

**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,

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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 month of June as we continue to serve the students of this University.

#### Ongoing CSG Projects

- Voter Registration
  - CSG is in the process of partnering with various groups and entities on campus to promote voter registration among U-M students in the fall semester. We plan to co-host a large event in the fall semester before Election Day that engages students in the political process via the CSG-hosted Innovation in Public Service Pitch Competition, performances from various musical and artistic groups, and other activities.
- Affordable Housing
  - CSG has been working with partners on and off campus to promote affordable off-campus housing for U-M students. This project has focused on expansion of awareness and resources on affordable housing, largely by way of putting together an affordable housing guide that students can easily access based on the various price ranges per the main rental companies around off-campus residential areas. Over the last year, CSG emphasized the importance of affordable housing by hosting a town hall at which students were provided with a forum to discuss housing concerns. The goal of this series of initiatives is to continue the conversation and to discuss ways in which housing and the general associated cost of living can be moderated for students who are facing difficulties in meeting the rising costs of housing in Ann Arbor.
- Ann Arbor City Council Student Advisory Committee
  - Over the last year, CSG committed a high level of energy to expanding our connection with the Ann Arbor City Council. We invited city council members to speak at CSG-hosted forums and met with them to discuss ways to optimize and strengthen the relationship between students and the greater Ann Arbor community. One successful outcome from this was a city ordinance which created a student advisory committee comprised of representatives from all of the schools in Ann Arbor. Two representatives from U-M will meet once a month with City Council to discuss various issues that affect the Ann Arbor community.

I have also enclosed my statement regarding the CSG Financial Report, and am looking forward to continuing to support and empower student organizations across campus over the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

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## University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government

### June 2017 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.

***Revising Student Government Bylaws:*** Our Rules and Ethics committee is reviewing and revising the bylaws to our constitution to clarify and simplify many of our processes. This includes defining roles and responsibilities for the different members of Student Government, codifying procedures that were typically done by precedent but with no formal process, and adding measures to ensure professionalism at all meetings, events, and in our office. The bylaw revision initiative will help us continue to operate in an efficient and accountable manner.

***Student Organization Funding and Reimbursement:*** Student Government is coordinating with staff from the Office for Student Engagement and the student-lead Student Organizations Advisory Council to propose a new procedure for student organization funding. Our goal is to develop a system that will be easier for students to understand as well as lessen the time it takes for student organizations to be reimbursed for the money they spend. This will in turn make it easier for student organizations to operate and will foster the growth of student life at the Dearborn campus, a top priority of our Student Government.

***Freshmen Orientation:*** As part of our ongoing commitment to represent ourselves and recruit student leaders into the organization, Student Government has arranged to be present and active at all freshmen orientations this summer. We will be explaining to the students who talk with us our role as the liaison between the student body and the University staff, faculty, administration, and community. Additionally, the freshmen orientations serve as opportunities for us to promote other aspects of the University to the new students and promote involvement in student life.

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,

Thomas Wolsek  
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