

Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 16, 2012

Present: Les Cook, Bonnie Gorman, Bill Hall, Lynda Heinonen, Dave Nordstrom, Kerri Sleeman, Chris Wojick, Margo Woller-Carter

Welcome – Les

New Items

“Free” Table – Carrie

Carrie proposed through email *“the idea of setting up a “free” table (s) somewhere on campus where students, staff, and faculty could bring items from home they no longer wanted but were too good to throw away. This had been done in Forestry and had been very successful. She thought it would be a great “green” idea. A sign bulletin board could explain the purpose/rules and could be advertised in Tech Today for people to drop off or pick up stuff”.*

Comments from the committee included:

- When would you have this?
 - Beginning of the semester when student are stocking their rooms/rentals
 - End of the semester when they are getting rid of items
- Collect items in spring and sell in fall
- Could look very junky
- Labor intensive
- Need to put limits on what is accepted
- Need central location
- Free but have a donation bin
- Could Michigan Tech partner with landlords?
- International students could greatly benefit from this
- Hold a campus wide sale
- Should be student led
- Could IPS lead?

Bill reported that Auxiliary and Dining Services are working on collecting excess inventory in their areas and determining what they will do with it. Will it go to other departments that could use it or could it be sold reasonably? It was commented that the property office policy will have to be observed.

Les commented that he would like to get input from the students so this will be added to the September 13 agenda for further discussion.

Updates

Faculty Participation – Les

Chris commented that recruiting more faculty for the Student Commission should be a student led effort and suggested the students contact the faculty directly. Les commented that this could be an action item for the students to brainstorm names of faculty they would like involved with Student Commission and who they would be willing to contact. It will be added to the September 13 agenda for further discussion.

Extended Hours for Bus Services – Les

Les reported that the bus service will have the following pickups:

- Day Shift Driver – 5:05 p.m. last pickup at MUB
- Evening Shift Driver – 5:25-5:35 last pickup at MUB (new in fall of 2012)

Les reported that a shuttle will begin operating next week between the SDC and campus.

Portage Health Facility at SDC – Lynda

Lynda reported that she had spoken to Shannon Richter, a Unit Manager at Portage Health and a Physician's Assistant will be available to see walk-in students between the hours of 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. The morning hours are new this year and the service will begin on Tuesday, September 4. They will also be encouraging students to schedule set appointment times with the physicians and physician's assistants.

Margo reported that the Graduate Student Government is working with Jon Stone and Rene Hiller to hold a Health Care Forum at the end of September or beginning of October. She asked for suggestion on who else should be involved. Suggestions included:

- Don Williams, Counseling Services
- Lisa Meyer, Nurse Practitioner, Counseling Services
- Jared Johnson, OAP
- Staff member from Dean of Students Office

Table Tents - Kyle

Kyle proposed through email *"In the past discussions, it has seemed that there is resistance to the Table Tent idea based that it would make more work for the Dining staff while not improving the attention gained by the events. However, I did get permission from Travis Pierce for the Dining Halls and Bob said that he lets MUB Board determine the policy for posting in the Commons."*

At previous meetings, Kyle suggested that he would like to use different size table tents to attract student attention but current policy allows for only a standard size. Bill volunteered to speak to Travis Pierce, Director of Housing and Residence Life and Bob Hiltunen, Director of Auxiliary Services regarding the issue of table tents.

Promotion of Table Tents – Kyle

Kyle proposed through email *“that the Student Commission minutes be forwarded to various student media organizations and the large central organizations (e.g. USG, MUB Board, Campus Activity Board).”*

After discussion, it was decided that Lynda will post the minutes on the Student Commission website and forward the link to Maryann Wilcox along with a promotional article once a semester.

Student Commission Co-Chair

USG Vice President Donnie Palmer, GSG Vice President Margo Woller-Carter and Les will meet to discuss co-chairing the Student Commission.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13 in the Ballroom B3 MUB at 2:00 p.m.