

Student Government Council

University of Michigan-Flint

Friday, October 17, 2008

Minutes

Attendance

Executive Board

President- Owen Agho

Vice President- Nic Josey

Treasurer- Bob Routhier

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 (tardy 1)

Kurtis Banks (tardy 1)

Shawntae Harris

Absent Representatives

Andrea Beaulieu

Adrian Matthews

Martin Portillo

Ex-Officio Members

Sarah Al-Shabani—Genesee Early College

Derrick Bryson—CAB

Guests

Jennifer Profitt—MTimes

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm

Presided over by President Owen Agho

Agenda Acceptance

- Marcus moves to accept the agenda
- Josey seconds
 - Derrick moves to add CAB movie night to the Agenda
 - Josey seconds
 - Vote: all in favor
- Vote: all in favor

Minutes Acceptance

- Marcus moves to accept the minutes from last week
- Kurtis seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Public Comment on Agenda

Constitutions

Japanese Language and Culture Club

- The purpose is to instill an interest in the Japanese culture and raise money for
- Saad moves to accept the constitution as presented
- Marcus seconds
- Discussion
 - Josey- they're already active
- Vote : 9 in favor, Kurtis abstained

Non-Traditional Student Organization

- Assist and accommodate non-traditional students
- Saad moves to accept the constitution as presented
- Marcus seconds
- Discussion
 - Bob- what defines non-traditional?
 - Non-traditional is anyone over 24 years of age, has a child, is married, etc.
- Vote: 9 in favor, Bob opposed

Officers' Reports

Director of Student Organization Partnership Board

- Discussed the constitutions
 - There were the two we just voted on, and the Martial Arts club which didn't have the Supremacy clause
- Talked about the dead club campaign

Director of Student Relations

- Ordered replacement nametags
- Updated the website
 - The allocation forms are on there, but won't work
- Booked the room for the State of the Students Address
 - Afterward there will be an open forum
 - Fliers are made

Director of University Affairs

- The dinner meeting tonight is at 5:30pm
- On November 17 there is going to be a student forum about the textbook prices in the Kiva.
 - It'll be set up like the other student concerns forums
- The art department is supposed to contact me about the painting in the UCEN

Director of Government and Legal Affairs

- On Wednesday afternoon I met with Dave Lossing about the possibility of the committee with city council members and students from the local campuses

- We would like to have representatives from the Student Government and the Residential Student Council sit on the committee

Treasurer

- No allocations
- There are 5 new ones for next week
- We are still looking for 2 more members
 - We need a new at-large member because Steven Mao dropped.
 - We also need a member from council
 - Josey moves to redistribute At-Large member applications
 - Marcus seconds
 - Discussion
 - Kurtis- why can't a member be the president of their club?
 - The charter says any officers cannot be an at-large member
 - Vote: 8 in favor, Kurtis opposed, Bob abstained
- The audit sign-up sheets are on the door
 - They will be conducted from November 4-november 21
- The account balance is \$63,620.23 without the subtraction of allocations

Secretary

- Met about the Go Blue Live Green Campaign
 - Going to have a kickoff in November
 - There will be banners and t-shirts
 - Going to have at least a couple of the recycling bins covered by then
 - The new products will be there as display

Vice President

- Next Thursday is going to be an MFuse promotion day with food, music, and computers to vote for the artists.
 - Probably from 10-4
 - Go vote
- Looking forward to seeing everyone tonight and there are 4 of us who are driving
- Working with Theresa Landis to get the music in the UCEN louder

President

- I hope everyone has gotten to go down to the second floor of the UCEN
- Hopefully that is going to be the first step toward change
- People are agreeing a lot with what the Student Government is advocating for
- I hope that you are all prepared for the dinner with the chancellor

Advisor Brian Proffer

Advisor Jessie Hurse

- Owen, you were asked to sit on the MLK Day committee, and the meeting is after this meeting
- The discussion of the competition for canned food is coming up
 - We always come in last place
 - I think it's because the other institutions allow cash donations
- I would like for council to get moving on informing students about the capability to vote early, if that is something that you would like to do
- Please come to the meeting next week at 6:30pm
- I don't know if the basketball and arcade games would necessarily work for that area now. I would like you guys to look into that and discuss the initiative.

- Peggy Vaughn emailed me about the pool sticks and balls
- I'm working with John Ettinger next week on a program entitled "How much are you worth?"
 - This would be held on the 23rd and it's going to be a busy day. It'll probably be held at 12:30pm
- The digital display was discussed and demonstrated for us last Friday.
 - It's called IPTV
 - You connect a computer to a monitor and you have the option to display it in live TV, digital display, or both
 - The difference between this and the Four Winds product is that the software with Four Winds is designed to use different medias
 - We're looking at having this all done by winter 2009

University Committees

- Space Committee meeting—Owen Agho
 - There was a group that was looking to occupy the space that was left by accounting
 - We decided that it would be better to wait until TMP comes back
- Auxiliary Board Advisory Committee—Tamera Dandachi
 - The buffet hours were extended
 - They are monitoring the hours in the UCEN to see if they should be adjusted
 - There is new cardio equipment in the Rec. Center

Ad-hoc Committees

Ex-Officio Members

- Derrick Bryson—CAB
 - The events this year have been successful
 - We would like to thank council for your support

Old Business

New Business

CAB Movie Night Sponsorship

- CAB and SG typically cosponsor a movie night
- We're asking for \$1,000 sponsorship
- Marcus- why has it changed from 2 tickets to 1? And how many tickets will be available?
 - With the amount of students that we have now, we want to give the campus tickets first.
 - There will be 500 tickets
- The movie nights serve as a way for everyone to go out together and not to always divide the students and faculty
- Bob- in the past SG has always helped with the tickets, and I was wondering if CAB was able to pay for them alone
 - No
- Owen- if SG gives money, then that's coming out of the student activity fee that students pay. I don't think it should be for anyone but students
 - Jessie- the ads all say students only
- Josey- either way, students will be turned away. I think that what we can do is provide the most tickets possible

- Derrick- We would also like one representative if possible
- Owen- I still feel strongly about if we allocate money that we should make sure it's students only
- Bob- this is one of the largest events that CAB and the University does and as the treasurer I see no problem with this
- Owen- I agree that this is a great event, but we are the Student Government and I think that we should be looking out for the students
- Bob- our \$1000 will cover 143 tickets, and I'm pretty sure that all of those tickets would go to students
- Marcus- we can have someone from Student Government there to make sure that it is for students only
- Shawntae- I move to allocate \$1000 with the stipulation that all of the money will go to students' tickets
- Josey seconds
- Discussion
 - Felipe- our money can go to students and then the rest can go to whoever CAB wants them to go to
 - Shawntae- is CAB not willing to make tickets only available to students?
 - Derrick- I wouldn't say unwilling, but it hasn't been discussed
 - Marcus- I think we're going in circles and they already put it on their fliers that it is for students
- Vote: all in favor

Public Comment

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm