



April 29, 2016

Dear Commuting Students,

First, we want to thank you for all you contribute to our campus community. Even though you have decided to not live on campus, we appreciate the fact that you still desire to call Messiah College home and to make it a better place. We hope people in our positions on our campus have served and represented you to the best of our abilities.

As many of you are aware, the Student Government Association (SGA) approved a capital purchase in April 2015 to make significant renovations and improvements to the Commuter Lounge space in Hoffman basement. Last summer, we pursued realistic renovation options and had a plan in place to complete construction during the past year. However, given the administrative choice to develop a College Master Plan, which prioritizes various building and facilities projects for future development, all construction projects not in progress were placed on hold, including, unfortunately, our plans with the Commuter Lounge space in Hoffman.

Despite this apparently negative outcome, we have significant good news to share with you at this point. First, while the College Master Plan is not yet finalized, it currently lists commuter student space as a top tier priority to be addressed in the initial phase of the plan. We have heard your concerns and desire as a College to try our best to meet your needs. Second, even though any major Master Plan-related changes would not occur for at least two years, both the SGA and the College have expressed willingness to commit funds to short-term transferable improvements to the current lounge. In fact, the SGA just yesterday allocated \$5000 toward this end as the top capital purchase priority. We hope to make progress this summer on improvements to the space in Hoffman that will not only make the space more comfortable and functional, but will also easily and cost-effectively transfer into the new space.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. The SGA desires to hear and represent you before administration, as they attempt to do for all Messiah College students. We wish you all the best as you finish your semesters, and hope you feel affirmed that your voice has been heard. We look forward to how we can continue to make our campus better for all students.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Fuller". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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