Student Commission Meeting
Apr 17, 2025
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB - Ballroom B1

AGENDA and MINUTES

I. Welcome
II. Updates from Student Affairs
    A. 885 students are registered for Summer Orientation sessions, all staff has been hired and training has begun.
    B. Anyone still hiring for summer? We have heard of lots of students in need of on-campus jobs
    C. Food pantry will have open hours this summer
        1. Just got a huge delivery from Feed America
        2. Jilbert's delivery is going within 24 hours.
        3. Doing a share (CSA) this summer for eggs and fruits and veggies in the fall
        4. Will be doing the tokens for the Farmers Market as well this summer

III. Updates from Student Government
    A. Rylan Feierabend, USG
        1. Body Barn improvements
            a) Shelving for storage - USG project w/ facilities
            b) Supporting process for getting new roof
        2. Microwaves?
        3. Planning for recruitment in fall
        4. USG won the Exceptional Civic Engagement Award at the Student Leadership Awards

    B. GSG, No updates, New VP will start May 1st.

IV. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)
    A. Housing- East hall continues to be on time and on schedule for opening Fall 2025. We are very excited to offer this new residential experience to our students
    B. Dining
        1. Wadsworth dining hall construction looks to begin immediately after Finals week. There will be some staging during the week of Finals as the project prepares. The plan is for it not to be invasive during Finals week.

2. The East Hall Market will be completing this summer along with the residence hall project and will be opening in the fall. This will be a self-check-out market available for all students 24/7.
3. A new market will be installed in the north/campus-side section of the Campus Store in the Memorial Union. This will be very similar to the East Hall Market with self-check-out technology and open 24/7 to those with tap access to the Memorial Union (which all students have).

C. Dillman elevator will be updated, Wads elevator, Rehki and Library elevator will be updated as well
D. Down the road will be updating fire systems.
E. Public Safety and Environmental Health will be moving to the Mese Center
F. Some updates in the SDC
G. Transportation
1. Line painting in parking lots will occur in May, June, and July. Transportation Services will communicate which lots are unavailable while this work occurs.
2. A new parking lot on Woodland across from the Delta Sigma Tau fraternity will be created. The new lot will have 24 spaces which will be 24 hour metered parking through park mobile.
3. Shuttle service will move to summer schedule on 4/28. Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm.

H. Vending
1. Be's refreshments has (finally) secured and tested the technology to accept the Husky Card at campus vending machines. Installation of the card readers is scheduled to begin during finals week.

I. **Athletics & Recreation (SDC):**
1. SDC is closed starting Saturday, April 26th until May 4th - annual steam shutdown, cleaning and floor resurfacing. Floor/Court resurfacing will last until Sunday, May 11th. Gates Tennis Center will remain open only closing on Saturday, April 26th.
2. Summer building schedule starts Monday, May 5th - www.michigantechrecreation.com for details.
3. Onboarding new recreation software starting May 5th and rolling out in phases over the summer. Software will include modules for facilities reservations, fitness classes, events, locker memberships, etc…

J. **Library-** The Provost's Office is currently exploring a project to place a Testing Center on the third floor of the Van Pelt and Opie Library. This would take up approximately a quarter of the open seating on the east side of the floor, and the remainder of the space would remain dedicated silent study space. This Testing Center would replace the one previously located in Rekhi Hall, which must be relocated over the summer.
In the interest of gauging the impact of this project and exploring options to ensure students continue to have ample study space, the library would love to hear your thoughts: bit.ly/libspace3rd

Classroom Updates:

- Walker classroom being renovated
- Some labs will be update and relocated
- M&M lecture halls are being updated
- Aerospace labs are being moved into the sub basement of MEEM
- EERC and MEEM lecture halls getting an update
- Classrooms on 3rd floor of EERC
- 11th floor of MEEM will be the new Aerospace Hall (labs are being moved to Dow)
- Forestry Lecture hall updated
- Dillman updates as well.

Summer Bills are due April 30
Fall bills will come out July 9th and due Aug 20.

