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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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

New Semester

After a very exciting fall semester, the Central Student Government has begun this semester with a number of notable changes that we believe will have a significantly positive impact on the campus community; one of which is a new name. As we reported last month, we have officially changed the name of the organization to the University of Michigan Central Student Government. We have received positive feedback from several students regarding the new name as we continue with the process of educating the campus community about the change and inviting students to get involved. We are still in the process of updating information throughout the University and finalizing a new website design and logo for the organization, and I look forward to providing a status update in the coming weeks.

Student Organization Funding

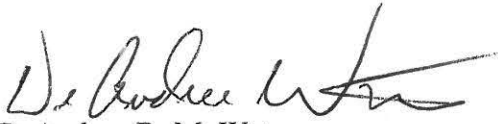
Last semester was extremely busy for our Student Organization Funding Commission. With a total of 305 applications processed and \$593,256.27 requested from student organizations, the commission successfully allocated a total of \$196,448.41 at a funding percentage of 33%. Providing financial resources for our student organizations is an extremely important function of the Central Student Government that we take very seriously, and we are excited to have had the opportunity to assist in this manner. However, we are also excited about the implementation of our new rolling funding system that will enable us to provide funding for student organizations on a weekly basis, making it easier and more convenient for them to get the resources they need. Under this new system we will be able to allocate even more funds to student organizations in a given semester, allowing us to increase our impact on the campus community by helping more student organizations financially. Our first weekly installment of rolling funding begins January 16th. I look forward to providing status updates throughout the semester.

Advice Online

Course evaluations are used by countless students throughout the University each semester as a valuable tool for assessing classes before making final decisions regarding registration. For several years the Central Student Government has worked with the Registrar's Office to provide access to these course evaluations for students through an online portal called Advice Online. In an effort to increase the quality of our service for students, our Advice Online website will undergo a major overhaul this semester. With this restructuring we will make the site easier to navigate and increase the quality of the information provided, while also respecting the privacy rights for graduate student instructors and members of the faculty. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Registrar's Office as we implement these changes, and I will be sure to provide status updates as more details become available.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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President