

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2017**

Present: Jacob Cavins, Marc Geborkoff, Lynda Heinonen, Will Lytle, Erin Matas, Carol McCullah, Kyle McGurk, Dave Nordstrom, Maro O'Brien, Kerri Sleeman, Lori Weir

Welcome – Jacob and Will

New Items

Maintenance – Campus Bike Stations – Kyle

Kyle reported concern had been expressed because none of the bike stations on campus had working pumps this previous summer and some were missing tools. Currently there are four bike stations on campus (MEEM, Walker, GLRC, and Tech Trails).

Kerri reported that the Copper Country Cycling Club approached Facilities Management in the spring of 2013 to install the bike stations. They were supposed to develop a 10-year maintenance plan but probably due to graduating students this has not been done.

Kerri also reported from 2013-2017, Facilities Management has received 13 work order requests for repairs on the bike stations. They have incurred about \$5,000 in expenses maintaining the bike stations.

After a lengthy discussion, the following was recommended:

- To keep costs down locate one bike station by the Library and one by Wads
 - Erin will check if the library would be able to house the pump and tools and loan them out to students as needed
 - IRHC should be contacted to see if Housing would be able to house the pump and tools and loan them out to students as needed
- Bike stations are needed on the waterfront (GLRC) and the Tech Trails

Smoking on Campus

It was brought to GSG's attention that smoking is taking place on campus or people are standing on the median on US 41 and smoking. This does not promote a positive image of Michigan Tech.

It was questioned how people should handle the situation of confronting people about smoking on campus. Marc recommended that if there is a problem they should contact Public Safety rather than trying to handle it themselves.

It was also commented that students would like to see a "designated" smoking area so the smokers aren't pushed to the periphery, it would be cleaner for the environment (providing a container for the cigarette butts), and they wouldn't have such a high visibility.

After discussion it recommended that the Tobacco-Free Campus Committee be reconvened to address this conversation.

Updates

Skate Board/Long Board Rack – Jacob

Jacob reported that he has received a quote from Facilities Management for the racks. Each rack would cost \$400 (\$80 material and \$320 in labor).

Kerri reported that Facilities Management is willing to cover the cost of the labor and Transportation Services would be willing to cover the cost of materials for two racks. She will check with staff but thought they could be ready for usage by the end of March.

The library is okay with locating them near the building but asked that the final location be confirmed with them before installation.

Jacob thought it would be helpful to have a placard by each rack explaining how to use them. It was suggested that he contact Les Cook for possible funding. If funding is secured for the placards, Jacob will contact Creative Suite about designing them.

Kerri recommended that the students take the lead on this project and advertise their location so that students are aware they are available.

Kerri also recommended the two racks be a pilot program but suggested that their usage be monitored to determine if they are being used and if more are needed.

Textbook Cache Project – Erin

Erin reported that there is a Teaching at Tech Luncheon Workshop – Textbooks: Changing Costs, Content, and Student Use on February 28. The luncheon event brings together the work of on-campus students, faculty, library and staff groups who have been exploring ways to help ensure that textbooks are accessible as an important learning resource to all students.

Participants will be asked to view online presentations from each group prior to attending and come ready to engage in brainstorming and a panel discussion surrounding this issue.

Contract Holder Daniell Heights – Travis

Lynda reported that Travis has assigned this to two students to work on. Will also reported that GSG is working on this issue.

Wads Annex/Computer Lab – Travis

IRHC has recommended the following:

The Inter-Residence Housing Council (IRHC) hereby gives its recommendation that the Wadsworth Hall Annex be repurposed for use as an Engineering Fundamentals classroom from 8a.m. until 6 p.m. on school days (Monday through Friday). IRHC provides this

recommendation contingent on the understanding that the Annex remains accessible as a common area for students living in Michigan Tech housing when it is not in use as a classroom. IRHC also asks that as the space is renovated, its dual purpose as a common area and a classroom be kept in mind. One of the greatest concerns that students have had with regards to the proposed repurposing is the perceived decreased versatility of the space due to the installation of different tables. As we learned more information--such as the fact that the tables will be foldable and movable and that wiring will be retractable from the ceiling--the majority of voting representatives of the Wadsworth Hall Housing Association (WWSA), McNair Housing Association (MHA), and Douglass Houghton Hall Council (DHHC) have voiced their support for Wadsworth Hall Annex renovations. IRHC acknowledges that the Wadsworth Hall Annex is currently underutilized from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on school days, and IRHC hopes that the space's renovation will provide added value both to Engineering Fundamentals students and other students living in the halls as each of these groups share this exciting new space.

Campus Housing – Quiet Hours – Justin

“Quiet Hours” was brought forward for discussion and Marc reported that Public Safety and Police Services had received 70 complaints from Daniell Heights residents between 2014 – 2017. It was recommended if residents cannot resolve a noise issue themselves they should contact Public Safety.

Will commented that this issue will be discussed with GSG to determine how they want to proceed.

Centralized Funding for Cultural Events – Will

Will reported that a meeting with all of the major stakeholders (Diversity Council, USG, CDI, Alumni Relations, GSG) is scheduled for the week of February 28th. Will commented that seeking funding for events uses a lot of time so it would be great if it could be centralized. He will report back regarding this meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, at 2:00 pm in Admin 404.