The University of Michigan Regents’ Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

Attached is the June update on the projects and activities of the Central Student Government.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Proppe
President, Central Student Government

June 7, 2013
President Coleman, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am both 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.

**Student Organization Funding**
- The Summer Assembly continues to hold regular meetings to allocate money to student organizations. As of June 7, the Summer Assembly has allocated over $13,000 to thirteen student organizations.
- In 2012 and 2013, CSG saw an unprecedented rise in requests for student organization funding. This is in large part due to the implementation of a new rolling funding system that simplifies the process for applying for funds, but it is also due to an exciting new level of student organization engagement. To help student organizations hold their events, CSG significantly increased allocations to student organization funding in recent years.
- CSG has successfully managed our cash balance to maintain this increased student organization funding without the need for a fee increase. However, we are considering implementing additional controls to strategically allocate funds this year in the face of continually increasing funding requests and continually decreasing purchasing power.

**Night Game Against Notre Dame**
- On September 7, 2013, the Michigan Football team plays Notre Dame for the last scheduled time in Ann Arbor. Like in 2011, this game will take place at night.
- Central Student Government is working with the Division of Student Affairs and the Athletic Department to hold a tailgate for students. In 2011, over 8,000 students attended a similar tailgate.
- CSG has secured the use of Elbel Field and food provided by Domino’s pizza for the tailgate. We will continue to add programming as our budget becomes clearer, and will roll out marketing for the tailgate in the coming months.

**Late Night Campus Safety and Transportation**
- As noted in our last report, the University offers several late night transportation services to students. However, these services are hard to keep track of and burdened beyond capacity causing long wait times for students.
- Instead, students choose to walk home alone at night. A disturbing number of crime alerts in recent years indicates this is an unsafe status quo.
- CSG is working with the Department of Parking and Transportation Services to develop a proposal for a new cost-effective late night bus route to service students, especially the 30,000+ students living in near, off-campus neighborhoods.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Central Student Government
President Coleman, 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 greatly appreciate this opportunity to update you on the initiatives our new administration has accomplished as well as ongoing feats.

**Governing Document Reform:** After this previous election cycle, we have noticed the shortcomings present within our newly created Student Judiciary, as well as some possible issues regarding the election guidelines. The Rules & Ethics committee has begun reconstructing our guidelines and creating more balance among the three branches. In regards to the new Student Judiciary, with any new initiative, shortcomings occur and we plan to rectify the issues we dealt with during the election with the guidance provided by Vice Chancellor Henderson.

**Building Hours:** With new student housing present on our campus for the first time, the need for extended hours in our University Center (UC) and Library are desperately needed. We have compiled research from various universities in the state concerning their library hours and their communal union center hours and feel that our university must follow suit, especially with 500+ students living on campus. The discussion concerning the extension of hours with both Directors of the Library and UC are underway and we are hoping that an extension of hours is a feasible option.

**Student Representation:** Student Government members understand the need to constantly improve our representation so we can fulfill the needs of all students on our campus, and as a result, we have created a new position to our Executive Board – the Director of Athletics. This position was created in order to facilitate and aid the athletics department here on campus. With the exciting change from “Wolves” to “Wolverines” our connection to the athletic aspect of the University of Michigan, is magnified and we’d like to help aid the perspective of athletics on our campus, rather than drive to Ann Arbor for that experience. Our SG members are already in discussions with the Director of Athletics to help improve attendance and publicity to students about these exciting sporting events within our own community.

**The Union:** Student Government has already begun to discuss ways to aid in the official opening of the new student housing. Committee members have begun to research promotional items to hand out to new students living in the apartments, as well as an event on the day of the move in. We plan to utilize the new student union “The Victors Den” as a communal space for all students to host events that both students living at the Union and commuter students could attend.

As always, I thank you for taking the time to read this report, as we appreciate the opportunity to share our initiatives with you all. In addition, thank you for making all students within the University of Michigan system feel important and valued, your diligent work to better our campus experiences is invaluable.

Very Truly Yours,

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