

Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 2014

Present: Chris Cena, Lynda Heinonen, Reginald Hicks, Steve Knudstrup, Shreya Kumar, Carol Makkonen, Zachary Mauerman, Mary Mongeau, Rachel Morrison, Margo O'Brien, Travis Pierce, Jon Riehl, Kerri Sleeman, Renee Wells

Welcome – Shreya

Updates

Blue Light Stanchion Phones Sub-Committee

Chris reported that he had given an update on the Blue Light Phone System to the University Senate on Wednesday evening (March 26, 2014) and it went well.

The next step will be for the Blue Light Stanchion Phones sub-committee to work on developing a proposal to present to the Senate. When the proposal is complete it will be brought back to the Student Commission for their review and support.

Chris will also work on creating proposals for USG and GSG. He will report back at the next meeting.

Student Meeting with Facilities – Kerri and Steve

Kerri reported that she will meet with IRHC on April 7 to discuss concerns and suggestions regarding snow in the parking lots.

New Items

Laptop Program – Travis

It was reported that the College of Engineering is developing recommendations on changes to undergraduate computing within the College. After a lengthy discussion, the Student Commission members recommended that students attend the Student Forum. Details are as follows:

Engineering Undergrad Computing Student Forum

The College of Engineering is developing recommendations on changes to undergraduate computing within the College. Should we spend your tuition dollars on software licenses for student laptops and wireless infrastructure or should we spend your tuition dollars on desktop computers? We would like your input. Come give your views.

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 5-6pm in U115.

Please bring your iClickers

Pizza will be served.

Bike Path – Lynda

Lynda reported a student had contacted her to discuss the idea of a bike path. They suggested painting a bike path across campus and thought this would be an economical short-term fix until something more permanent could be done. Kerri agreed to look into the possibility of this. The first step will be for her to have a conversation with the Executive Team and the University Lawyer. She will report back.

Shreya commented that student groups could be solicited for their input.

It was suggested that students receive an email in the spring and fall with suggestions for bicycle safety.

Shreya commented that the bike maintenance stations are greatly appreciated by GSG!
<http://blogs.mtu.edu/facilities/2013/07/18/bike-repair-stations-established/>

Pay Lot # 17 – Chris

Chris requested that Facilities Management place signage in Lot 17 to make it clearer where to park/not to park. Kerri commented that due to the heavy snowfall this winter and the gate not being operational, they have had problems with that lot. Kerri will review lot 17 this summer and report back with their plan of action in the fall.

Reversing Bus Route - Shreya

Shreya questioned if there was any discussion about reversing the bus route (Walmart to the Heights rather than the Heights to Walmart). Keri reported that the City of Houghton is not able to do this because of how their route works.

Shreya commented that the shuttle is really appreciated by GSG!

Shreya questioned if GSG/USG/IRHC could consider funding any transportation initiatives. Kerri commented that she will have Angie Kohlemainen (Manager Husky Motors, Transportation Services & Resources) pull together different concepts to see if the groups would consider funding them.

Next Meeting

The next Student Commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the MUB Alumni Lounge. Refreshments will be served.