

Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015

Present: Donna Beels, Amberlee Haselhuhn, Lynda Heinonen, Mike Johnson, Marco La Manna, Andrey Merzlyakov, Mary Mongeau, Jon Riehl, Gregg Richards

Guests: Bob Hiltunen and Mark Johnson

Welcome – Marco

Female Business Attire in Campus Bookstore – Bob Hiltunen and Mark Johnson

Bob reported the Auxiliary Leadership Group met to discuss women's business apparel and they discussed the following:

- Background
- Protrait 35
- Strategic Plan
- How they want to grow the women's population
- Continuing men's apparel due to its success
- Commitment to service to women in proportion to service to men
- Payment options
- How they can alleviate the problem of women's apparel on campus

Focus Groups

Bob reported they have started to schedule face-to-face meetings with student groups. They will meet with approximately ten groups.

Advisory Group

Bob reported they are forming an Advisory Group. The charge of this group is:

- Regularly review women's apparel offerings and make recommendations for possible changes
- Concern themselves with broad product lines and programs related to women's apparel and offerings on campus
- Promote an inclusive and welcoming environment in support of woman students, faculty, and staff in line with the strategic plan
- Provide guidance to apparel buyers
- They will meet four time a year
- They will provide two written reports each year (June and December)
- The group will consist of faculty, staff, presidential council of alumnae members, graduate and undergraduate students
 - These individuals will be invited by the Assistant Vice President of Administration
 - Auxiliary Services and Merchandising staff will convene the meetings

Long Term Projects

- Bring back basics line
- Career Closet – help with development
 - Hangars
 - Mannequins
 - Advice
- Research Trunk Shows
- Arrange bus trips to Appleton or Marquette

Suggestions/Questions

- Would like women's apparel to be available year-end at the Bookstore not just a few weeks before Career Fairs

Please contact Bob Hiltunen at (rwhiltun@mtu.edu) with any feedback or questions. He said he would be happy to attend a future Student Commission meeting to give updates.

Updates

Senate Proposal – Graduate and Undergraduate Student on Ombuds Search Committee – Jon
Jon reported this proposal is going to be voted on next week (April 1). Originally the Senate didn't see the need to have two students on the committee because the Ombuds does not see a lot of undergraduate students. Jon commented that is probably the case because the undergraduate students are not aware of this service. Jon also reported that "represented staff" was struck from the proposal because they would not go to the Ombuds person but rather would have Union support.

Jon commented that he will push to have this passed and suggested that GSG and USG members could attend the upcoming meeting and speak in support during the General Discussion time. Jon will report the outcome at the next meeting.

Overnight Parking in Downtown Houghton – Andrey

Andrey reported that the USG representative has not been attending the City Council meetings so he did not have anything to report.

IRHC Rep on Student Commission

Tabled.

Cemetery Road Lighting and Security Cameras – Marco

Gregg reported that this is on the Facilities list of items to complete. He commented that right now it is not a high priority but questioned if somehow it could be determined how much the students use this road. Suggestions included:

- Poll the GSG students
- Could it be a Civil Engineering project
- Count the number of people after a hockey game
- Add a question about usage to the Student Satisfaction survey

New Items

Sense of the Senate Resolution for Sufficient Notice of University Closure - Jon

Jon reported the University Senate is going to be voting on this resolution at next week's meeting (April 1). Jon explained that the "Sense of the Senate" resolution will get voted on and then given to the Administration if passed. Jon will report the outcome at the next meeting.

Congratulations Jon! Visited all 3108 counties in the USA!

The Student Commission congratulated Jon on his and his wife's recent accomplishment. Check out a few of these articles

<http://www.capecodtimes.com/article/20150311/NEWS/150319892/101100?template=printart>

<https://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic/meet-the-couple-that-drove-a-540-000-mile-dodge-intrepid-to-every-county-in-the-lower-48-161344757.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2991504/Michigan-couple-complete-visit-county-lower-48.html>

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 2:00 pm in the MUB, Alumni Lounge A.