

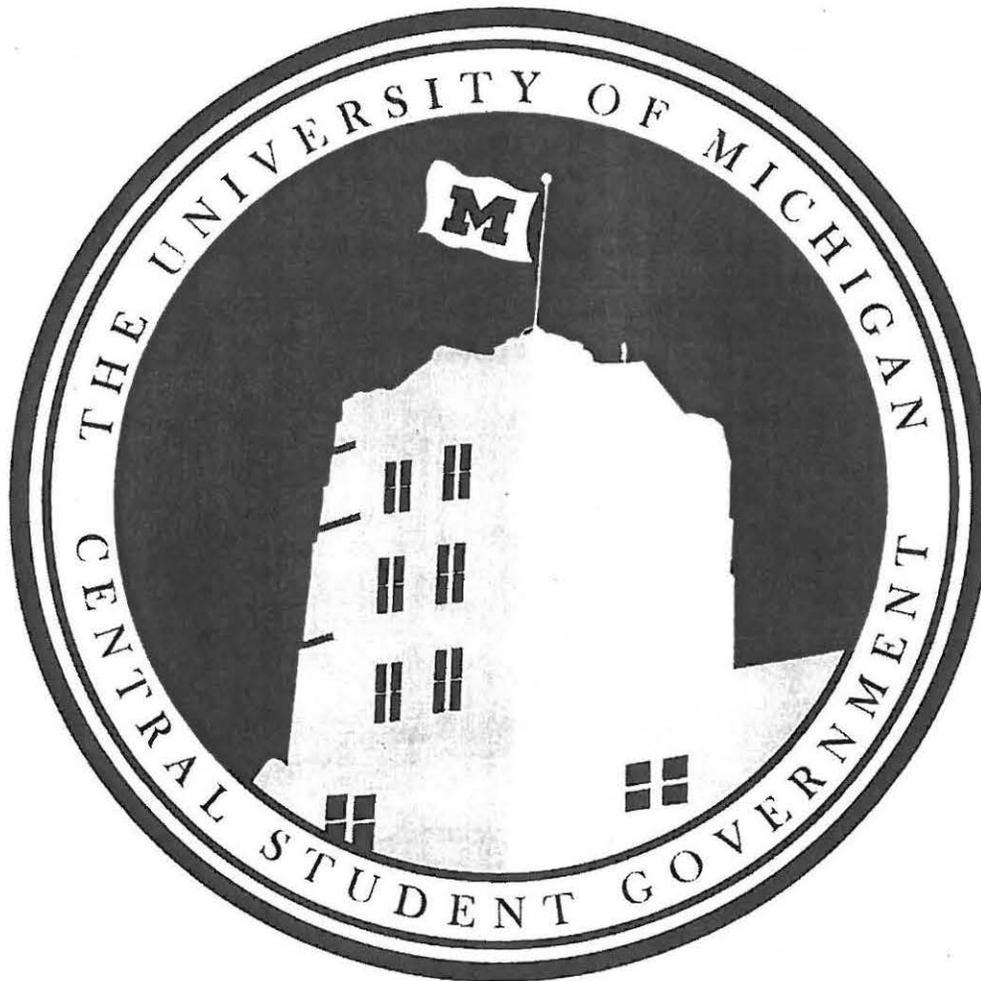
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# The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

## ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Proppe  
President, Central Student Government

July 3, 2013

President Coleman, 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. Below is a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

#### Student Involvement in the Presidential Search

- At the April 18, 2013 Regents' Meeting, President Mary Sue Coleman announced she will **retire when her contract ends in July 2014**.
- On June 6, 2013, Vice President Bobby Dishell and I **mailed a letter** to the eight members of the Board of Regents **requesting student involvement in the search for President Coleman's replacement**.
- It is our belief that student involvement will contribute to a more **thorough, comprehensive, and rewarding search**, as it did in 2002. The success of a University President is critically dependent on the President's **engagement with the student body**. Only students can properly offer perspective on a President's role in influencing the **student experience**.
- As the Regents finalize the search process for the next President, we encourage them to once again pay close attention to the **student voice and involve students in the process**.

#### Utilizing the University Council

- The University Council (UC) is composed of the **leadership of each individual college's student government**. The UC has been relatively inactive in previous years, but this summer we are **meeting with these leaders to discuss goals** for the upcoming year and incorporating those into the UC's agenda.
- The UC will be used to **create dialogues** and further demonstrate the **voice of the entire student body** by having each individual college's student government collaborate with CSG to **pass legislation and implement programs**.

