

Student Government Council

University of Michigan-Flint

Friday, October 3, 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 (absent)

Director of Government and Legal Affairs- Steve Mintline

Representatives

Felipe Andrez

Kurtis Banks

Andrea Beaulieu

Shawntae Harris

Adrian Matthews

Absent Representatives

Martin Portillo

Ex-Officio Members

Sarah Al-Shabani—Genesee Early College

Guests

Anthony Panneck

Jennifer Profit—MTimes

Dana Schlosser—SPS

Dr. Johnny Young

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

Presided over by President Owen Agho

Agenda Acceptance

- Felipe motions to approve the agenda
- Krystal seconds
- Vote: All in favor

Minutes Acceptance

- Josey moves to accept the minutes as presented

- Adrian seconds
- Vote: All in favor

Public Comment on Agenda

Member Appointment

- University Affairs has given a recommendation to Andrea Beaulieu
- Felipe moves to approve Andrea as a member of Student Government
- Josey seconds
- Vote: all in favor
- Bob recommends that we approve Kurtis Banks as a member of council
- Felipe moves to appoint
- Saad seconds
- Vote: all in favor; Josey abstains

Member Installation

Guests

Constitutions

Outrageouz Club

- Form a dance team that would perform at local and non-local events
- They have 4 members including the officers
- Hip-hop dance team
- Josey moves to accept the constitution
- Krystal seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Newman Catholic Student Fellowship

- Formerly known as C4
- Josey moves to accept the name change
- Bob seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Philosophy Club

- Reactivation
- Felipe moves to reactivate the Philosophy Club
- Josey seconds
- Vote: 10 in favor; Tamera abstains

Yoga Education Society

- Exploration of yoga and the yoga lifestyle
- Saad moves to accept the constitution
- Felipe seconds
- Discussion
 - They have classes, but it's a club like a foreign
- Vote: all in favor

German Club

- Purpose is to expose students to German culture, language, food, and film
- Josey moves to accept the constitution

- Bob seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Officers' Reports

Director of Student Organization Partnership Board

- Had the first meeting on Thursday.
 - It went well
 - Trying to promote the Organization center
 - The next meeting will hopefully be toward the end of October
- Trying to work with clubs and organizations to update information

Director of Student Relations

- I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the voter drive
- I'm going to send out another email that will tell students about the shirts
- My meetings are on Tuesdays at 2:30
- We will start to talk about mobile student government

Director of University Affairs

- The dinner meeting with the chancellor will be on Friday, October 17, 2008
- The meeting with Jack Kay about the text books will be on Monday at 9:30
- We talked about the painting and having a contest amongst the students

Director of Government and Legal Affairs

- I have started to familiarize myself with the constitution
- I'm going to go to the Flint City Council meeting on Monday
- I have to appoint people to my committee
- The Debate Watch had a lot of people there.

Treasurer

- We had three allocations
 - Two were tabled from last week, which were from the water-ski club
 - Both allocations were approved.
 - One was for 12 jerseys and the other was for a competition
 - The other one was from the College Libertarians
 - This was approved for \$175
- Looking over the budgets and need to back track over the summer, but I think we're doing pretty good
- I spoke at the SOPB meeting yesterday and told the clubs about the restrictions on allocations and club audits
- We will be starting the audits hopefully at the end of October and beginning of November
- The online allocations will be up soon

Secretary

- Scantrons are in
- Bluebooks need to be ordered
- Josey and I spoke about the Yard

Vice President

- Thanks for those of you who had participated in the discussion
- We need to get the website updated with new members
- Rules are posted

- Committees should be in contact with all of you
- Saturday is the University Ave. celebration
 - Starts at 6pm
 - There will be speakers, food, and fireworks
 - They asked for help from those of you with nothing to do
- I spoke with Tamera about the yard and looked over the deed
 - We're going to speak with Mary-Jo about other possible locations for the statue

