

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Received by the Regents

March 18, 2010

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is my last report with an update on some of the projects and initiatives the Michigan Student Assembly is working on. It's been an honor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abhishek Mahanti', written in a cursive style.

Abhishek Mahanti

President, Michigan Student Assembly

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REGENTS' REPORT MARCH 2010

President Coleman, Executive Officers and Regents of the University of Michigan;

Project Update:

MSA Winter 2010 Elections: The Assembly is gearing up for its March elections, scheduled for March 24th and 25th. Election Director Sagar Deshpande and the Election Board have been meeting regularly to advertise the elections and we are hoping for record-setting turnout. In addition, the Assembly recently approved a few changes to the election code. Most notably, the new election code more-closely specifies the abuse of email systems so we do not see the campus get spammed with unauthorized emails.

Collaboration with Big Ticket Productions: On March 30, MSA and Big Ticket Productions (a subsidiary of University Activities Center) will be collaborating to bring 3 artists to the Power Center. We have confirmed hiphop artists Wale, Clipse and Big Sean for this concert. Because of our financial innovations this year, we found ourselves with extra funds that could be used for a large-scale concert, something we heard from students over and over as a necessity for campus, and we are extremely excited to see our wish come to fruition.

The Rally for Education: MSA's External Relations Committee and the Students Association of Michigan are planning a student rally at the State Capitol in Lansing to protest cuts in higher education and K-12 funding. The rally will include all public Michigan universities and will advocate increased state investment in education funding. It will occur on Thursday, March 25th at noon. MSA is currently working on logistics, including information and transportation for students interested in attending.

Students for Progressive Governance Constitution: The Assembly voted in favor of 2 resolutions in relation to a possible new Constitution for MSA. A student organization, Students for Progressive Governance, was created to analyze our current governing structure, and worked for months on a new proposed constitution. The first resolution that MSA approved voiced its support for the new Constitution and the second placed the changes on the ballot for the student body to vote on it later this month.

As my term winds down over the coming month, I'd like to thank all of you for your care and attention to the affairs of the Michigan Student Assembly. I will work actively to transition my successor and look forward to future successes of MSA. Thank you so much.

Respectfully Submitted,



*Abhishek Mahanti
President, Michigan Student Assembly*