V. Old Business
   A. Follow up on Microwave in the Library.
      1. Kellie will submit a proposal to USG
   B. Paper signs on elevators when they are not working- potential live updates on webpage for elevators working/ non-working, established around work orders (ideal launch of website this summer). Get as much info as up to date as possible. Report of concern- access barrier reporting system
   C. Sidewalk repairs? Facilities does every summer, they are all documented with photos and rated, highest priorities to most immediate needs with funding. Needs to be reported with a work order when a bad sidewalk or road is noticed
   D. Assuring safety protocols are disability friendly- individualized plans for students with disabilities in resident halls currently exist. Gap in communication between housing and students with these needs.

VI. New Business
   A.

VII. Public Comments
   A.

VIII. Thank you and closing remarks!

Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB - Superior Room

AGENDA and MINUTES

IX. Welcome

X. Updates from Student Affairs
   A. Friday, March 21 (tomorrow) is the last day to drop a class with a W
   B. Lot's of events happening on campus between now and the end of the semester.

XI. Updates from Student Government
   A. Daniel Branagan, USG
      1. Completed constitution revisions
      2. Body transition next week
         a) Rylan Feierabend will be the new rep

   B. GSG
      1. Grad Colloquium this week

XII. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)
   A. Transportation Services will give an update
      1. Shuttle will be Tuesday-Saturday in the Summer
      2. Assuring bus staff are aware on how to use wheelchair ramps on buses
   B. Facilities shared that MTU is selling a few properties and with the profit they will install sidewalks on 7th to accommodate the increased foot traffic from the new parking lot. Handrails to be added as well
   C. Let Facilities know if there are other spaces where curb cut outs or ramps are needed.
   D. April 15 is Design Expo
   E. Friends of Library Book sale Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 and 26.

XIII. Old Business
   A. Follow up on Microwave in the Library.
      1. Still waiting to hear back from a donor.-commercial grade
      2. Deciding on location and keeping up with cleanliness. Supplies to be donated by student affairs
      3.

XIV. New Business
   A.

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XVI. Thank you and closing remarks!
   A. Next meeting is April. 17, 4:00 MUB- Ballroom B1

Student Commission Meeting
Feb 20, 2025
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB - Superior Room

AGENDA and MINUTES

I. Welcome
II. Updates from Student Affairs
   A. Winter Carnival was a huge success, thanks to all that had a part in making it so great
   B. Announcement about changes to campus in response to the EO's
   C. Summer Orientation registration is live as of 3:45
   D. MichiganTechCourses.com

III. Updates from Student Government
   A. Daniel Branagan, USG
      1. E-board elections are happening - representative elections to follow
      2. Constitution revisions are still being worked on
      3. Posters will be going up soon
      4. Working on getting more space for RSOs in "student storage locker" aka body barn aka morgue
   B. GSG

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IV. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)
   A. SLI Presentation
      1. Programs
      2. Ways to be involved
   B. Next 2 meetings we need a presenter - Sign up HERE
      1. Residential Living
      2. Experience Tech - Erik Crowley
      3. Husky Eats

V. Old Business
   A. Follow up on Microwave in the Library.
      1. The microwave is owned/maintained by Dining Services and not the library. When they removed the other microwave from the vending machine alcove, they told us that they didn't have anyone to maintain the microwave.
      2. Dining Services has been alerted that the one in Velodrome needs to be replaced, but there's been no movement in that thus far.
      3. USG to coordinate on this project
      4. Kellie spoke to Dining and they said they are not interested in managing the microwaves and it is up to the Library, Kellie has contacted the Library staff to discuss the microwaves
      5. Microwaves by vending machines in library?