President

- I am happy that we started at noon exactly
- I would like you new members to get a hold of Nic to schedule a meeting because he is in charge of new member development
- I would like for everyone to get over to Kettering after the football game
- Push the usage of the Organization Center
- Thanks for the attendance of the TMP meeting
- Furniture for the second floor will be delivered on October 13
 - Hopefully the whole project will be done by October 13

Advisor Brian Proffer

- Good job with the voter drive
 - Monday is the last day to register voters
- I need to meet with Andrea after this meeting
- I need the receipt from Bob

Advisor Jessie Hurse

- Tomorrow is a very busy day
 - Admissions open house
 - Homecoming in Ann Arbor
 - University Avenue celebration
 - It would be helpful if you could find time for all of these
- Denise Ilitch will be on campus next Thursday and she would like to meet with all of Council
 - Going to find out when she will be here and let Owen know
- I know we're pushing for students to use the Center
 - We need to get supplies and then make sure the supplies are secured
 - Looking for work study students
- It was brought to my attention that pool supplies were just laying around the pool table and people were not checking them out
- We need to let the campus know that there is a new constitution on the horizon
- Thanks for those of you who participated in the focus group
- If you could let the clubs know that I am trying to update the website and it will be done, but it's tedious
- The cabinet for the 50" television for the Loving Cultural Lounge will be built soon and last year's council only allocated \$800 of the \$1600
 - Josey moves to allocate \$800 from the Activities and Programming for the cabinet
 - Saad seconds
 - Vote: 11 in favor; Kurtis abstains
- October 22 from 9-11am Dr. Martin Luther King III and Al Sharpton will be here
- On Saturday they are looking for Student Government to speak, and I think Saad was going to do it

University Committees
Ad-hoc Committees
Ex-Officio Members

- Sarah Al-Shabani—GEC
 - I find out at 3:00pm who won the election

Old Business

New Business

C.R. 2008-30

- This is regarding the MFuse Concert this coming spring
- Josey seconds
- Discussion
 - Proffer- I think that this is a great idea, but that it could be stronger
 - It seems like you're saying go and do this, but not necessarily that you are going to support it. If you could say that you are going to support it in some way it might be more effective.
 - Dr. Young- It sounds like you're saying that it's a good idea, and I would concur with Brian that you make it stronger.
 - Felipe motions to make it stronger
 - Mintline seconds
 - Discussion
 - Bob- I urge you to vote yes because it needs to be stronger
 - Owen- I urge you to vote no so that we can seriously amend this constitution
 - Vote: nine opposed; Felipe and Kurtis in favor
- Josey- instead of just saying that we want to make it stronger I think that we should add another resolve that says that we would contribute financially.
 - Josey moves to amend the resolution to state "And be it resolved, the student government is willing to contribute financially to a second MFuse as well as utilizing its networking capabilities to ensure a successful event."
 - Mintline seconds
 - Discussion
 - Saad- should we say that we want them to support it as well?
 - Josey- that's the real purpose. We all knew we were contributing but it's so that they don't have to guess about it.
 - Vote: all in favor; amendment approved
- Discussion:
 - Bob moves to amend the resolution as amended to state "WHEREAS, Student Government recognizes that it is beneficial to provide students with entertainment to enhance student life on this campus and increase the participation of students in student life activities as well as well as bring the Flint community together"
 - Josey seconds
 - Vote: all in favor
- Yield Chairmanship to Josey
 - Owen would like to add another resolve to say "and be it resolved that this resolution is delivered to the desks of Dr. Mary Jo Sekelsky, Dr. Young, Dave Barthelmes, and Chancellor Person

- Felipe seconds
 - Vote: all in favor
- Yield Chairmanship to Owen
- Vote: all in favor

Public Comment

- Dr. Young
 - We appreciate you working with us and I would like to thank you for pushing us out of our political abyss.
 - The flat panel TVs will be installed soon
 - The second floor is going to be a really nice place to hang out
 - Thank you for your work
 - This student government is very aggressive, which is a compliment
- Anthony Panneck
 - Thank you for the voter drive
 - We need voter education and to ensure that people make it out to the poles
- Dana Schlosser
 - The SPS would like to thank you for the allocation for that painting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:09pm