

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

Attached are the January and February updates on the projects and activities of the Central Student Government.



Respectfully submitted,

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President, Central Student Government

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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 (CSG). Below is an update on CSG's ongoing projects during the months of November and December as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Ongoing CSG Projects

- Food Insecurity
 - The university-wide Food Insecurity Taskforce has been working on developing ideas to address the growing issue of food insecurity on campus. Food insecurity is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. A CSG resolution on this topic has been made available to each Regent and University Executive Officer. Given the University of Michigan exists within a food desert – an area devoid of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful whole foods, largely due to a lack of grocery stores, farmers' markets, and healthy food providers – it is imperative that University of Michigan leadership invest energy and resources into addressing food insecurity on campus.
- CSG Podcasts & Resource Videos
 - Launched in early February, CSG is now releasing podcast episodes and videos to inform students of underutilized resources, useful tips, and ways to get involved on campus.
- Free Menstrual Hygiene Products in Bathrooms
 - In partnership with WORTH, a student organization dedicated to health equity, CSG has funded a pilot program placing free menstrual hygiene products in four bathrooms across campus. Using an internally developed tracking and modeling system, this pilot program will be utilized to gather data for a larger scale version of the program.

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University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government

February 2018 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my pleasure and honor 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 throughout the year.

ME/NA Resolution: In a demonstration of our commitment to the efforts of diversity and inclusion, Student Government passed a resolution in support of the University-wide implementation of the Middle Eastern/North African (ME/NA) category on January 12th, 2018. Student Government continues to collaborate with Central Student Government, the Center for Arab American Studies at the Dearborn campus, and student groups such as the Arab Student Union and PRIDE to raise awareness and support for the implementation of the ME/NA category at the University. As members of the University of Michigan community, we understand the need for better and accurate representation. Adding the ME/NA category to all University surveys, forms, and documents will allow the University to serve its students to its fullest extent by allowing the University to gather data on students that it cannot currently do so. The U.S. Census Bureau is determining whether to include this category in the 2020 census, however, Student Government urges the implementation of this category regardless of the decision so that all students can be adequately served and included in University decisions.

LEO Resolution: Student Government passed a resolution on January 19th, 2018 to declare our support for the University of Michigan Lecturers in their fight for a fair contract. This resolution was passed in conjunction with similar resolutions passed by Central Student Government and UM-Flint Student Government, and together show our support for the Lecturers' Employee Organization ("LEO") contract bargaining positions. On the Dearborn campus, Lecturers taught 51% of the student credit hours taught in the 2016-17 academic year. Despite teaching the majority of student credit hours at UM-Dearborn, many lecturers are subject to one-term contracts and earn a salary significantly lower than similar positions at other nearby institutions. Student Government recognizes the vital role that lecturers play at the University, and call for higher wages, more job security, and healthcare coverage as conditions in the next contract for lecturer employees.

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

Warmest Regards,

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