

Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Memorial Union Building, Ballroom A1

Present: Daniel Byrne, Marc Geborkoff, Lynda Heinonen, Beka Horsch, Mia Kemppainen, Dan Liebau, Jeremy Lundy, Cameron Miller, Benjamin Petrie, Zoe Quinn, Chris Roy, Melanie Thomas, Malissa Sanon, James Whittaker

Welcome – Melanie

New Items

Review Grounds Snow Removal Operations- Dan

Dan distributed and reviewed the grounds snow removal operations. Documents included:

- Grounds Department – Snow Removal Schedule
- Snow Shoveler Checklist
- Grounds Overtime Summary – FY20

Dan reported the following:

- He had been doing audits on the runs but then it stopped snowing for two weeks.
- Facilities Management bills Transportation Services for all of their snow plowing services.
- Residential lots are cleaned out three times a year (semester break, spring break, and one other time that is determined by the amount of snowfall).

Updates

Non-Motorized Transportation Working Group Report on Meeting – Daniel

Daniel reported a survey went out the week of January 27 and will close on February 27.

He asked that committee members remind individuals to fill out the survey. They'd like a good response so they can determine what is important to students/staff/faculty and help them to develop their master plan.

It was questioned if a bike lane was requested in the US41 Construction Project. Dan reported that it was but he didn't know it would be approved.

Food on Campus at Night – Daniel

Daniel reported that he did not have an update at this time but he will be contacting Dining Services to find out if they had determined how to convert a refrigerator over to a vending machine and alternative vending options.

It was commented that both the Order of Omega and USG were very much in favor of having "healthier" options available and a credit card option.

M&M Signage Re-visited

Dan reported that Lynda had forwarded him the information the sub-committee had gathered for signage in the M&M Building. Dan commented that Facilities Management has verbally committed to taking over this project and will look at moving forward in the new fiscal year (2021).

Bathroom Hooks in Stalls

Dan reported the Memorial Union now has hooks in the restrooms. Members present had noticed this and were pleased that this had been taken care of so quickly.

Lynda relayed an email that Bonnie Gorman had received from Amber Bennett, Director of Counseling Services. It read:

"I looked at the coat hooks in the bathrooms between Rekhi and Fisher and unfortunately they are not anti-ligature hooks. I do think one possible solution would be to move the hooks closer to waist height. I understand the concern of students not wanting their coats to touch the ground, but the anti-ligature hooks I have found thus far cost over \$50 per hook. I am going to keep looking. This may be a situation where we put the hooks somewhat lower on the doors and also put signage into the bathrooms for suicide prevention. It would be helpful for me to know what the general cost is of the coat hooks facilities would be installing because there may be some other options out there that may be viable if they are closer in overall cost."

Lynda will forward the email to Dan so he and Amber can work together on possible options for bathroom hooks.

Feminine Hygiene Products – Melanie

Melanie reported that USG and the Women's Leadership Council have partnered to have feminine hygiene products placed in all of the women's restrooms. She questioned how she could find out how many restrooms are on campus. Dan reported that one of the Facilities Managers was currently inventorying this. Beka commented that both USG and the Women's Leadership Council would be willing to help with this project.

Melanie reported that Kimberly Clark delivered two pallets of liners (92,000). They are currently being stored in the USG storage area with the goal being to stock the restrooms. They will be monitored to determine how often the restrooms will need to be replenished. It was questioned if Kimberly Clark was going to regularly provide supplies and Melanie commented that she hopes they can collaborate with them on a regular basis in the future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020, 2:00 p.m., G17/19, Wadsworth Hall

2020 Spring Meeting Dates

- 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