

Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2016

Present: Donna Beels, Darien Benner, Les Cook, Lynda Heinonen, Mike Johnson, Judy Klutts, Will Lytle, Carol Makkonen, Dave Nordstrom, Margo O'Brien, Abbey Senczyszyn, Kerri Sleeman

Guest – Daryl Matthews, Director of Dining Services

Will welcomed and thanked Dining Services for their support for the Food Pantry and for the meal swipes that they have donated.

Daryl distributed a Student Organization Catering menu (soda will also be added to the menu) that will be available only to Student Orgs. It will be displayed on the e-catering website but orgs will need a specific number to access. Daryl commented that even though Catering is offering reduced prices these are their regular menu items and they will not be changing their recipes. To help keep the costs lower the pizzas will not be delivered but rather orgs will need to pick them up. Daryl commented if students have additional items they'd like added to the menu they can contact him at dining@mtu.edu.

Daryl will contact Jessie Stapleton in Student Activities for a list of registered Student Organizations. These reduced prices should be available to the orgs on January 18.

Both Will and Abbey thanked Daryl for being so pro-active and giving the student organizations a reduced price. It is greatly appreciated!

Updates

Husky FAN (Food Access Network) – Abbey

Abbey reported that she was unable to meet with Janet Hayden in the fall semester so she will try to contact her this semester.

Abbey reported that they are pursuing the idea of having a potluck the week after spring break and every day during finals week. If fund raising goes well, they may possibly have a catered meal (soup and sandwiches) from the MUB rather than holding a potluck.

Husky FAN – Will

Will gave an update on the Husky FAN (Husky Food Access Network). He reported Public Safety has emergency packs, there are meal swipes available, and the Food Pantry is well stocked. Restaurants have been generous in donating gift cards and they are planning to have these available at strategic locations. (Public Safety, Counseling Services, etc.) Donated swipes were carried over from the fall to spring semester. A Husky Fan Club is being started.

Numbers included:

- 370 meal passes requested and used
- 288 requested and not used
- 90 visits to the Food Pantry
- Public Services Emergency Food Packs requested – in the 40s

Thank you all for the great support!!

Table Tents – Abbie

Abbie reported that she didn't have a chance to work on the table tents over the break but will work on a mock-up for the next meeting.

Freedom of Speech Forum – Will

Will had reported at the November Student Commission meeting that GSG and USG would like to host a Freedom of Speech Forum that could be used as an educational opportunity for students. It is still their goal to organize this in 2016.

Sustainability Director – Will

Will reported he met with Kerri Sleeman to discuss the idea of hiring a Sustainability Director. A team (6-8 students, faculty member, possibly a staff member) is being formed to determine the student's vision for sustainability on campus.

Kerri reported they are negotiating with a staff member to focus on sustainability for 10-20 hours a week for the spring semester.

New Items

Free Parking during Exam Week - Kerri

Kerri reported that students were allowed to park at the meters for free during exam week in December. Bags were placed on the meters but there was some confusion as to where students were allowed to park (40 tickets were issued for Lot 12 but were rescinded due to the confusion). She questioned how to better communicate where they are allowed to park.

Suggestions included:

- More signboards
- Alert the students earlier
- Do something creative with the Pay Lot
 - Allow them to park free for two hours

Lot 11 – Guaranteed Parking

It was questioned why this lot doesn't open at 4:00 pm like the other lots (students are not allowed to park in staff lots between 7:00-4:00 pm). It was explained that this is a guaranteed parking lot and if it was open the people who pay extra for a guaranteed spot may not get one. It was questioned if the people who park in Lot 11 could be surveyed to find out if they minded if the gates were open at 5:00 pm so students could use the lot during the evening.

It was questioned why the Wadsworth Hall parking lot does not have posted hours. Kerri will check into this.

New Michigan Tech Logo – Les

Les suggested that Ian Repp, Director, University Marketing and Communication be invited to the February 25 or March 24 Student Commission meeting to discuss the new Michigan Tech logo. Lynda will contact Ian.

Housing and Transportation Committee – Will

Will reported that GSG has created a Housing and Transportation committee. This will focus on Daniell Heights and housing in the local communities. Transportation on and off campus will be focused on.

A survey will be going to the graduate school to determine needs. Kerri asked that they include a specific question about Zipcars. "Are the graduate students using them?" Currently there are three Zipcars on campus. They are located at the MUB, Wads, and Daniell Heights. It was also reported that Checkers provides taxi service and Copper Country Limousine has added a taxi.

Will commented that the committee was formed to determine what the needs are and how they can be addressed.

Pedestrian Foot Bridge – Will

Will reported that he received the suggestion to look into the idea of a Pedestrian Foot Bridge from Wells Fargo to the Administration Building.

Kerri reported that Facilities Management will be adding a sidewalk from the Administration Building to Cliff Drive.

Recycling – Will

Will reported that recycling continues to be of high interest to the graduate students.

It was reported that the Houghton County Transfer Station has expanded to accept cardboard. This does not affect Michigan Tech as we have our own cardboard compactor.

Kerri reported our contract with Waste Management goes to July 1, 2019. They no longer accept glass.

Kerri also reported that the Facilities Management website <https://www.mtu.edu/facilities/energy/green/> and signage have been updated in the last month.

First Student Commission Meeting

It was questioned how long has the Student Commission been meeting. My records go back to September 9, 2004. Les Cook, Dave Nordstrom, and Margo O'Brien attended the meeting. Kudos to them for being such loyal committee members all these years!!

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28 at 2:00 pm in Ballroom A1, Memorial Union Building.

Spring Meeting Dates

- Thursday, February 11, 2016, 2:00 pm, MUB, Ballroom B1&B2
- Thursday, February 25, 2016, 2:00 pm, Wadsworth Hall, G17/G19
- Thursday, March 24, 2016, 2:00 pm, MUB, Ballroom B1&B2
- Thursday, April 14, 2016, 2:00 pm, Wadsworth Hall, G17/G19
- Thursday, April 28, 2016, 2:00 pm, MUB, Ballroom A1



Student Organization Catering Menu

Pizza- MUB Pickup

16" Pizza

<i>Cheese</i>	\$10.00/each
<i>Pepperoni</i>	\$11.00/each
<i>Sausage</i>	\$11.00/each
<i>Pepperoni and Sausage</i>	\$12.00/each
<i>Meat Lovers</i>	\$14.00/each
<i>Supreme</i>	\$14.00/each
<i>Veggie</i>	\$12.00/each
<i>Chicken Bacon Ranch</i>	\$12.00/each

Meat Lasagna \$40.00/full pan
Serves 18

Vegetable Lasagna \$35.00/full pan
Serves 18

Baked Rotini, Chicken Alfredo Pasta \$40.00/full pan
Baked Penne Pasta and Meat Sauce
