

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018**

Present: Carley Davis, Prathamesh Deshpande, Lynda Heinonen, Dan Liebau, Jacob Loew, Keith Machiela, Travis Pierce, Brenda Rudiger, Max Sexauer, David Zei

Welcome – Prathamesh

Presentation – Student Commission Rebrand – Nathan Shaiyen

Nathan distributed and reviewed the Student Commission promotional material he designed. They included (committee comments/suggestions are listed below):

- Logo
 - More space between established date and lines
 - Make text bigger
- Mission Statement
 - The committee liked the more positive statement
 - Suggested a few edits (commas, larger font, bolding)
- Posters
 - Use center white space
 - Add action word to statements
 - Committee liked white and blue
 - Travis, Nathan, and Lynda will pick out 10-15 Student Commission accomplishments to have printed on posters
- Meeting poster
 - Committee liked summary idea
 - Hard to sustain for regular meetings – information could be outdated before removed from bulletin boards
- Business cards
 - Committee liked “How Can We Help?”
 - Cards are nice but it would look great on a poster
 - It would be better to hand out to students vs. a poster
 - Table tents (Nathan commented he made these a bit larger than average table tents so they don’t get lost with all the other table tents)
- T-shirts
 - Three styles – the committee chose the black t-shirt
 - Committee members present will get a t-shirt
 - Housing will cover the cost
 - Creative Suites will order
- Email
 - The email is studentcommission@mtu.edu

All of these promotional items will be ready for the October 11 meeting.

Promotion of Student Commission

Travis questioned if the students present would be willing to “staff” a tent to promote the Student Commission. Students present were so the following was decided:

- Prathamesh will made an outdoor reservation and contact students who regularly attend meetings to find out if they are interested
- Two students in each group
- Distribute business cards
- Give-a-ways could include cookies, chips, etc.
- Students selected a teardrop banner to display at tent (white and blue)
- Location – near Husky Dog (centrally located)
- Date – after October 11
- Will faculty and staff join in? Yes.
- Les would probably like to be involved
 - Contact Beth Pollins (epollins@mtu.edu) for Les’ availability

This will be discussed further at the October 11 meeting, when all of the new promotional material will be ready.

Updates

M&M Building Signage – Anita

Anita was unable to attend the meeting but she reported the following through email.

- She contacted the Chair from Biomedical Engineering, the Dean of Pavlis Honors College, and the Chair from Materials Science and Engineering (MS&E) asking for a staff representatives to serve on this Student Commission Team. These are the primary residents of the M&M Building.
- Two names have been forwarded to me to participateCory Dompier from Biomedical Engineering and Paige Hackney from Pavlis Honors College. I have not heard back from the department chair from MS&E.
- Bob Hiltunen, Director of Auxiliary Services has recommended including a representative from UMC as they are well versed in the latest specifications for signage/logo, and Wendy Hackman the zone manager for the M&M. Additionally, Bob stated the new signage cost will be the responsibility of the departments making the change.
- I am recommending this team "keep it simple" for now. Arrows at each entrance and located near the elevators on each floor would be a great improvement.
- A brief (1 page proposal) should be put together
 - Recommended signage
 - Location of signage
 - Approximate cost with vendor quotes
- She is willing to help facilitate/coordinate with the primary residents of M&M.
- She questioned who would lead the group at this point.

After discussion, the committee recommended that Anita lead the group and to continue to move forward with this project.

Temporary/Handicapped Parking – Travis

Travis reported a meeting had taken place with Susan Sullivan (Institutional Equity), Christy Oslund (Disability Services), Kristi Isaacson (Transportation Services), Dan Bennett (Administration), Trish Bennett (Housing and Residential Life), Susan Liebau (Wahtera Center) and himself. He reported the following:

- The Transportation Services website will have front-facing information regarding temporary/handicapped parking
 - Recommendation from committee member – if you have need temporary parking due to a handicap or injury to state that there is an established process in place
- A process has been setup
 - Students first visit Disability Services
 - Short-term parking – two weeks
 - Need to go to Secretary of State for longer than two weeks
 - If students have a parking permit it will be reissued
 - If students do not have a current parking permit there is a process to purchase
 - They will work on case by case basis

Travis commented that Transportation Services is aware of their reputation on campus and they are looking to change it. Travis also commented that the Student Commission could be Ambassadors for them.

Kristi Isaacson, Director of Transportation Services will attend the Student Commission meeting On October 25.

Line on Road – Dan

Dan reported that Facilities Management is responsible line painting on Cliff Drive, Cemetery Drive, and Phoenix Drive and will add the street by the MUB to their regular painting schedule (spring 2019). He commented that while this will help visually it will not help with congestion.

New Items – Max

Bicycles on Campus

Max commented that bicyclists are often not watching out for pedestrians on campus.

Comments and questions included:

- This is not an easy fix but thought that it should be education through signage
- Will the bicyclists even notice the signs when they are “flying” by?
- Don’t want to overload students with too much signage
- Pedestrian awareness
- Add a bike lane
- Some communities and universities have been very successful with their bike programs
- Walk your bike during congested times
- It doesn’t have to be done all at one time

Dan volunteered to bring back examples of what other universities/communities are doing for the next meeting.

It was suggested that if you have concerns you can report them at the Occupational Health and Safety website <https://www.mtu.edu/ehs/report/safety-concerns/>. At this website you can Report an Injury, Near Misses and Safety Concerns, and Report Slippery Conditions on Campus.

Next Meeting

The Student Commission will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018 p.m. in 404 Administration Building.