#### Late Night, Off-Campus Bus Route

- As noted previously, current late night transportation services are **burdened beyond capacity**, causing **long wait times** for students. Instead, students choose to **walk home alone** at night. A disturbing number of crime alerts indicates this is an **unsafe status quo**.
- Since June 2010, **84% of incidents** that resulted in campus-wide crime alerts occurred **late at night**. **67%** of crime alert incidents took place **off-campus**. And **64%** of crime alert incidents took place **while the victim was walking**.
- To combat these factors in campus crime, we are developing a formal proposal for a **late night bus route** that serves students, especially in the 30,000+ students living in near, off-campus neighborhoods.
- We are beginning to hold student **focus groups** and are working with the **Department of Parking and Transportation Services** and the **Beyond the Diag Program** in the Division of Student Affairs to design the **optimal bus route**. We expect to release our **proposal in September 2013** with the goal of running a **pilot route in the winter 2014 semester**.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Proppe  
President, Central Student Government

June 6, 2013

Dear Members of the Board of Regents:

On April 18, 2013, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman announced she will retire from her position when her contract ends in July 2014. During her tenure, President Coleman has established a profound and lasting legacy. She has raised the University's global profile in the face of declining funding from the state and a deep recession. Under her leadership, every year, the number of applicants to the University of Michigan breaks the previous year's record. She has been a vibrant member of the Ann Arbor community, respected by her colleagues, and beloved by all members of the University of Michigan. As previous CSG President, Manish Parikh, noted, "Her presidency is arguably the most transformative in the University's history. She truly is a remarkable person." The students of the University of Michigan are proud to call her our President, and even more so, we are honored that students played an advisory role in her selection.

When President Coleman was hired in 2002, the Regents of the University put together a 16-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee to assist in the process of hiring the next President. A broad set of stakeholders comprised the committee, including students, alumni, faculty, and staff. All wanted one thing: to find the best President to lead the best University in the world.

In 2002, two students sat on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee: Michigan Student Assembly President Matt Nolan, an undergraduate student studying history and political science, and Lisa Jackson, a Ph.D. student in psychology. The importance of involving students in this process cannot be overstated.

It is our belief that involving representatives from all major stakeholders in the Presidential search process leads to a thorough, comprehensive, and rewarding search. Specifically, we request that at least two University of Michigan students are once again involved in the search process. We believe that the process the Presidential Search Advisory Committee undertook in 2002, meeting with dozens of groups with an interest in the search, will prove invaluable once again in the upcoming year. This input from a broad base of members of the University community, especially the students, will assist in finding a great President as it did in 2002.

Per the Michigan State Constitution, the selection of the next President is the decision of the Regents and the Regents alone. When announcing the selection of Dr. Coleman as the next President, Regent Deitch noted, "Bar none, this [selection of the President] is the Regents' most important responsibility." We agree, and students are willing and eager to assist and provide perspective as the Regents undertake this monumentally important task.

On behalf of the student body of the University of Michigan, we formally request students are once again involved in the search for the next President of the University of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,



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President, Central Student Government



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Vice President, Central Student Government



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## University of Michigan – Dearborn Student Government

### July 2013 Regents' Report

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.

***Student Association of Michigan (SAM):*** This past week the Speaker of the Senate, Rima Rida, and I, along with our SAM representatives attended a SAM Presidential Summit where leaders from 12 of the 15 public universities were represented. Throughout this conference we discussed a variety of topics ranging from increasing political awareness in our respective universities to differing policies at each campus. This daylong conference was a small look and testament to the impact students can have in the state of Michigan when we collaborate on statewide and nationwide issues. A letter to Congress was sent on behalf of the present universities at the conference regarding our take on the doubling of interest rates on student loans.

***Appreciation Reception:*** In this past month we held the first ever First Annual Faculty, Staff, and Administration Appreciation Dinner. Student Government's success over the past few years could not have been possible without the unwavering support we receive from administration, faculty, and staff on our campus and the reception was only a small token of our appreciation. The evening was filled with students and leaders from our campus enjoying dinner, catered by our newest food vendor Sedexo and discussing SG's involvement for the future. We hope to make this reception a recurring event each year!

***Safe Walk Initiative:*** Following the Safety and Oversight Advisory Committee meeting that I attended a new initiative was brought to light when discussing student safety on our campus. We may be the safest public university in the state, but our campus can never be too safe. With new exciting changes such as the new onsite housing and possibility for extended building hours, our students will be on campus later than ever before and thus will need measures to preserve their safety when walking to their cars late at night and to their apartments across campus. Thus the solution of having a student driven safe walk program was discussed. Student Government is taking the lead in brainstorming ideas and carrying out the implementation of this program before the Fall semester begins.

***Fellowship Program:*** Student Government begins with an elected body of 25 Senators and Executive Board positions; however, the bulk of our membership resides in our Fellowship program. SG has been present at every freshman and transfer orientation, recruiting potential new members to our body. The model of our program has been used as inspiration for other campuses to also implement a fellowship program.

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, your diligent work to better our campus experiences is invaluable.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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