

**Student Commission Meeting  
Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**Present: Lynda Heinonen, Jarrod Karau, Judy Klutts, Marco La Manna, Zachary Mauerman, Mary Mongeau, Dave Nordstrom, Travis Pierce, Kathy Pintar, Brenda Rudiger, Jacq Spitzack, Steven Steinhoff**

**Welcome – Steven and Marco**

**New Items**

**Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey Sub-Committee Report – Marco and Jacq**

Marco reported Les Cook had asked for volunteers to review the negative comments from the 2014 Student Satisfaction survey. A committee was formed to review graduate student comments and one for undergraduate student comments.

Marco reported that a lot of the comments were random and most didn't need to be focused on. He distributed and reviewed their findings. (Please find them attached along with minutes). Below are the comments that he thought should be discussed.

**Facilities**

Equipment at SDC needs to be updated. Dave reported that the SDC has just spent \$40,000 on updated equipment. This was promoted in Tech Today and individuals who had membership were notified.

Locker Rooms are full and often the showers are cold. Dave reported that the SDC is aware of this and has spent \$20,000 fixing valves.

**Finding a Job on Campus**

It was commented that the online forms do not work and departments hire "in-person". The Library and Dining staff members present reported that they hire strictly through Husky Jobs. It was questioned if there could be a Graduate School Workshop on "how to find a job on campus". It was commented that hiring is not centralized so departments determine what hiring method works the best for them.

**Undergraduate Student Satisfaction Survey Sub Committee Report – Steven, Zach, and Mary**

Steven reported that their sub-committee focused on items that they thought had solutions.

**McNair Restrooms**

The committee was surprised that this was an issue but when it was brought up at USG the general consensus was the restrooms are awful. It was commented that there is a request with the Executive Team to remodel restrooms in DHH, East and West McNair. The quote is approximately \$4,000,000.

### **Weather Closure**

There were a number of comments regarding the University not closing on the days that severe weather was experienced in 2013-14. It was questioned if a better set of school closure guidelines could be developed. It was commented that the Executive Team does have a process and takes it very seriously. It was suggested that students be better informed regarding the process.

### **Length of Survey/Timing**

It was questioned as to why the survey is so long. The sub-committee noted that a lot of students did not finish the survey. It was also suggested that the survey be sent at a different time (not around finals).

Travis reported the Student Affairs and Advancement Assessment committee is responsible for the survey and asked if anybody would be interested in joining the committee. Steven volunteered. Travis will ask Susan Liebau to invite Steven to join the committee.

### **Blue Light Stanchions**

No update.

### **Food Insecurities Committee – Lynda**

Lynda reported a committee has been formed and meetings are set for October (1), November (2), and December (1). The committee will be led by Dean Bonnie Gorman and is made up of eight undergraduate students, one graduate student, and one staff member.

### **New Just In Case App Released – Lynda**

Lynda distributed information regarding the new Just in Case App released. The information was published in Tech Today on October 9, 2014.

### **New Just In Case App Released**

by Karmen Markham, Counseling Services case manager

One easily accessible resource to help students find critical contact and support information is Michigan Tech's Just in Case smartphone app.

This app provides quick access to resources that students can connect to regarding thoughts of hurting oneself or others, sexual violence/assault, feeling overwhelmed or being worried about a friend. Just in Case provides students with information about what to do in an emergency, how to get connected to care, as well as some strategies to assist with feelings of being overwhelmed.

This serves as one of the tools that our campus can use for suicide prevention and early intervention with students who need assistance and resources. As a University we are being asked to actively participate in a new public awareness campaign regarding sexual misconduct, and helping connect students who have concerns is one of the ways that we can fulfill this responsibility.

The Just in Case app can be found listed under Michigan Tech's smartphone app as well as accessed directly by scanning a QR code on posters and advertisements. Users can also gain access by visiting the web page. <http://m.appcreatorpro.com/m/michigantech/ce94b35b7e/ce94b35b7e.html>

For questions, comments or concerns contact Karmen Markham, Case Manager for Counseling Services, at 7-2538 or [karmen@mtu.edu](mailto:karmen@mtu.edu).

#### **Let There Be "Peace on Earth" Contest – Judy**

Judy reported that Dining Services has started a Let There Be "Peace on Earth" Facebook contest. It begins October 9 and runs through October 31. This is open to all (students, staff, faculty, and community members). <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Michigan-Tech-Campus-Cafe/182581471787450>

#### **Husky Statue/Plaza Dedication – Brenda**

Brenda reported the Husky Statue/Plaza Dedication will take place on Monday, October 13 at 2:00 pm. Root beer floats will be served after the dedication. All are welcome.