VI. New Business
   A. No new business

VII. Public Comments
VIII. Thank you and closing remarks!
   A. Next meeting is Mar. 20, 4:00 Superior Room

Student Commission Meeting
Jan 23, 2025
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB - Superior Room

AGENDA and MINUTES

IX. Welcome
X. Updates from Student Affairs
   A. There was a fire in Daniel Heights on 1/10/25, we are working with all the students who have been impacted. A pipe burst in Hillside Place on 1/21

B. Recontracting for Housing for the 2025-2026 academic year is happening now through Feb. 13
C. Career Fair is Tuesday, January 28 from 12-5, there is no recess for the Spring Fair but there should be no exams, quizzes, or HW due this day
    1. Physics 2100 has an exemption from the Provost to this rule.
D. Winter Carnival is Feb 5-9; Theme: Dragons, Knights, and Legendary Sights

XI. Updates from Student Government
A. Daniel Branagan, USG
    1. Spring break bus tickets are selling well, the lower Michigan bus is sold out, Wisconsin/ Chicago bus is on track to be sold out
    2. Constitution revisions
    3. Looking at body barn improvements
B. Matt Sisson, GSG VP
    1. Prepping for the Graduate Research Colloquium in March- Library getting workshops together to support this.
    2. Ad-hoc committee working with transportation services on surveying students about the shuttles

XII. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)
A. Library will be presenting

XIII. Old Business
A. USG to reinvigorate the Non-motorized transportation committee
    1. First meeting set for beginning of Spring semester
    2. Occurred on Monday 1/20
B. Handicapped entrance at Fisher has been repaired

XIV. New Business
A. A group of students reached out to me about the microwave in the Library, there used to be 2, now 1, and it's really slow, they would like another one please.
    1. Will look into who is incharge of those microwaves and see if this can be resolved.
    2. USG would be interested in coordinating with this individual once identified.
    3. Is there a better location for multiple microwaves so it isn't clogging up the coffee shop

XV. Public Comments

XVI. Thank you and closing remarks!
- A. SLI will present at Next meeting
  1. Programs
  2. Ways to be involved
- B. Next meeting is Feb. 20, 4:00 Superior Room

Student Commission Meeting
Dec 5, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB - Ballroom A1

AGENDA and MINUTES

XVII. Welcome

XVIII. Updates from Student Affairs
- A. Find the final exam schedule here. Per the final exam policy, no student is required to take more than three examinations per calendar day. If this happens, please contact deanofstudents@mtu.edu so we can help resolve this issue.
- B. Attendance policy changes will go into effect next semester
  1. COVID exceptions have been removed (treated like any other illness)
  2. Will not grant excused absences after 30 days or conclusion of semester
  3. Cleaned up language to be more clear.
  4. Adding student bereavement guidance
- C. Commencement is next Saturday

XIX. Updates from Student Government
- A. Daniel Branagan, USG Student Affairs Committee Chair
  1. New USG President
     a) Currently no VP
  2. Getting ready to share orientation review report
  3. I have the USG/Student commission advertising poster ready to be put out next semester
  4. Looking forward to NMTC starting next semester
- B. Matt Sisson, GSG VP
  1.

XX. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)
- A. Public Safety Presentation
  Presentation Doc

XXI. Old Business

A. USG to reinvigorate the Non-motorized transportation committee
    1. First meeting set for beginning of Spring semester
B. Student asked about keeping the string lights up on Walker lawn even when the pole lights are fixed.
        a) Owned by Blue Key not by facilities however, they are open to having string lights placed into an area, coordinating with Housing to set up a lighted outdoor area with hammock posts, etc for outdoor leisure and "ambient" space.

XXII. New Business
A. (USG) Handicap entrance in front of fisher has been down for ~6-7 weeks
    1. Will speak with Dan for follow up on this.
B. (USG/GSG) Initiative for students to receive excused absences if they can't get to school because shuttles are down
    1. If we can verify with Transportation this could be an example of an excused absence. Reach out to deanofstudents@mtu.edu with any questions regarding extenuating circumstances that cannot be readily found on the absence MTU page.
    2. MTU wrapped buses that are smaller will be utilized moving forward

XXIII. Public Comments
XXIV. Thank you and closing remarks!
A. Next meeting Jan. 23rd at 4 pm, MUB Superior Room, the Library will be presenting

Student Commission Meeting
Nov. 21, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB - Ballroom A1

