

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, November 11, 2012**

Present: Dan Bennett, Andre Bonen, Les Cook, Lynda Heinonen, Bill Hall, Judy Klutts, Dave Nordstrom, Margo O'Brien, Donnie Palmer, Travis Pierce, Kathy Pintar, Lee Sweitz, Kerri Sleeman, Chris Wojick, Margo Woller-Carter

Welcome – Margo

Question and Answer Session – Pete Pelissero, Manager, Grounds, Trades, and Husky Motors and Mark Myllyoja, Facilities Management

Pete reported that the shuttle schedule is as follows:

- 7:00-10:00 am – SDC-MUB (every 15 minutes)
- 11:30 am–2:00 pm – MUB-SDC (every 15 minutes)
- 4:00-7:00 p.m. – SDC-MUB (every 15 minutes)

Pete reported that the shuttle service is in the beginning stages and they are working hard to resolve issues that arise. Pete and Mark will be meeting with George Butvilas, Director, Facilities Management and will pass on concerns.

Pete passed around the established schedule with all of the current stops. This schedule is posted at the Heights and the SDC. It was suggested that it also be posted in the MUB.

Questions and Comments included:

- Identify the vans with flashing lights or wrap the vehicles
 - *Will look into this*
- Requested that the shuttle drivers wait for at least a minute at stops
- Have there been any requests for earlier runs? *No*
- Will there be runs to the ski hills? *Exploring this idea*
- It was suggested to pilot the ski hill run to determine if there is a need for it.
- If there are runs to the ski hill it will have to be determined soon because students will be registering for classes
- If students are dropped off across the street at the ski hill is it safe for them to cross the highway?
- Could a stop be added at Forestry? *Email George Butvilas (gjbutvil@mtu.edu)*
- Could we add a last run from the MUB at 7:00 pm? *Email George Butvilas (gjbutvil@mtu.edu)*
- Margo Woller-Carter requested a snow plowing schedule. *Pete will forward to Margo and Lynda*
- How do you go about reporting you are parking in a lot in the off-hours? *Contact Transportations Services 7-1441*
- It was recommended to figure out shuttle service on campus before worrying about off-campus service

- It was reported that the City of Houghton runs a regular schedule during the week and has on-demand service on the weekends
- Where are the people that used to park in the pay lot? Could the fee be reduced to increase revenue? *Email George Butvilas (gjbutvil@mtu.edu)*

Pete reported that they are planning for staff/faculty (who do not want to pay for parking) to park in lots 23 or 24 but they will have to wait to see what the numbers are before shuttle runs are determined.

Pete reported that they have an immobilizing tool but need to have the Board of Control approve an ordinance to use this and to enforce parking. It was questioned at what point do you use the immobilizing unit or tow a vehicle and Pete reported that if the Board of Control approves it will be used if an individual has four outstanding parking tickets.

Dan reported that Public Safety will be enforcing parking in the off-hours (5:00 pm – 7:00 am). He also mentioned if a student or staff member does not feel safe when they are walking that they can contact Public Safety and they will come to the scene.

New Items

University Women’s Student Commission Sub-committee Discussion

After discussion, the Student Commission decided not to approve the idea of a University Women’s Student Commission sub-committee. They decided they would rather collaborate with the Women’s Leadership Council rather than build a new structure. Les will contact Beth Lunde to let her know of the Student Commission decision.

Updates

Promotion of Student Commission – Donnie

Donnie had to leave the meeting before he could report on this item.

It was suggested that the Student Commission be promoted on the Facebook page and an email be sent to the weekly Student Newsbrief.

Updates

GSG IT AD Hoc Committee Report – Margo

Margo reported that the committee is putting together their survey results and will be meeting with IT to discuss. She also reported that GSG is talking about developing a complaint form that can be used for any issue. Then they will have actual documentation when they are trying to resolve issues.

Bicycle Friendly Campus – Chris

Chris reported that he didn’t have an update at this time but would report at the next meeting.

Water Fountains/Water Bottle Filling Stations – Kerri

Kerri reported that the water fountain on the first floor of the MUB will be replaced and when it is it will also have a water bottle filling station. Kerri reported that there are currently 12 water bottle filling stations on campus. Additional ones will be added in the Chem Sci Building, Walker, Fisher, DOW, and the MUB. She also reported that once they are all in place an article will be placed in Tech Today and the Lode to promote them.

It was questioned if the water bottle filling water stations could be identified or marked some way that they are more noticeable. Kerri commented that the new ones are more noticeable.

Quick Phone Charger Units – Andre

Andre asked if there is a need for quick phone charge units on campus. After discussion, it was suggested that a pilot be done either in the Library or MUB or another suggestion was to just add more outlets in the MUB Commons area. Andre will pass these suggestions on.

Graduating in December

If you are graduating in December, please send Lynda (lheinone@mtu.edu) a quick email so she can remove your name from the list serve.

Next Meeting

The December 13 meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Peninsula Room, MUB.