#### **Memorial Wall Update – Brenda**

Brenda reported an updated Memorial Wall in the MUB will be dedicated on Veterans Day (Tuesday, November 11) at 2:00 p.m. The current wall lists deceased alumni and student veterans through the Korean War. The new wall (across from the existing memorial) will list names from the Vietnam War forward.

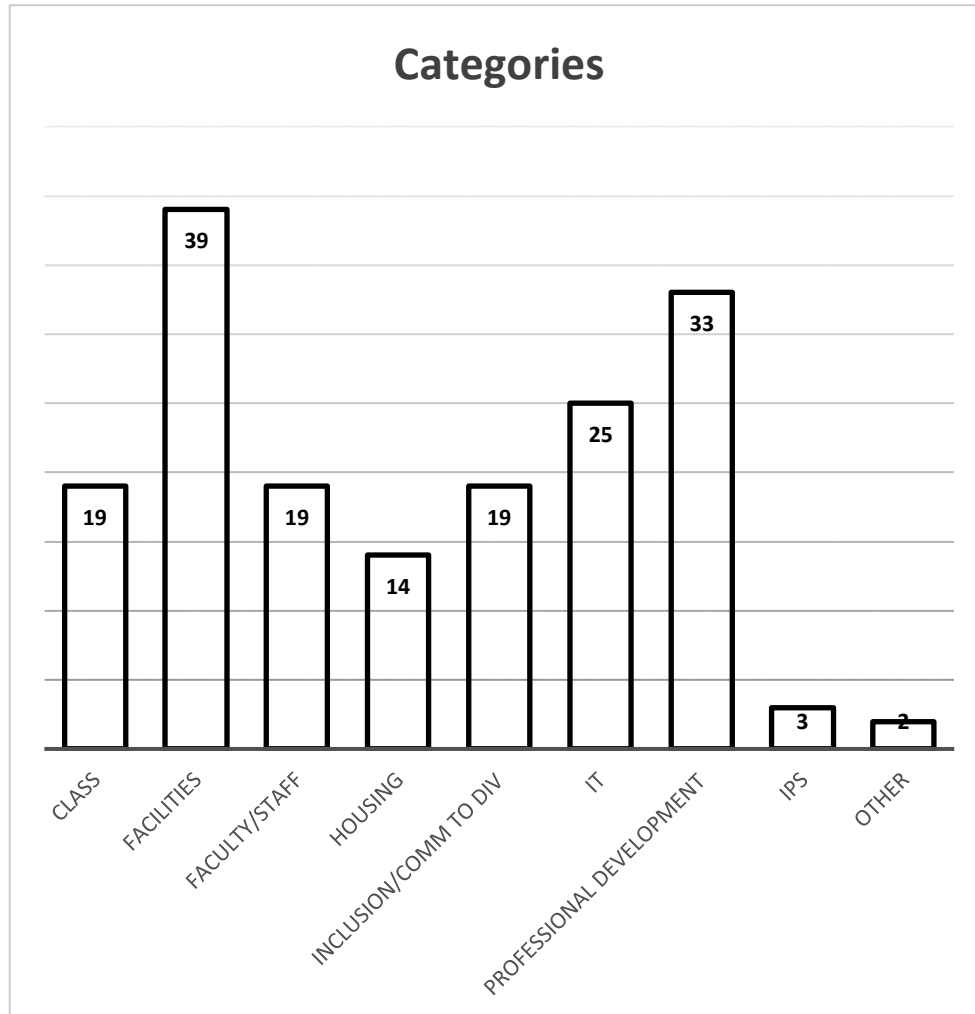
#### **E-Cigarettes**

Steven will be presenting to USG on October 15.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 2:00 pm in the MUB, Alumni Lounge A.

# 2014 Student Satisfaction Survey - Graduates



- Class
  - Availability, registration, selection, level
- Facilities
  - Transportation/Shuttle Service, SDC, Library, MUB, Equipment
- Faculty/Staff
  - Professionalism, advising, communication
- Housing
- Inclusion / Commitment to Diversity
- IT
- Professional Development
  - Career Services, On Campus jobs, TA/RA/GA positions
- IPS
- Other (i.e.: Health Insurance)