AGENDA and MINUTES

XXV. Welcome
XXVI. Updates from Student Affairs
A. Thanksgiving Break is next week, reminder students should not be expected to take exams, quizzes, or complete assignments over break
B. Lots of events taking place on campus the week before final exams
    1. Final Board Game Night w/ Jim in the Wads Annex Dec. 4 @ 6 pm
    2. Cookies and Coloring and Pre-Exam Jam(mies) @ CDI Dec. 6 starting at 1:00 pm
    3. Husky Howl - World Record Attempt at the Husky Statue! December 7, 2024, 11:00 pm

4. Finals Week Pancakes @ the VanPelt and Opie Library Sunday, December 8 @ 7:00 pm

C. Find the final exam schedule here. Per the final exam policy, no student is required to take more than three examinations per calendar day. If this happens, please contact deanofstudents@mtu.edu so we can help resolve this issue.

D. Transportation updates:
   1. For the upcoming Holiday Breaks the Shuttle will not operate on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
   2. This year the Shuttle will operate on Black Friday, and New Year's Eve.
   3. We have some exciting changes coming to our Shuttle Services. Two new buses, additional stops, and changes in stop times to better align with student schedules. We are in the process of finalizing these and will be sending announcements out early next week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Transportation Services at 906-487-1441.

XXVII. Updates from Student Government

A. Daniel Branagan, USG Student Affairs Committee Chair
   1. Getting ready for the USG president's presentation to the board of trustees
   2. Post-election stress round table in Mub ballroom B
   3. Will be including a QR code on posters to link to schedule for better student visibility of the Student Commission Meetings

B. Matt Sisson, GSG VP
   1. Elections for Social Chair and President (term starting May 1st)

XXVIII. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)

A. Student Billing- GS presentation

B. Athletics and Recreation GS Presentation
   1. Frisbee club not getting enough time for practices as it stands, put out a survey. 3/4ths of other clubs feel this way as well. Joel agreed to meet with them to discuss availability and options. Club to share data from survey.
   2. Important to still honor rec time though and it is first come first serve so they can participate in a practice they just can't kick anyone out or reserve the space.

XXIX. Old Business

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XXX. New Business

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   1. Owned by Blue Key not by facilities however, they are open to having string lights placed into an area, coordinating with Housing to set up a lighted outdoor area with hammock posts, etc for outdoor leisure and "ambient" space.

B. Shuttle services over breaks: historically they have not operated on Thanksgiving or the day after, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. They are willing to schedule for the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve if it would be used. Thoughts? Agreeable

XXXI. Public Comments
XXXII. Thank you and closing remarks!
A. Next meeting Dec. 5th at 4 pm, MUB Ballroom A1: Public Safety will present

Student Commission Meeting
October 31, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB Superior Room

AGENDA and MINUTES

XXXIII. Welcome
XXXIV. Updates from Student Affairs
A. New Summer Orientation model coming Summer 2025
B. Yesterday was the Housing Fair that showcased on and off campus options.
1. This was in conjunction with College Pads
C. Voting Initiatives
1. Vote Early Day on 11/3 from 1-3 PM, shuttles from lot 14 to City Center
2. Tabling at Northern hockey game the day before and overhead announcement

3. Dr. Koubek signed the President's Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation (makes us eligible for the "2024 Most Engaged Campuses for College Student Voting")

D. SLI is collecting Homecoming feedback
   1. They are hosting 2 focus groups: Wed 11/6 @ 4 pm in Superior room and 11/7 at noon with lunch also in Superior Room. Email ahjerste@mtu.edu to reserve lunch

E. 15% of the student body completed the Healthy Minds Survey!

F. LeaderShape and Alternative Spring Break Applications are open

XXXV. Updates from Student Government

A. Daniel Branagan, USG Student Affairs Committee Chair
   1. New USG Treasurer
      a) Isobel Bowker
   2. Currently gathering information for orientation review
   3. Proposed allocation for wrestling club

B. Matt Sisson, GSG VP
   1. New PR chair elected

XXXVI. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)

A. IFC charity talent show Nov 15 at 7pm in Fisher

XXXVII. Old Business

A. Online Fee - $38
   1. That fee was originally set by the Provost's Office working in conjunction with IT (because part of it goes for licenses and support for those courses).
   2. Suggest USG talk to Provost about it.

