

**Student Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

**Present: Carley Davis, Marc Geborkoff, Lynda Heinonen, Amy Howard, Hattie Kinnisten, Jacob Loew, Keith Machiela, Joey Phillips, Brenda Rudiger, Abu Sayeed Md Shawon, Rochelle Spencer**

**Welcome – Hattie**

**Promotion of the Student Commission**

There were many good suggestions about how to promote the Student Commission but the general consensus was that we first needed to re-brand.

Name Ideas

- Student Resolutionists
- Student Embassy
- Student Commission
- Husky Resolve
- Problem Busters
- Problem Solvers
- Red Tape Revolutionists
- MTU Feedback
  - [feedback@mtu.edu](mailto:feedback@mtu.edu)
  - #mtufeedback
- MTU Resolve(rs?)

Notes on unique image identifiers

- Unprompted feedback is key
  - Constantly open to input
  - Surveys that say “do you have any feedback” are untimely and inadequate to fully capture student input
- Public feedback/input
  - Actively looked at
  - Publicly housed
  - Publicly responded to (ensures that it isn’t going into a black administration void)
- Not Bureaucratic
  - Not a student government organization
  - Little to no ‘red tape’
- Actively seeks out feedback from unbiased student populations
  - I.e. Not RAs (paid by university = conflict of interest for feedback)
  - It isn’t necessary to work your way into ‘powerful’ student organizations in order to have your thoughts or feedback seriously considered
- Option to join is known but **not** necessary for input to be worked on

- E.g. Students can offer suggestions/feedback/complaints which will be dealt with by the 'committee members' who are already dedicating time to work on these issues regardless of relevancy to themselves

After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Jacob will meet with Courtney Meyer to discuss re-naming, logo, and slogan. This will be discussed further at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Lot 12/Hubbell Concerns – Marc**

Marc reported that he spoke to Dan in Facilities Management. Normally they leave a snow barrier but due to Winter Carnival cleanup and not receiving a lot of snow after that, a barrier has not been there. Dan is willing to explore temporary barriers with his equipment operators. Marc said he will report back when he has more information.

### **Soundproofing and Temperature Control – MUB, Superior Room, B001**

Rochelle reported that she had a meeting in the MUB Superior room on Tuesday evening. They had requested the air handler unit be turned off because of the noise but then the room became very warm by the end of the meeting. Additionally there was a rumbling noise that they heard quite frequently throughout the meeting.

This item will be tabled until the next meeting when Anita can report on her discussion with Facilities Management.

### **New Items**

#### **Tampon Dispenser Machines – Rochelle**

Rochelle received a complaint that "none of the tampon dispenser machines work on campus!" The student didn't find any that worked in the Library and finally located one in the second floor restroom in Rekhi Hall.

Amy commented that CDI (Center for Diversity and Inclusion) gives away feminine hygiene products.

It was suggested that if the machines don't work could there be a basket with feminine hygiene products in each restroom.

Another suggestion, was to place a note on the machine that if it was not working to submit a work order or to see CDI.

Lynda volunteered to contact Facilities Management and will report back at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The Student Commission will meet on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the 404 Administration Building.

**2018 Spring Semester**

- Thursday, April 26, 2018, 2:00 p.m., MUB, Ballroom B3