The University of Michigan
Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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President Coleman, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my privilege and honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG).

Congratulations to Provost Hanlon

On behalf of the Student Body, we send our deepest and most sincere congratulations to our Provost Hanlon for being named the 18th President of Dartmouth College. Provost Hanlon has steered the University through some of our toughest financial years, has always been a powerful advocate for our Student Body, and has addressed multiple town halls with students and our Central Student Government. It is with a little sadness, yet a deep sense of pride that we send our congratulations to our Provost as he prepares to return to Dartmouth as its 18th President.

Entrepreneurship Commission

Last month we broadly updated you on some of the activities of our Entrepreneurship Commission, today it is my privilege to share some of our biggest projects for the year:

Month of Entrepreneurship: We’re working with over 100 student organizations on campus to create a calendar of entrepreneurial events for the month of February. We want to make February, the Month of Entrepreneurship here at U-M, the first of its kind at any University across the nation.

1 stop resource: While U-M has some of the greatest entrepreneurial resources for students, we’ve often heard that many of these resources are scattered and not uniformly listed on a single platform. Our Entrepreneurship Commission has been working closely with M-Powered and the Center For Entrepreneurship, and by the end of this semester we would have created both online and booklet versions of an all-encompassing 1 stop resource for student entrepreneurs.
Partnerships with Student Entrepreneurs: We’re exploring a new model of partnerships with student entrepreneurs on campus. Whereby the Central Student Government is able to partner with entrepreneurs and their startups by providing value through our Entrepreneurship Commission. We’re looking to partner with student entrepreneurs who’re focused on making big change on campus, in Ann Arbor, and Michigan, and those who’re focused on disruptive change across the nation!

Take U-M Abroad

This past month we launched the “Take U-M Abroad” program through which CSG is giving five $1000 grants to Wolverines who’re going to study abroad, and who develop dynamic plans to take an aspect of Michigan with them abroad during their international educational experience and thus impact the global community. We’re working closely with the International Center and other Administrators to help in the selection process such that we’re picking hardworking and talented U-M students who’ll be able to create the most impact in the global community.

November Elections

We recently had November election to fill the vacancies on our elected student Assembly. We’re extremely proud to announce that of the 18 vacant seats close to all of them were filled by hardworking and talented members of our undergraduate and graduate communities on campus. Owing to the well-crafted Election Code, which I had the chance to talk about at the November Regents’ meeting, we had close to zero election complaints, and the whole process ran extremely smoothly.

Greeting Campus Communities

This month we were very proud to continue our minority outreach and celebrate important days with our minority communities on campus. Some of the days we’ve celebrated this past month include the Birthday of Guru Nanak, Albanian Liberation Day, Bodhi Day, and Hanukkah. We’re extremely proud that Central Student Government is playing a proactive role in celebrating with our minority communities and making U-M more welcoming for all Wolverines!
Happy Break

Once again thank you for taking the time to read this report, for creating a campus environment that fosters and nurtures students across campus, and for your tireless dedication to all of our students on campus. From our entire Student Body, we wish everyone happy holidays and a relaxing break with family and friends. See you in January!

My Warm Wishes,

Respectfully submitted,

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