

**Student Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2019, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Admin 404**

**Present: Daniel Byrne, John Frischmon, Lynda Heinonen, Beka Horsch, Mia Kemppainen, Pattie Luokkanen, Keith Machiela, Justin Mentink, Benjamin Petrie, Laura Putwen, Zoe Quinn, Brenda Rudiger, Bryce Walbrun, James Whittaker**

**Welcome – Bryce**

**New Items**

**Smoking Outside the Library – Laura**

Laura reported the Academic and Community Office has received complaints about students smoking outside the Library. They cannot identify them from the webcams so they are unable to address the issue. She commented that often individuals are not comfortable approaching others to remind them they are violating policies.

Suggestions included:

- Education Campaign – reminder to students that the campus is Tobacco Free, Smoke Free and Vapor Free <https://www.mtu.edu/healthycampus/>.
- Place sandwich boards outside of entrances to remind students of the policy.
- Contact Dan Bennett about enforcement.
- Staff can ask students for the “M” numbers and these can be forwarded to Academic and Community Conduct Office.

It was questioned how Academic and Community Conduct would address the issue of smoking on campus. Laura commented that they would remind the students about the policy, possible probation, and have them complete educational pieces.

**Sidewalk Between M&M Building and Commuter Lot – Daniel**

Daniel commented that he wanted to find out if there is funding to put a sidewalk between the M&M Building and the Commuter Lot. He said that in the winter it is a difficult walk on the road. The other option is to walk all the way around. He commented that the graduate students would be very happy to have a sidewalk placed this upcoming summer.

**Food on Campus at Night – Daniel**

Daniel commented that graduate students would like to see a “nice” vending machine either in the Library or the MUB for students to access after the other food places have closed for the evening. Grad students are often on campus way into to the night and besides the candy bars in the vending machine nothing else is available. He questioned if this would be an option, has it been done before, and what would be the obstacles? Comments, suggestions, questions included:

- Could the Library Café hours be extended?

- Add or swap out a vending machine in the Library where there are other machines.
- At their high school, they had a chicken vending machine.
- Dominoes and Jimmy Johns delivers.
- Stock refrigerators with food and pay with a credit card (have to tap into the room).
  - Have Campus Café stock refrigerator before they close.
- Have to keep it in mind that food items spoil.
- The Campus Café is open 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. during the academic year.
- The Memorial Union manages vending machines.

Daniel volunteered to reach out to Bob Hiltunen, Director of Auxiliary Services to discuss options for food being available on campus in the evening.

### **Updates**

#### **Non-Motorized Transportation Working Group Report on Meeting – Daniel**

Daniel reported the group has finalized the questions on the survey and it will be sent out in January. He commented that the questions are geared to mostly how bikes “live” on campus. The survey will come from USG, GSG, and the University Senate.

He commented that the goal is to define a plan for when a new parking lot or building is built, how bicycles will be incorporated into the plan.

#### **Crossing US 41 – Marc (email report)**

I did a quick search through the public website to compare against my internal program. Both showed 2 pedestrian, one bike. The public website showed 14, but my program showed 22. 8 of the crash reports were coded as Townsend Dr instead of US-41, so this likely accounts for the difference. I probably could have spent some more time refining the query to get them closer.

I can tell you that the bicyclist was travelling parallel to 41, and struck by a vehicle coming out of Pearl Street. Not the typical incident that I think you are looking into. One of the pedestrians were crossing at MacInnes, struck by someone turning left from MacInnes. This would be one of the situations where the pedestrian was in the crosswalk, so they had the right of way. This can happen at any signalized intersection, but again I don't think that this is the type of crash that you are searching for. The second pedestrian was crossing at an unsignalized intersection and admitted that they did not look for traffic. This happened in March, so it wasn't a new student.

Of the rear ends, 7 were attributed to someone being struck while stopping for pedestrians.

#### **IRHC Survey – James**

James reported the following on the survey that was sent to IRHC.

- There were 148 responses
- Questions asked:
  - 1) When crossing US-41 do you, or a vehicle have the right away?
    - 95% - vehicle has the right away
  - 2) If you and a vehicle are both stopped at the crosswalk, what do you typically do?
    - 83.1% - wave on the vehicle

- 8.8% Wait to see what other do
- 8.1 Cross in front of the vehicle

James reported there were a large number of comments and he is going to summarize these and forward to Marc Geborkoff in Public Services.

### **M&M U115 Classroom Renovation – Bryce**

Bryce reported he contacted Mike Myer again to see why U115 was ranked lower for renovation than other classrooms. Mike explained that it is an expensive remodel and there are other classrooms that need to be remodeled to bring them up for safety reasons and ADA compliance. It is tentatively scheduled to be remodeled in 2021.

### **Project Period**

USG members had attended a conference where other Universities were going to Walmart and purchasing feminine hygiene products and stocking restrooms. This was costing approximately \$400 a month so Michigan Tech's USG was looking for a cheaper option. Justin had contacted Career Services to discuss corporations (Kimberly Clark) donating or providing products at cost. It sounds like they are agreeable to this but amounts and timelines need to be determined. Some concerns on our end are storage, how many restrooms will be stocked, and who will stock them.

### **Pancake Breakfast – Mia**

Please pass the word that on Sunday, December 15, Student Affairs and the Library will be hosting a pancake breakfast (pancakes, bacon, toppings, juice, etc.) in the Library from 8:00 p.m. to when the pancakes run out.

### **Metered Parking Spots and Graduate Lot/Commuter Lot – Gail**

Tabled until the January meeting.

### **M&M Signage Re-visited**

#### **Women's Bathroom's in the MEEM**

#### **Bathroom Hooks in Stalls**

#### **Baby Changing Stations**

Dan was unable to attend the meeting so he will email the Student Commission with a report on these topics the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2019, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1

### **2020 Spring Meeting Dates (Lynda will add these to people's calendars)**

- Thursday, February 13, 2020, 2:00 p.m. MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, February 27, 2020, 2:00 p.m., Library 244
- Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1
- Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m., MUB Ballroom A1

- Thursday, April 23, 2020, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom A1