Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017


Welcome – Matt

Updates
Ice Skate Rental Initiative – Matt and Dave
Dave reported that he had met with Jada Gullstrand and Chris Roy to discuss this initiative. Currently the fall/winter skating schedule is Saturdays from 1:30-3:20 pm and Sundays from 6:30-8:50 pm. They have approximately 20-30 skating on Saturday and 50-70 skating on Sunday.

Issues include:
- Storage
  - Physical Education needs room for helmet storage
  - University Images needs room for skate sharpening
- A Skate Rental operation would need to be “manned” and should be opened to the public
- Using a concession stand is a possibility but with them being an auxiliary entity this would be a revenue loss
- Rental equipment is generally costly and does not get a payback

It was questioned if OAP (Outdoor Adventure Program) would be able to have a skate rental program. This has been looked into in the past and they do not have the room.

It was also questioned if USG could pilot a program that transported skates to the SDC in a cart and then store them someplace. It was commented that skates tend to be “smelly” so storage would be a problem.

It was questioned if there is a huge demand for rental skates. Dave commented that he didn’t think so.

Matt commented that it sounds like there are a number of issues with no viable solutions. Matt will take this issue back to USG.
Lighting behind the SDC – Matt
Matt reported Jimmie Cannon was the student who had brought this lighting issue forward and he will be contacting Kerri Sleeman to discuss further.

Dave reported that they are looking at possible new seating at the football field (if funding is secured) and if that takes place there would be another light near the walkway going to Lot 24. This would not include lighting in the area behind the SDC

Sidewalk or Walking Structure for Fairview Street Next to Daniell Heights – Lynda
Jonathan reported that he had brought this issue forward as a safety concern but questioned if this is an actual student concern. It was questioned, “Does the Student Commission want to pursue? “How much would it cost?” and “Who owns this project?” It was commented that the City Engineers or the Michigan Tech engineers could possibly do a cost estimate.

Travis reported that the City of Houghton is sending out a survey regarding the City’s Master Plan and one of the questions on the survey is “Is there adequate lighting in the City?” The survey will be sent to everybody who receives a water bill. Travis recommended that students be encouraged to fill out the survey if they receive one.

It was also suggested that students and taxpayers could easily petition the City of Houghton. After discussion, it was decided that the student representatives present will take this back to their student bodies to determine if this is an actual issue and if it should be addressed. They will report back at the next meeting.

Maintenance of Campus Bike Stations – Mike and Lori
This issue was discussed at length. Travis reported that he will work with Dave Nordstrom to get the costs put together and a written estimate for the next meeting.

Accessibility Issues – Draft Charge and From Subcommittee – Josh
Josh reported the following would be interested in joining the sub-committee and drafting a charge for the accessibility issue:

- Jimmie Cannon (USG Student Affairs committee lead)
- Corinne VanOstran and Allison Shoemaker (Panhellenic Council)
- IRHC – Members did not have interest until meeting dates were determined
- GSG – No interest
- IFC – Nick Cunningham will check with his group to determine interest
- Madison Duensing and Erin Richie have not proposed a committee chair yet

Josh reported that he would like to develop a list of issues that are important to change how things are on campus.
Josh will contact Jimmie Cannon, Corrine VanOstran, and Allison Shoemaker to confirm their interest, start a conversation regarding their involvement on this committee, and where their interests lie.

**Student Groups**
Travis thanked the representatives from the student bodies in attendance and asked them to go back to their constituents and bring back any concerns they may have. He commented that the Student Commission is a champion for all students.

**Next Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Ballroom A1, MUB.

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