

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019**

Present: Cole Arntsen, Prathamesh Deshpande, Robon Edwards, Marc Geborkoff, Lynda Heinonen, Beka Horsch, Amy Howard, Gail Kotajarvi-Gerard, James Langsford, Dan Liebau, Margaret Landsparger, Sam Nowosad, Benjamin Petrie, Travis Pierce, Anita Quinn, Zoe Quinn, Elizabeth Rose, Chris Roy, Brenda Rudiger

Welcome – Travis

Travis welcomed the group and since there were a number of new members present, he gave a brief history of the Student Commission.

Updates

Signage Committee Report – Anita

Anita reported Jacob Loew (graduated in December 2018) and she had met with the primary stakeholders in the M&M Building to discuss signage. A basic summary of what was needed in the building was created.

After discussion, it was decided that Anita will work with Owen Mills to create 11" x 17" paper signs (they can be hand-written). They will place the signs where they will be hung in the building and take photos of them. This information will be forwarded to Travis including the logistics of where in the building they will be placed. Travis will have Creative Suites design the signs. Then Creative Suites will work with University Marketing and Communications to make sure they meet all of the right criteria.

Anita has the breakdown as to what each of the departments (13) will be paying for signage and will forward this information on to Travis.

Bicycle Free Zone

Dan reported that he wanted to keep this idea on the Student Commission's radar because in the fall the discussion had been to have a more formal rollout in the spring semester. After lengthy discussion, a sub-committee was formed. Members include; Dan Liebau, Travis Pierce, Robon Edwards, and Marc Geborkoff. They will meet to determine a charge and report back at the next meeting.

New Items

Winter Carnival Library Hours

- Wednesday (All Nighter): 7 am - 6 pm (There will be no overnight access, the library building will be closed at 6 pm)
- Thursday/Friday: 8 am - 6 pm
- Saturday/Sunday: Normal hours

It was questioned if the students will be alerted to this information. Travis commented that the Winter Carnival All-Nighter Safety Task Force will send out communications and there will be signage on the doors.

US 41 Crosswalks – Bottom of Blanche and End of Townsend – Sam

Sam reported that he has concerns about the crosswalks in these two areas. Dan commented that because this is the highway, Michigan Tech does not have any way to make changes but rather it falls under MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation).

He reported that MDOT is currently taking comments on the 2021 highway construction project. Because of the upcoming construction, this is the time to pass on suggestions and comments. He commented that if both USG and GSC supported changes, it would be a powerful statement to the State.

It was questioned if MDOT could hold a Public Forum on the campus for students, staff, and faculty? Dan commented that he will contact them with this request. It was questioned if the students will be committed to showing up for a meeting. Beka commented that they can get the word out to USG, GSG, and IFC.

Hopping the Curb – Lot 12 - Lynda

Lynda commented that she was told today that people are still hopping the curb in Lot 12. Dan commented that they are limited in what they can do about this. Putting up a barrier is a hazard for the plow driver. Marc commented that he will ask the Public Safety Officers to pay attention to this. It is a ticketable offense but the officers would probably give a warning initially. Suggestions to help this problem included:

- Put up a sign saying “Smile You’re on Camera”
- Since it is a staff/faculty lot it was suggested a targeted message should be placed in Tech Today
 - Gail from Transportation Services volunteered to work on this

Winter Carnival

Happy Winter Carnival to all!

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the MUB, Ballroom A1.