

**Student Commission Meeting  
Thursday, April 12, 2018**

**Present: Les Cook, Carley Davis, Prathamesh Deshpande, Lynda Heinonen, Amy Howard, Hattie Kinnisten, Judy Klutts, Jacob Loew, Keith Machiela, Antonio Ochoa, Joey Phillips, Travis Pierce, Anita Quinn, Brenda Rudiger, Abu Sayeed Md Shawon, Rochelle Spencer**

**Welcome – Hattie**

**Introduction of new GSG Vice President**

Shawon reported that elections have taken place and the new GSG Vice President is Prathamesh Deshpande. He will be the new GSG representative and Student Commission co-chair.

The new USG Vice President is Briana Cronk. She will be the USG representative and Student Commission co-chair. Prathamesh and Briana will work together to chair the Student Commission in 2018-19.

**Updates**

**Tampon Dispenser Machines – Lynda**

Lynda reported that she had contacted Kerri Sleeman, Executive Director of Facilities Management and Kerri had reported the following through email “she is working with the new Director of Custodial Services to get the filling and maintenance of these machines back on track. In the future students can do a work request <http://www.mtu.edu/facilities/requests/repairs/> if a specific one is not working or is not filled, that will help us to keep track of and be aware when something is getting dropped or missed.”

**Temporary/Handicapped Parking – Travis**

Travis reported Transportation Services is still waiting on a decision on who they will report to before any decisions are made regarding this issue. Once this is determined, Travis, Christy Oslund (Disabilities Coordinator), Susan Sullivan (Institutional Equity and Inclusion Assistant Director) and the individual from Transportation Services will meet to determine a policy.

**Lot 12/Hubbell Concerns**

Marc was not at the meeting but Rochelle reported that she had spoken to Marc and he has spoken with Dan Liebau and will report back when he has more information.

**Soundproofing and Temperature Control – MUB, Superior Room, B001**

Anita had a report from Bob Hiltunen (Director, Auxiliary Services) that stated “he thinks they may have solved the problems through the scheduling of the fan process. They have worked with energy management to time the fans differently and will be checking this new process and adjusting as necessary”. If this doesn’t address the problem, it will be looked into further.

## **Promotion of the Student Commission – Jacob**

Jacob reported he had been in contact with Courtney from Creative Suites to discuss name ideas and branding. She had started to put together ideas with the graphic designer but felt like she didn't have enough information to start work on this.

Jacob asked the following questions:

- What does the Student Commission want to pursue?
- What is the time scale?
- What are the best options to start marketing/rebranding?
- What is this group and where do they fit on campus?

Travis commented that he didn't think the name of the Student Commission was the problem but rather the marketing piece is. He said if you look at the definition of "commission" it is *a group of people officially charged with a particular function and instruction command or duty given to a person or a group of people*. The word "commission" is ingrained in culture and society and while a name is important more of what the Student Commission does really tells the story.

Jacob commented that for the degree of seriousness of issues that this group can handle he felt like some of the new names that were suggested for the Commission would undermine that. The names weren't bad but for the reach that this group has, the name should be more serious. With that definition of commission, in Travis' example, they are all part of a larger name (for example city planning) and in the name it gives the purpose of that commission. Maybe we can look at – if this is a commission but for what? A student commission is just who it is on it but what are they doing?

Les commented that the Student Commission was created to help students eliminate or minimize barriers. The heart of the commission is to help make students successful but maybe this is not as clearly articulated as it could be.

It was suggested that we have a more descriptive tagline or title descriptor (a short sentence to describe what we do) rather than a new name. A lot of the suggested name could be used in the tagline.

After discussion it was decided to keep the Student Commission name, create a new tagline, and re-define the mission. It was also suggested that it would be good to have a social media presence also.

Travis commented that Creative Suites would start working on the project and questioned if the GSG and USG Vice Presidents would be on-campus in the summer to get their approval.

Jacob will pass this information on to Courtney Meyer in Creative Suites and Hattie will discuss with new USG Vice President.

Jacob commented that he hopes to have some concrete objective on what they want to accomplish over the summer. The plan would be to launch in the fall of 2018.

Lynda asked that she be carbon copied on any emails regarding the promotion of the Student Commission.

### **New Items**

#### **Sidewalk on Fairview – Travis**

Travis reported that a \$60,000 appropriation has been approved for a sidewalk on Fairview Street. This project will be completed in the summer of 2018.

#### **Signage – M & M and Dow Buildings – Antonio**

Antonio commented that PAVLIS Honors College has put up some nice maps as to where they are in the M&M Building. These were created because nobody knows where they are located. The maps have been very effective for them.

Antonio asked if there could be better signage in the buildings on campus especially M&M and the Dow Buildings. Anita volunteered to talk to Kerri Sleeman if Facilities Management has a “map signage or wayfinding” process.

### **Next Meeting**

The Student Commission will meet on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the MUB, Ballroom B3.

If there are no new agenda items, the committee that is working on the promotion of the Student Commission may just meet rather than the whole committee. Lynda will update the committee regarding this as the date gets closer.