

**Student Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**Present: Cole Arntsen, Daniel Byrne, Prathamesh Deshpande, Marc Geborkoff, Lynda Heinonen, Dan Liebau, Pattie Luokkanen, Keith Machiela, Wesley McGowan, Travis Pierce, Zoe Quinn, Malissa Sanon, Rochelle Spencer, David Zei**

**Welcome**

Travis welcomed the new 2019-20 GSG Vice President and Student Commission Co-Chair Daniel Byrne.

**Updates**

**Non-Motorized Transportation Working Group Sub-Committee – Dan**

The committee met with Dan Bennett from Transportation Services on Friday, April 5. Dan Liebau reported the following.

The initial meeting of the NMTP Working Group was essentially an introduction and review of the charge with Dan Bennett from Transportation Services.

We reviewed the outcomes from the student meeting with President Koubek which were as follows:

- Who/How will a plan be enforced?
- Transportation Services will chair the working group;
- Bench marking will be part of the process;
- Should invite Faculty/Student from Civil Engineering;
- Will require a timeline for implementation;
- Celebrate bicyclists!

During the initial meeting we discussed who in attendance would be available to be part of the working group. I believe Dan Bennett, James, Robon, and myself were confirmed. Marc Geborkoff will also be part of the group.

The tentative timeline for working group is as follows:

- Summer 19 - Benchmarking, Planning
- Fall Semester - NMTP Development
- Spring Semester - Recommendations
- Summer/Fall 20' – Implementation

Dan Bennett reported after the meeting through email:

He found this active group/committee <https://www.mtu.edu/bike/>. Dan will report back after he has talked to Bryant Weathers, Chair, Campus Bike Initiative Group.

He will review the Walker report, because he thought that it addresses non-motorized transportation as well that there may be valuable information in there.

He commented that in his opinion, this really needs to be part of a larger, overall campus transportation plan and we should consider the City of Houghton's plan and see if there is any way we can collaborate. Our plan doesn't have to be complicated, but an increase of bicyclists will mean (potentially) a decrease in vehicles on campus, which may positively affect parking and may cause an increase in the number of shuttle riders. So it is all interconnected and I think if we just focus on one small section we may be selling ourselves short.

### **Promotion of Student Commission at Spring Fling – Prathamesh**

Prathamesh reported that he has registered the Student Commission to have a table at Spring Fling scheduled on Friday, April 29 from Noon – 4:00 p.m. The table will be located either by the Husky Statue or the Library. He will send out a sign-up sheet for students and staff to sign up in ½ hour time slots to cover the promotion table.

After discussion the following was decided:

- Travis will order 300 cookies for the event
- Prathamesh will pick up cookies, business cards, and tear-drop banner at 11:00 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> (he will work with Ryan Bennett to secure the banner)
- A tent will not be used

### **McHair Hill Lights – Dan**

Dan reported the lights on McNair Hill are now fixed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the MUB, Ballroom A1.

### **Fall Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, September 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, September 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, October 10, 2019, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, October 24, 2019, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, November 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, December 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Admin 404