

**Student Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2013**

Present: Andre Bonen, Les Cook, Lynda Heinonen, Judy Klutts, Margaret Landpaper, Zachary Mauerman, Rachel Morrison, Dave Nordstrom, Margo O'Brien, Donnie Palmer, Jon Riehl, Kerri Sleeman, Sarah Stoolmiller, Lee Sweitz, Tim Ward, Chris Wojick, Margo Woller-Carter

Welcome – Donnie

New Items

Trash Receptacles on Campus

Facilities Management reported that they had inventoried all of the outside trash bins on campus and inputted the information into their GIS system. They asked for Student Commission input on whether this was enough or if the committee had suggestions for additional receptacles. After review of current receptacles, the committee recommended locating additional ones at the following locations:

- Front of the MUB and Library (highway side)
- Shuttle stop
- By Administration and ROTC Building
- Broomball Court
- Traffic light
- Forestry
- SDC parking lots
- End of campus on US41 (Be a good neighbor to the community)
- Traffic leaving campus by Administration Building and the Rozsa Center
- Review student traffic flow and place accordingly

Dave reported that the ski trails, soccer, football, and baseball fields have trash receptacles.

Lynda will forward this information to George Butvilas and Pete Pelissero.

GSG Issues - Margo

Margo reported that the following issues had been reported to GSG:

Health Care

Students questioned if the University had an Emergency or Supplemental fund for students. It was reported that Financial Aid has a fund (but that it is not specifically used for health care) and the Betty Chavis Fund is used for emergencies. Both of these are small funds.

Health

Students would like to have a Student Community Garden. It was reported that if students are living in Daniell Heights in the summer they can plant a garden.

Health Care Provider on Campus

Interest was expressed to have a health care provider on campus rather than just at the SDC. It was also suggested that students have access to a dentist with reduced rates for students. Margo reported that Renee Hiller, Director of Benefits was looking for a student dental plan.

Compost Bins on Campus

Students would like to have compost bins on campus.

Library

There have been complaints that the Library is only open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Grounds

There have been complaints about sidewalk maintenance. It was reported that due to the heavy snowfall and being short one ground's person it has made it difficult to keep it. With the hiring of an additional person this should be resolved.

Fisher Hall Clanking – Donnie

There have been complaints about the clanking noises in Fisher Hall. It was commented that while Facilities Management has been going through the rooms to fix any problems, if students/staff would report the exact room (s) Facilities Management can check out that specific location. Donnie will ask the person who had reported this problem to fill out the online facilities request form. <http://www.mtu.edu/facilities/maintenance/requests/>

Computer Printing Lab in Wadsworth Hall – Donnie

Students would like to have a printer in Wadsworth Hall so they do not have to go to computer labs to print. This would also alleviate lab usage.

It was commented that all of the halls have study lounges and that it would be great if one or two computers and a printer were placed in each of the halls.

ATM – Donnie

There was a complaint that there is only one ATM on campus (there are actually two – MUB and Wadsworth Hall) and could one be placed at the SDC? Dave commented that in the past there was an ATM at the SDC but due to low usage it was removed.

Winter Carnival Clean-up – Rachel

Rachel reported that a Women's Weekend is tentatively scheduled for February 22-23 and she wondered if there were any plans for cleanup after Winter Carnival.

Donnie volunteered to contact the Greek Advisors to discuss this project and will report back.

It was commented that Facilities should be reminded to empty garbage cans during Winter Carnival or to put large cans or to rent a dumpster during that time frame. Kerri will pass these suggestions on to Pete Pelissero.

Updates

New USG Vice President

Donnie reported that he is now the USG President and Jen Zarzecki is the new USG Vice President. Jen will become the new Student Commission Co-Chair.

Promotion – Donnie

Donnie reported that this semester he will be working on promoting the Student Commission with the Student Organizations.

Punch Card/Tech Express Card – Margaret

Margaret reported that she did not have an update but it is still on the IT radar. When this moves forward she will report back.

GSG IT AD Hoc Committee Report – Margo

Margo reported that the IT survey is done and programmed into Google. The survey has ten questions and they are hoping to send it out next week to all students and possibly faculty and staff.

Bicycle Friendly Campus – Chris

Chris reported that in November the President of Green Campus Enterprise responded that they would definitely be looking into safety for both bikers and pedestrians on campus.

It was commented that snow biking is becoming popular and etiquette between the skiers and bikers has to be observed.

Quick Phone Charger Units – Andre

Andre reported that Facilities Management put in more outlets (approximately a dozen) in the MUB. More outlets were placed in the MUB because students also wanted to plug in other electronic items and not just phones.

Facilities Management also funded three Quick phone charger units for the Library. Two are in the Library Café and one in close proximity.

Andre commented that if more are needed to let him know and they will review request. Judy Klutts questioned if some could be placed in the Campus Café.

Donnie questioned if the quick phone charger units had any special marking so that students would be aware of them. Andre reported that the Library planned to make signs.

Jon suggested that one be placed in each building and phones could be charged during class. Concern was expressed about security for the phones.

Water Fountains/Water Bottle Filling Stations – Kerri

Kerri reported that when the water bottle filling station is completed in Fisher Hall an article will be placed in Tech Today and the Lode to promote all of the water bottle filling stations on campus.

Thumbs Up for the Shuttle

Students wanted to express appreciation to the Shuttle Service for listening to their concerns and acting on them. They included:

- Light on top of the shuttle
- Extended hours
- Ski Hill run

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, MUB.