B. Non-motorized transportation committee
   1.

XXXVIII. New Business

A. Concern came in about students crossing the highway and cutting across parking lots in the morning (in the dark) and not using crosswalks. Concern for safety.

B. Another concern came in about Bicycle safety on Cliff Drive.
   1. Could the light-up pedestrian crossing sign that faces the opposite direction of traffic be moved to the beginning of Cliff Drive?
   2. People are driving very fast on Cliff Drive, anything that can be done about this (e.g. temporary speed bumps)
      a) Possible visibility options for Spring through Summer (speed bumps), Increase bright green lane color for next year, add additional bike imagery to this as well.
   3. Can we keep one bike maintenance stand somewhere on campus: maybe in the shelter by H-STEM

4. What will the bike lane be like in the winter? Will be plowed and maintained but no additional barriers, etc for now.

C. Concern about cyclists having near misses with students on campus
   1. An option for incremental improvements throughout campus overtime.
   2. How many bikes are registered on campus? Work through bike storage to get rough numbers.
   3. Report near misses on EHS website
   4. Student Commission could make a QR code to link to a reporting system regarding this. Article will go out to students for visibility.

XXXIX. Public Comments
   A.

XL. Thank you and closing remarks!

Student Commission Meeting
September 26, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: MUB Alumni Lounge A
Zoom link- https://michigantech.zoom.us/j/87150859050

AGENDA and MINUTES

XLI. Welcome

XLII. Updates from Student Affairs
   A. Orientation is changing for 2025: 1 of 2 summer sessions and 1 fall orientation.
   B. Suggestion of changing the format of these meetings; categorize the meetings and do more advertising.
      1. Specificity
      2. More advertising
      3. Poll method
      4. Keep the calendar invite
      5. Update agenda a week in advance
      6. If everyone is not there it may be a disservice if we have walk ins
      7. Maybe each area presents 5 or 6 bullet points
      8. Highlighted area provides messaging
      9. Student groups can then share out
   C. Homecoming is next week! Lots of fun activities

XLIII. Updates from Student Government
   A. Daniel Branagan, USG Student Affairs Committee Chair

1. New body member have been inaugurated
2. We're running voter initiatives
3. Narcan and stop the bleed kits will be distributed to EMS
    a) Stop the bleed kits will also be going in with AED's
4. Online fee of $38 per credit
    a) Faculty training costs
    b) Technology costs
5. Course Materials - Oakland University/affordable course materials. Flag in registration system to indicate low-cost courses (Under $50).
    a) Registrar's office

B. Matt Sisson, GSG VP
    1. Report of folks getting hit with water bottles from passing vehicles.
        a) Ask them to contact Public Safety

XLIV. Updates from Around Campus (Current improvements, issues, etc)
- A. Clothing Closet has moved! Wads G04
- B. Cardboard Boat races will now be held at Chassell Centennial Park
- C. RSO Re-registration process changes based on feedback
- D. Career Fair data: 387 companies registered; 1200+ recruiters; 2520 students pre-registered + 1473 students registered day of = 3993 students formally registered
- E. UFO Meals -partnering with Dining services and HuskyFan. Monday and Wednesday nights we will have 10 mains and 10 sides. Soft launch and gauging needs at this time. Husky Fan will be given a freezer which may allow us to provide frozen meals.
    1. Public safety does have emergency food pack that are available 24 hours a day

XLV. Old Business
- A. The College Pads project is complete. Direct all off campus housing request to the website
    1. https://mtu.rentcollegepads.com/listing
- B. Non-motorized transportation committee
    1.

XLVI. New Business
- A. Online Fee - $38

XLVII. Public Comments
- A.

XLVIII. Thank you and closing remarks!