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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update of the projects and initiatives of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,



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President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. Here are a few items that the Michigan Student Assembly has been working on in the past month.

Open Housing The Open Housing Initiative this past month met with Vice President Harper to discuss the proposal to address a change in the University's Open Housing policy. With the help of University Housing and Vice President Harper, we have agreed to allow gender non-conforming students at the University to choose their own roommates. This is certainly progress, and we are thankful for a change in the policy. Students in the initiative will be continuing to lobby administration to reform the University Open Housing policy in the future.

Earth Week The Environmental Issue Commission of MSA will be co-sponsoring Earth Week, which takes place April 4 through 8. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about issues of sustainability both at the University and nationwide. The week will feature a plethora of events including a sustainable fashion show, a Diag showcase of local sustainable vendors, and a structure made of water bottles to display the overconsumption of water bottles on campus.

Student Peer Advisor Corps Currently, MSA is working with the Office of Student Conflict Resolution to create a Student Peer Advisor Corps. This Corps, as detailed in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, will work to advise OSCR on how to reach out to students to use their service. The Corps will also advise students on their rights under the statement and guide them through different avenues they can utilize in resolving conflicts at the University.

You Deserve Better Campaign MSA's Disabilities Affairs Commission is launching its "You Deserve Better" Project. This project will seek to address the needs of students with disabilities on campus and assess the needs of those services that are provided at the University to satisfy those needs. MSA held multiple focus groups to discuss these issues, and the report from these groups will be released soon. I look forward to updating you all on the progress of this project and the report from the focus groups conducted.

City Council Liaison In an effort to improve collaboration between students at the U and the Ann Arbor City Council, the City Council and MSA have agreed to reinstate Bi-Weekly meetings to discuss the ever-changing concerns of students. This is a large step in allowing the City Council to more aptly address the needs of students living in Ann Arbor. Councilman Hohnke and Councilman will serve as the City Council liaisons to the Michigan Student Assembly to keep up with student projects and initiatives that may affect the City. The next meeting between MSA and the City Council will take place Thursday, March 8 at 8pm in MSA Chambers.

MBLGTACC This past month, the University of Michigan hosted the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference. Over 1,700 LGBTQ and Allied students traveled from across the United States to Ann Arbor for this conference to learn about emerging topics in the LGBTQ realm. The conference was a large success, and I would like to thank the students who put in their hard work for the past two years to organize it.