
Updates in Student Affairs

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Dear Huskies,

At Michigan Tech, and particularly within the Division of Student Affairs, we are dedicated to making our campus a place where everyone feels welcome and respected. As I walked around on Wednesday night during the All-Nighter, I saw evidence of this as students came together to build statues, offer pancakes and grilled cheese, and dance to international beats. It's this collectiveness and sense of community that makes Michigan Tech the unique place we call home. This will not change.

You may have been following the news lately and are aware that there have been some changes made to federal policies directly impacting higher education. As a federal contractor, Michigan Tech is legally obligated to comply with new federal requirements enacted under the current administration. This means that there will be changes to certain departments, policies, procedures, and practices. The changes outlined below allow us to remain in compliance with federal policy while continuing to support our students and remain true to who we are as Huskies.

Beginning Monday, February 10, Center for Diversity and Inclusion staff will transition into new roles within the Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success. Wahtera Center staff will continue working to create a supportive campus environment dedicated to student success for all. Julia Keleher, as director of student support and mentorship, will lead efforts to build upon the successful Husky Connect program and offer expanded mentorship opportunities. Our efforts to support and engage transfer, commuter, and first-generation students will be enhanced.

Over the next several weeks, the Student Leadership and Involvement office will expand to provide comprehensive support for all of Michigan Tech's Registered Student Organizations. RSOs can expect published walk-in hours, additional support for event logistics and management, and regularly scheduled meetings for RSO officers by category to identify and address challenges.

The reorganization happening now will be followed in the fall 2025 semester by a new location for many of our staff and services. To better serve our students, several departments will move into what is now the Alumni House at the west end of campus. This renovated space will house our department of Student Support and Mentorship and other staff who will provide programming and support for individual students and our RSOs.

Let me reiterate: Our commitment to fostering a welcoming and supportive community at Michigan Tech remains steadfast. Expansion of the Wahtera Center, enhanced support for RSOs, and the future move into the Alumni House are intended to better serve our students and foster an environment of inclusivity and respect for our entire campus community.

At the end of the day, our mission is to support you and your success here at Michigan Tech.

Sincerely,
Laura Bulleit
Vice President for Student Affairs