

**Student Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2015, 2:00 pm**  
**Alumni Lounge A, Memorial Union Building**

**Present: Donna Beels, Mike Johnson, Josh Krugh, Marco La Manna, Andrey Merzlyakov, Mary Mongeau, Dave Nordstrom, Margo O'Brien, Travis Pierce, Jon Riehl, Gregg Richards, Travis Pierce**

**Welcome – Marco, Andrey**

**New Items**

- Cemetery Road Lighting and Security Cameras – Facilities
  - Marco starts off by saying that this idea was firstly introduced to last Student Commission meeting. Furthermore, GSG President -Sasha Teymorian- has brought the idea to Board of Control Academic Advisory Committee. Currently, GSG does not have a plan to install the Cemetery Rd lighting. However, GSG would be more than happy to look into ways of funding this.
  - Facilities suggests that a study needs to be done to understand how many pedestrians use that road. Furthermore, the cost may be estimated to be up to \$200,000, if shaped similarly to the project developed for Sharon Avenue (poles 90 feet apart one from the other, underground wiring, etc...). Cemetery Road is not considered a road, however it is Michigan Tech property (it is plowed, and it has also been recently paved).
    - Overall suggestion: contact Facilities to have more information.
- Female Business Attire in Campus Book Store – Marco
  - There is no formal women business apparel in the Campus bookstore.
  - Present members feel that it should be appropriate to have someone from the Campus Bookstore at the next meeting. Anyone who is interested to discuss this issue is welcome to come attend too.
- Winter Weather Concerns – Marco
  - Snow removal
    - A student fell on the sidewalk in front of the MUB bus stop and had to go to the hospital
      - Facilities says the campus is being plowed many times a day and it also has a dedicated salt patrol that goes around. Moreover, they have a map with known spots that need to be worked on more frequently.

- No sidewalk on Cliff Drive; people walk anyway to go from the M&M to the Rozsa Center parking lots. Students feel that it is a dangerous situation
      - Facilities is already aware of the problem. Two years ago, they started building a sidewalk up on Phoenix Drive. Now, they are trying to figure out a solution to get a sidewalk on Cliff Drive too.
- Building and Exterior Door Numbering – Marco
  - Idea from a GSG constituent. Keep the building numbers all year long and also number the exterior doors. In case of emergency, it could be easier to refer and understand numbers rather than trying to explain where the person is.
    - Facilities says that all building doors are numbered; working with Public Safety and University Marketing and Communication to increase their visibility.

## Updates

- Senate Proposal – Graduate and Undergraduate Student on Ombuds Search Committee – Jon
  - The proposal has been drafted and it has been sent to GSG and USG. GSG has officially passed a resolution on 2/23 in favor of the proposal. USG is in favor too, but no official resolution has been passed. Student Commission has also expressed being in favor of the proposal.
  - Jon notified that the next step requires to send the proposal to the Senate Academic Committee. He will do so and the Senate may vote on the proposal on Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Overnight Parking in Downtown Houghton – USG/GSG
  - USG City of Houghton Council representative was not at the USG meeting last night, therefore no information is available at this time. Tabled until next meeting.
- Parking Lots #10 and #26 – Housing/Facilities
  - Travis had to leave due to an emergency situation happening on campus.
  - USG reported that this request was heard from IRHC and thought it should have been brought up to Student Commission. Nothing has been finalized.
  - Commuters feel like that they should be able to park nearer the campus, since they have to commute almost daily (whereas residents may not need the car as often as the commuters)
- IRHC Rep on Student Commission – Travis
  - Tabled until next Student Commission meeting, Travis had to leave due to an emergency situation happening on campus.

**Other**

- Career Fair issue
  - Student wasn't able to interview with the company because he had class but professor would not allow to go

**Next meeting**

- Thursday, March 26, 2015, 2:00 pm, MUB, Alumni Lounge A