

**Student Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

**Present: Donna Beels, Michael Bonnici, Lynda Heinonen, Judy Klutts, Josh Krugh, Will Lytle, Carol Makkonen, Dave Nordstrom, Margo O'Brien, Travis Pierce, Sam Willard**

**Brand Rollout Presentation**

Ian Repp, Director, University Marketing and Communication provided a sneak-peak of the new logo that Michigan Tech will be unveiling on Friday, February 26, 2016, at 1:30 pm in the Library Reading Room. Mugs and stickers will be distributed at the unveiling and refreshments will be served.

Ian reviewed the timeline for the Launch and Rollout (February 2016 – August 2017)

- Announcement – 2/26/15
- UMC Prep – February 2016 – August 2016
- Soft Launch – August 2016 – January 2017
- Hard Launch – January 2017
- Final Rollout – January – August 2017

The staff and students present liked the new logo and were excited about its launch.

Ian reported that Athletics will be unveiling a new spirit mark this upcoming summer.

**Contacts**

Ian encouraged the staff and students present to contact UMC with any questions. Contact emails are:

- [brand@mtu.edu](mailto:brand@mtu.edu)
- Ian Repp – [irepp@mtu.edu](mailto:irepp@mtu.edu)
- Crystal Verran – [ceverran@mtu.edu](mailto:ceverran@mtu.edu)
- Shannon Rinkinen – [smrinkin@mtu.edu](mailto:smrinkin@mtu.edu)

Check out the website - <http://www.mtu.edu/umc/services/brand/>

**New**

**Availability of time/resources at Counseling Services – Josh**

Josh reported that he has heard from at least ten students that is hard for them to make appointments with Counseling Services.

A discussion followed and comments included:

- The spring semester was the first time Counseling Services limited the number of appointments a student could have in a semester
- Staff have been added
- The student population has grown

- There are additional resources in the community
- In an emergency situation counselors are always available
- There are many ways to justify increasing the capacity of Counseling Services staff
  - Safety
  - Diversity

It was suggested that Counseling Services be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss the issue. Lynda will contact them.

**Resources at Career Services for LGBT Students Seeking Internships and Full-time Position – Josh**

Josh reported that students from the LGBT Community can go into hostile environments in the workplace and wondered if Career Services could have something in place so students are aware if corporations are supportive of a diverse workforce.

Comments, suggestions, and questions included:

- What message is Career Services sending to companies?
- Are they letting the companies know the University’s expectations?
- This is a bigger issue than just Career Services and CDI
- Could companies that have a better HRC (Human Rights Campaign) have prime locations at Career Fair?
- Could Career Services provide information on the state you’re going to?
- Is there something the companies could put on their tables to self-proclaim?
- There should be inclusion on and off campus
- Create a voluntary table piece for companies at Career Fair
- All under-represented students including International students should be included
- Can this be run through Handshake?
  - Travis volunteered to contact them
- If possible, make key players aware of this – Steve Patchin and Kellie Raffaelli

**Updates**

**Winter Carnival Photo Contest Winners - Carol**

Carol reported they received 45 entries and the Library’s student assistants picked the three winners. Carol passed around the winning photos.

**Wadsworth Hall Parking Lot – Travis**

Travis reported that Lot 15 is reserved seven days a week year round. Students are allowed to park in the lot between 4:00 pm and 2:00 am. At times depending on what is going on in the halls, there may be a different schedule for summer.

### **Access to Library – Carol**

Carol reported that signage has been put up that lists the hours when the access door is open:

### **Opie overnight access hours for active Michigan Tech students, faculty and staff only**

- Academic Year – Sunday – Thursday – 2:00 – 7:00 am
- Friday/Saturday – 9:00 pm – 9:00 am
- Summer – Monday – Friday – 9:00 pm – 7:00 am
- Saturday and Sunday – 6:00 pm – 10:00 am
- Check the Exceptions on our website for holiday and break hours

### **Transportation and Housing Survey – Will**

Will reported that the graduate students are working on a transportation and housing survey. Their aim is to send it out after Spring Break. He will provide more information when the survey is out.

### **Sustainability on Campus – Will**

Will reported a team of 5-6 students will be proposing to the Executive Team that a Sustainability position be created on campus. The objective being:

- Unify what we are doing
  - Message, website, communicate what we're doing
- Have the research we are doing centered back on campus
- Pull together all the different groups
- Have a unified goal for the University

It was commented that there is currently a lot of redundancy/duplication of work. Get groups together for a common goal. People are not aware of what is going on.

### **Spring Break**

There will NOT be a Student Commission meeting on March 10. Happy Spring Break!!

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, at 2:00 pm in Ballroom B1&B2, Memorial Union Building.

### **Spring Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, April 14, 2016, 2:00 pm, Wadsworth Hall, G17/G19
- Thursday, April 28, 2016, 2:00 pm, MUB, Ballroom A1