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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 preparing for the school year.

Fall Elections The Michigan Student Assembly's Voice Your Vote Commission worked tirelessly between the voter registration deadline, and the past election date, to encourage students to Get Out the Vote. MSA promoted voter education, and informed students of changed polling locations so that they would know where to go when they needed to vote. Furthermore, this fall MSA registered over 2,000 voters before the voter registration deadline.

Open Housing Campaign The Open Housing, formally known as Gender Neutral Housing, Committee is working diligently with the Division of Student Affairs to implement a new policy by the end of the year. The Michigan Student Assembly is hosting a Diag Day with a dorm on diag to help educate students about what Open Housing is what it's mission is. Furthermore, the Open Housing Committee is working on the final touches to the policy proposal. Open Housing supports the right of all students to choose a roommate, regardless of gender identity and gender expression. The implementation of Open Housing will foster a safer, more inclusive community for those living in residence halls, as mandated by the Credo, Non-Discrimination, Diversity Matters.

Peace Corps Benefit Concert MSA has begun collaboration with the Peace Corps to organize a benefit concert for the purpose of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps. We are currently planning on having the concert at Hill Auditorium, and are collaborating with Big Ticket Productions and hoping the concert will take place in February. Proceeds from the event will go to an organization that promotes the ideals and goals of the Peace Corps.

Nursing Curriculum Currently, the Nursing School is in the process of changing their curriculum. They are phasing in a new curriculum, with the Seniors and Juniors in the old curriculum, and the Sophomores and Freshmen being taught the new curriculum. The issue in this transition is that many of the classes that students are integral and beneficial to their future careers. Many students feel as though they are not getting the necessary experience they should be, and students are wishing to have a stronger voice in this transition process. I will be speaking more with the Nursing Council and Nursing students to see what MSA and the rest of campus can do to help with the process.

University Council On the first Monday of November, the University Council was launched. The University Council is an assemblage of all the Presidents of the Student Governments from every school and college at the University of Michigan. This is an opportunity to connect more student leaders on campus, and empower student governments in their mandates to the students they represent. The governments at the meeting shared the many issues they represent and face, and each of the governments worked to support each other in their efforts. The University Council will be an integral part of campus politics in the future, and will change campus dialogue for years to come.

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