

SMTD Student Advisory Meeting October 27, 2022

Attendance:

- Arina Bratkovska (Theatre)
- Rachel Richardson (Music Grad)

Good Things:

- Previous complaints re: communication in the Theatre area have improved through use of the call board.
 - Both Music and Dance now have a call board through Canvas
- Theatre Advisor Counsel working really well: visible representatives that are approachable by students
 - Music does not have as visible representatives so maybe some introduction or announcement of who they are for the music students to reach out to?
- Improved Covid conditions (office hours etc.) and campus as a whole feels safer

Improvements to be made:

- The theatre season has 4 shows with heavy topics that are bringing down the morale of the student body. All of them have heavy topics that are not being handled well by the faculty and staff facilitating the productions.
 - This problem has been brought to theatre director, but no response
 - The shows might be left over from Covid delays
 - Theatre Seasons are themed and it limits show selections, but all the shows on darker difficult topics is harder to handle than a mix of productions with lighter topics.
- Large stringed instruments having to traverse the stairs down to the locker room to store their instruments.
 - Is there an elevator they could use rather than having to use the stairs?
- Department Integration with students and Faculty: Each department (Music, Theatre, and Dance) stays largely separate, and it would build a better community to have more mixing between departments.
 - HOPE Project didn't help pull everyone together as we hoped as everything was filmed and recorded separately before being digitally stitched together.
 - More collaborative projects suggested (Music playing live music for dancers to dance to)
 - Suggested a showcase of mixed performances towards the end of the semester

- A type of open mike night where students can sign up on a sign-up sheet and show up to perform on a stage as their pieces come together. This would serve as a way for students to perform in front of an audience and a chance for different individuals from different departments to get together in pursuit of their passions.
- Place to get coffee
 - Already in the works
 - Suggested that it might benefit having warm and cold food options as well as snacks
 - Microwave for cold food options
 - Able to use Ram Cash to buy food