

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2019**

Present: Cole Arntsen, Prathamesh Deshpande, Robon Edwards, Lynda Heinonen, Beka Horsch, Margaret Landsparger, James Langsford, Dan Liebau, Keith Machiela, Jay Meldrum, Benjamin Petrie, Travis Pierce, Zoe Quinn, Elizabeth Rose, Chris Roy, Brenda Rudiger, Malissa Sanon

Welcome – Prathamesh

Presentation and Recycling and Composting – Jay Meldru, Executive Director, KRC and Executive Director of Sustainability

Jay's PowerPoint Presentation is in the Student Commission Team Drive.

- Sustainability at Michigan Tech
- Sustainability Scorecard Initiative
- Sustainability Efforts at Michigan Tech
- Sustainability Research and Teaching
- Recycling at Michigan Tech
- Single Stream Recycling
- Michigan Tech Recycling Process
- Recycle Bins
- Under Development
- Questions

Questions and comments included:

- How many tons of trash does Michigan Tech produce (1,000 tons and only 15% is diverted from the landfill)
- How come solar panels can't be placed on roofs? (snow)
 - Solar panels can be placed on sides of buildings
- Walmart plastic bags cannot be placed in recycle bins
- Check-out numbers on plastic (1-6 are recyclable)
- What does Goodwill do with shredding? (they work with a company called Compuserve)
- If you put wrong stuff in recycle container it will contaminate the whole container and the items will be put in landfill instead of recycled
- As a society we need to think more about what we throwaway and what doesn't have to be
- Are we considering wind on campus or Alberta? (We are not in a good location for wind – solar is better)

Jay asked the Student Commission members to share the Power Point document and to put the last page of the document on all of the recycle bins in their areas.

Updates

Non-Motorized Transportation Working Group Sub-committee (Travis, Dan, Robon, and Marc)

Prathamesh reported that James, Elizabeth, and himself had met with President Koubek on March 6 and reviewed the draft with him. The President wants a bicycle friendly campus and asked the following questions:

- How will you enforce?
- Have you done bench-marking on what other Universities are doing?
- What is the timeline for implementation?

The President is supportive of this working group but thought we should include a Civil Engineering department staff or student on committee. He also thought a University Department should own this.

After discussion, it was decided that Travis, Dan, Robon, James, and Elizabeth will meet with Dan Bennett from Transportation Services to discuss. Lynda will schedule the meeting (Friday, April 5, 2019, at 8:15 a.m.) This group will report back at the next meeting.

New Items

Dive Tank

It was questioned if the Dive Tank at the SDC will be repaired. Chris reported it would be as soon as they secure the funding.

New Topics

Robon commented that since our agenda is so “light” we should be checking with our constituents for topics that the Student Commission could take on.

Promotion of Student Commission

Prathamesh questioned if the Student Commission was going to do a promotion this spring like we did in the fall. It was suggested that we consider holding it during Spring Fling (Friday, April 19). Beka commented that registration is currently open. Prathamesh volunteered to look into registration and will bring a sign-up sheet to the next meeting. At the fall promotion, Student Commission members signed up for ½ time slots to cover the promotion table.

Student Commission new co-chairs – USG and GSG

If they are able to attend, the new USG and GSG Vice Presidents will attend the April 11 meeting. They will be the new co-chairs for the 2019-20 academic year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the MUB, Ballroom, B1&B3.