

Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018

Present: Prathamesh Deshpande, Lynda Heinonen, Beka Horsch, Amy Howard, Judy Klutts, Dan Liebau, Jacob Loew, Carol McCullah, Travis Pierce, Laura Putwen, Anita Quinn, Chris Roy, Brenda Rudiger, Nathan Shaiyen, Ryan Wakeham, David Zei

Welcome – Prathamesh

Updates

Student Commission Promotional Material – Nathan

Nathan was charge with creating the Student Commission promotional material and at the meeting he reported the following:

- T-shirts are done and he distributed them to committee members
- Posters with 10 different Student Commission accomplishments are ready for posting
 - Nathan will take care of the Residential Community
 - The Student Commission Co-Chairs will distribute to the rest of campus
- Business cards will be ready on Tuesday
 - These will be used at the Student Commission promotion event
- Banner
 - Nathan distributed a copy of what the finished product will look like
- Mission Statement
 - Nathan distributed a copy of the updated statement
- Table Tents
 - These will be placed in the MUB, DHH, McNair and Wads in November
- Website
 - Nathan will update the website
- Promotion Table
 - Carol commented the Student Commission is welcome to setup a table in the Library

Student Commission Promotion Event - Prathamesh

Prathamesh reported the following:

- The dates have been selected to hold the Student Commission promotion event
 - Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.
- He made an outdoor reservation (Between the Husky statue and the Library) but has not received confirmation yet
 - Bekah will check on status
- Travis will make arrangement to have a gold tent and a six foot table available
- Prathamesh will create a calendar for students and staff to sign up to “man” the table
 - Please sign up in at least ½ hour increments

Student Commission Reps for Signage Committee – Anita

Anita reported that she has spoken to Cory Dompier in Biomedical Engineering and Paige Hackney in Pavlis about signage in the M&M Building. Anita still needs to contact Wendy Hackman the Facilities Manager to discuss.

She'd like to get another Student Commission to join the group. Jacob Loew volunteered. The group will get together, do a walkthrough of the area, and come up with a proposal. Anita reported that whatever is decided about signage, the departments will be responsible for payment.

Transportation Services – Lynda

Lynda reported that Kristi Isaacson from Transportation Services will be attending the November 8th meeting.

Bicycles on Campus – Dan

At the previous meeting, Dan had been tasked with doing research on what other cities and campuses are doing about bicycles.

Dan commented that it is very congested around the Library and Rekhi Hall and thought signage would be a good idea but that it should also be marketed so students/faculty/staff are aware of that is trying to be accomplished.

He commented that in 2021, MDOT will be redoing the road from the Miner's Statue to MacInnes Drive so we could start small and see how it goes.

Thoughts, comments, questions included:

- Make the campus core bike free
- Students will complain that they can't ride their bikes on campus
- Rollout over a number of years
- Do you have a pedestrian zone or a dismount zone?
- It will have to be self-policing
- Roll-out in the spring (during the time when the bike racks are put out)
- Do you want movable signs?
- Dedicated bike lanes should be long term goal
- Bikes are fine on campus but in certain areas they need to be walked

After a lengthy discussion, the following was decided:

- Signs will be put out this fall with goal of having them in place by October 17
- Housing will provide the signs with Travis coordinating the design
- Prathamesh and Bekah will work on language for the Lode, Tech Today, and the Student Newsbrief for the week of October 22nd with the lead of "You may have noticed . . ."
- Dan will review the area for placement of the signs
- The Student Commission logo and email address will be added to the marketing

Microwaves in the Library – Carol

Carol reported per a student's request, Dining Services has purchased two additional microwaves (total of three now) and the Library has made space for them. One of the new ones will be placed in the cafe and the third one will be located in the vending room near the 24/7 west entrance.

New Items**Handicap Parking Sign - Prathamesh**

Prathamesh reported the handicap parking sign in Lot 34 is missing. Dan reported that he had contacted Transportation Services and they reported this sign had been eliminated but that the University meets the handicap parking sign requirements on campus. Dan also commented that if Prathamesh would like to see that spot turned back into a handicap spot to email parking@mtu.edu.

It was also commented that if students see something amiss on campus they can report it at Maintenance Direct <https://www.mtu.edu/facilities/operations/repairs/>

Next Meeting

The Student Commission will meet on Thursday, October 25, 2018 p.m. in Ballroom B1 & B2, Memorial Union Building.