director of Student Relations

- The DC trip went well
- The meetings are now on Monday from 6:30-7:30
- I talked to Kay about the large volunteer event, which will probably run sometime in March
- The mobile student government event will be 2/12 also

#### Director of University Affairs

- We're contacting the departments for the university committees
- We're working on the student rights pamphlets
- I talked to Peggy about the painting, and she said there might be a charge.
- We're thinking about putting a banner up in place of the painting if we get it down before we get something else put up
- We're still looking at having a follow-up meeting with the chancellor, but we want to see information from everyone before then.

#### Director of Government and Legal Affairs

- We didn't have a meeting because there was no school on Monday

- We will be looking at both constitutions

#### Treasurer

- We had our meeting this Wednesday
- There were 6 allocations and we're going to do them by an online vote
- Bob is still finishing audit stuff

#### Secretary

- I met about the website, and we're going to meet again after they figure out what's going on as far as how to make websites.

#### Vice President

- Steve, can you email me the goals over the weekend
- I hope everyone had a good time at the retreat
- Next week there will be a high school student government here
- I'm going to start advertising the meetings with all campus emails
- Everyone should be here in their seats before 12:00

#### President

- I want to encourage you to spend more time in the office
- If anyone comes into the office and asks you questions you're not sure about, then refer them to me
- I'm currently emailing people about the satellite radio in the UCEN
- The DC trip was amazing, and people were really happy about the fact that SG sponsored the trip

#### Advisor Jessie Hurse

- Can I get 2,000 for president's ball?
- Pool tables will be fixed next Friday
- There is a leadership summit in grand valley
- We all need to be here at least 10 min early

#### University Committees

#### Ad-hoc Committees

#### Ex-Officio Members

### **Old Business**

#### Becky Wood's Credit Card Proposal

### **New Business**

#### Election Commissioners

- Steve moves to confirm the entire election commission
- Marcus seconds
- Vote: all in favor; Kurtis abstains

#### Election Code

- Mintline moves to approve changes to code
- Josey seconds
- Vote: all in favor, Marcus abstains

#### Meeting Attendance Incentive

- Josey moves that SG purchases an iPod for a meeting incentive for this semester
- Mintline seconds

- Discussion:
  - Jessie- if a student was to win this iPod, they would be taxed for it, and we need to make sure it's not called a raffle. Also, most students have iPods.
  - Josey- maybe instead of something like that we could do a book scholarship, and we were not going to buy the iPod until later
- Vote: all opposed
- Josey moves to table
- Albert seconds
- Vote: all in favor, Marcus and Kurtis abstain

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:33pm