

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government. Below is a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

**Received by the Regents  
February 18, 2016**

**Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities Amendment Cycle**

The Faculty Senate's Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) has voted to recommend six of CSG's proposed amendments that will benefit students and the University community. However, SRAC voted to not recommend one of CSG's proposals, which would give students the ability to formally share their feedback on amendments proposed by the Faculty Senate or Executive Officers. We are disappointed in the Faculty's decision to vote this down, as it is only fair that students are given the same opportunity to comment on amendment proposals that the faculty and administrators have. Any change proposed to our student code of conduct should have ample opportunities to have students voice their opinions -- and the SRAC's decision to vote this down makes it difficult for students to share their thoughts on any proposed changes. All amendment proposals will now head to the Office of General Counsel and Vice President Harper for review, before ultimately being decided by the President. CSG looks forward to their thoughtful consideration, and we thank Vice President Harper and the Office of Student Conflict Resolution for their support and assistance throughout this lengthy process.

**Course Evaluation Committee Updates & Freedom of Information Act Request**

Central Student Government continues to be committed to the release of course evaluation data to students for the improvement of their course selection process. As such, CSG has partnered with SACUA representatives to determine data release policies that will be fair to both students and professors and to establish a more useful instrument in the future. That being said, Central Student Government is highly disappointed with the perennial delays surrounding a specific release date of course evaluation data to students and the inability of key stakeholders to follow the terms outlined in previous agreements.

The Course Evaluations Instrument Review Committee is in the final stages of selecting questions for course evaluations that are reflective of the various dimensions of learning and teaching that take place in the classroom. The committee has met every other week since the beginning of the semester to analyze and research the best questions based on a wide range of literature. Some of the dimensions that the new course evaluations seek to address include impact of the course on a student's educational career, dynamic of the classroom, and expected workload. The Policy Committee is in the process of discussing the release mechanism for course evaluation data, and is in the process of drafting an advisory disclaimer that must be read before students can access course evaluation data.

CSG filed a Michigan Freedom of Information Act request to the University for course evaluation data in December. While disheartening that both the Faculty Senate and Administration has delayed the process of releasing course evaluation data to students, CSG felt the need to file this request only to find out about further delays to receive data that is readily available. Students, the customers of this University, and the taxpayers and voters of Michigan, deserve to have access to this data. It is CSG's sincere hope that the Regents will help correct

this issue and allow students to make more informed decisions on what classes to take while at the University.

### **Mental Health Support**

CSG Executive Officers attended a conference with other Big Ten student government leaders this past month and learned about the great work that our peer institutions have undertaken. Specifically, we learned that other Universities, most notably Ohio State, have significantly increased spending on their Counseling and Psychological Services. CSG firmly believes that it is time for Michigan to significantly increase the amount spent on mental health support at the University. More funding, staffing, space, and support options are urgently needed in order for the Leaders and Best to thrive and for us to remain competitive with other Universities.

### **Testing Accommodation Centers**

Demand has skyrocketed for disability services and CSG stands by an advocacy effort to provide the appropriate accommodations to those with seen and unseen disabilities. Current talks and resource compiling is happening and a further update will be provided at the Regent's meeting.

### **Union Renovation**

CSG is pleased with the Union Renovation architects. Their ability to gather student voice has been impressive and our appreciation is further extended to those leading this Initiative -- Loren Rullman, Associate Vice President of Student Life and Susan Pile, Senior Director of University Unions and Auxiliary Services.

### **Regent Bylaws (Section 7)**

During an Administrative clean up of the Regent Bylaws in 2011, an important section (Section 7) was removed. This section acknowledges the importance of students and Student Life within university decision-making process and commits to the role students play in the overall mission of the University. CSG will have drafted language to be considered by the Regents before Spring Break, and aims to reincorporate the new language before or during the March Regents' meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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President, Central Student Government



## University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government

### February 2016 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my pleasure to submit the following report to you on behalf of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government (SG). We truly appreciate this opportunity to inform you on all the initiatives Student Government is working on for this upcoming year.

***Higher Education Roundtable:*** Student Government has maintained a strong commitment to engaging our student body in politics. We know how important it is to have an educated and engaged electorate. On Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Student Government hosted a group of state legislators for a bi-partisan discussion on higher education and funding in the State of Michigan. The conversation lasted over an hour and a half and we had the “good problem” of having to add seats to accommodate the large number of attendees. What helped pique the interest of our attendees was that each of the legislators has a constituency with a large number of UM-Dearborn stakeholders. We plan to continue hosting these events, as we see them as a significant benefit to both the speakers and the UM-Dearborn guests.

***Securing Items at the Wellness Center:*** Student Government has boasted a close working relationship with our Department of Athletics and Recreation. This is in large part due to our creation of a Student Government Director of Athletics. This working relationship has created a number of very successful projects and solutions. More recently, in a combined effort, we have purchased and engraved a number of locks that can be loaned out to students – free of charge – so they can lock their belongings while they exercise. This is a simple and cost-effective solution to the important issue of preventing theft.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update regarding the work done by the UM-Dearborn Student Government. Thank you for your commitment to the University of Michigan System and its students. I wish you all the best of luck.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley S. Pischea".

Bradley S. Pischea  
President, UM-Dearborn Student Government