

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2012**

Present: Andre Bonen, Lynda Heinonen, Mike Johnson, Margaret Landsparger, Chad Larson, Dave Nordstrom, Margo O'Brien, Donnie Palmer, Lee Sweitz, Chris Wojick, Margo Woller-Carter

Welcome – Margo

Presentation – “Campus Transportation and Parking Plan”

George Butvilas, Interim Director, Facilities Management

George Butvilas was invited to speak to the Student Commission and he presented on the new “Campus Transportation and Paring Plan”. More information can be found at <http://www.mtu.edu/facilities/parking/information/>

Questions included:

- Are you able to use CashKeys in the pay lot? *No, the pay lot accepts cash (1's, 5's, coins, or tokens).*
- If you rent a Zipcar do you need to worry about snow removal? *No, Grounds will take care of this.*
- What will happen to students who ignore tickets? *There is a policy in place to address.*
- Are there restrictions on the lots? *Faculty and staff may park in any lot but no longer in metered spots.*
- Will there be guaranteed parking for a price? *In the future they are looking at pricing premium parking at a higher rate for staff and faculty.*
- What do you do about students who are parking in faculty and staff lots? *Contact Public Safety*
- Will illegally cars be towed? *No but looking at the idea of using a “boot”.*
- If staff/faculty car pool will they pay one registration fee? *Yes, just register as a group.*
- What do I do if I am driving a loaner car? *Call Transportation Services*
- Are you tracking shuttle usage? *Yes and if there are suggestions for additional stops please pass them on and they will adjust current schedule.*
- Will this affect after hour parking? *Enforcement is between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.*
- How can registration fee be paid? *Tech Select, debit card, credit card, or make payment at Transportation Services*
- Is Transportations Service aware that there are a lot of cars parking overnight in Logs 23-24? *Students and staff will receive an email reminding them about winter parking policy.*

Suggestions included:

- Promote registration fee as only costing \$4.81 a pay period
- Add a stop at the Portage Health Clinic.
- Set up an incentive for students to carpool

George thanked the Student Commission for inviting him to address the group and if anybody has additional questions or suggestions please forward them to gjbutvil@mtu.edu.

Updates

Brainstorm Faculty Participation

At a previous meeting, it was suggested that students contact faculty directly to discuss if they would like to become involved with the Student Commission. It was questioned if undergraduate students would be comfortable approaching faculty. It was also questioned if there was a way for USG to contact faculty members to join.

It was commented that in order to attract more faculty more students need to become involved with the Student Commission. Suggestions to get more student involvement included:

- Is Student Commission a good name? Should it be the Commission for Students or something totally different?
- Encourage student leaders at Orientation to become involved
- Ask Student Commission members to address different student groups
 - Donnie volunteered to spearhead this idea
- Adding Student Commission to WTGFW as a resource to students
- Margo will alert graduate students to website and email link
- Place an article in the Daily Bull

How to increase faculty and student participation will be discussed further at the September 27 meeting.

New Items

“Free!” Table – Carrie

This was tabled at the meeting but will be discussed at the September 27 meeting.

Removing Research Assistants from IRB’s – Margo

Margo questioned if it’s possible to remove research assistants from IRB’s. Chris suggested she contact Cheryl Gherna, Coordinator for Regulatory Review Boards in the Vice President for Research office to request a training session to learn this process.

IT Issues – Donnie

Donnie reported that students are having a lot of IT issues at the beginning of the academic year and feels that IT is not as receptive to students as they are to faculty and staff.

After discussion, it was determined that these may be beginning of the year issues and they may be resolved in the next few weeks. It was also decided that Lynda will contact Margaret Landsparger for advice on where to go from here. Should the Student Commission ask a representative from IT to address the group and if so who should that be?

Margo reported that GSG is forming an Ad Hoc IT Committee to determine what issues remain and will report back to the Student Commission at the next meeting.

K-Day – Donnie

Donnie reported that K-Day went well with good weather, participation, and no transportation issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27 in the G17/G19 Wadsworth Hall at 2:00 p.m.