Student Commission Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2017

Present: Anthony Custard, Marc Geborkoff, Phoebe Glazko, Lynda Heinonen, Judy Klutts, Josh Marshall, Erin Matas, Dave Nordstrom, Travis Pierce, Matt Rennell, Lori Weir, Sam Willard

New Items
Ice Skate Rental Initiative – Matt
At the November 10, 2016, Student Commission meeting an Ice Skate Rental Program was discussed. It was commented then that because students do not own or have access to skates, they have to drop out of their skating classes. This did not move forward at the time.

This issue is now being revisited because USG has agreed to fund the purchase of new skates ($4,500). Dave will contact Jada Gullstrand (Director, Camps and Recreation) to discuss this issue and report back at the next meeting.

Lighting behind the SDC – Matt
Matt commented that a student athlete had brought up the fact that it is very dark on the trail behind the SDC to the football field.

Dave commented that the SDC does not have the revenue to install lighting there. He also commented that he would like to see another light installed by Lot 24.

After discussion, it was decided that Lori will report this concern to Kerri Sleeman. She will report back at the next meeting.

SAF (Student Activity Fee) Review – Matt
Matt reported that Student Activity Fee is going to be reviewed and there will be two USG members, two GSG members, and they would like two members from the Student Commission to join in the review process. After discussion, the following two individuals volunteered to join – Anthony Custard, and Sam Willard.

Updates
Sidewalk or Walking Structure for Fairview Street Next to Daniell Heights – Lynda
Lynda reported she had received an email update from Jonathan. It stated “I did happen to see Eric Waara, City Manager, and mentioned the lack of lighting and sidewalks on Fairview Drive. He said that although it is a city street, Michigan Tech could assist in the planning and financial aspects related to updating that street.” Lynda will forward the email to Lori.
Travis suggested that a group be formed to write an opinion to address the City of Houghton on this issue. After discussion, it was decided that this group will be comprised of Josh Marshall, John Nowosad (USG rep for the City of Houghton), and Jonathan Davey.

The City of Houghton meets every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for October 25. Josh will follow-up with Jonathan and John and also contact the City of Houghton to ask to be added to the agenda.

Josh will report back at the next meeting.

**Maintenance of Campus Bike Stations – Mike and Lori**
Lori reported that Facilities is reviewing the maintenance numbers before committing to the covering the cost of labor to repair the stations.

Matt reported that USG could cover the cost of parts. Josh commented that GSG would probably be willing to help with the cost of this also.

A long-term plan will need to be determined.

**Recommendation to Convene a Committee to Evaluate Tobacco Free, Smoke Free, and Vapor Free Policy – Josh**
Josh reported that he had sent the Student Commission recommendation to Les Cook and Ellen Horsch and expects a response at the end of October or early November. He will report back when he gets their responses.

It was questioned what is being revisited? Repeal, enforce it more? Josh commented the following would be addressed
- Clarification on smoking in cars
- Messaging on signage
- The committee would evaluate how the policy is working
- What is being done at other Universities
- Cigarette butts on campus

**More Students on Student Commission**
Josh thanked the students present who were representing USG, IRHC, and Panhellenic Council for attending the meeting. He would still like to see an IFC representative.

**Accessibility Issues – Draft Charge and From Subcommittee – Josh**
After discussion, it was decided the first step is to draft a charge on what would be expected of sub-committee members, time commitment, how long, etc.
Travis suggested the following people meet to draft this charge – Josh, Travis, Christy Oslund (Disability Coordinator), Trish Bennett (Associate Director of Housing), and the two students who had presented their Disabilities Research Findings to the Student Commission (Madison Duensing and Erin Richie).

Josh will report back at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Ballroom A1, MUB.

**Fall Meeting Dates**
- October 26, 2017, 2:00 pm, Ballroom A1, MUB
- November 9, 2017, 2:00 pm, Ballroom A1, MUB
- December 14, 2017, 2:00 pm, Admin 404