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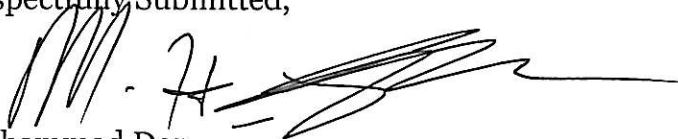
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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is the February update on the projects and activities of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mohammad Dar
President, Michigan Student Assembly

February, 2008

President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

As always, thank you for your support and for this opportunity for us to share our work with you. Below are some of our newer initiatives as we continue through the Winter semester

New Faces and New Ideas – MSA seated a new set of representatives in December of last year. Since then, I have been able to meet with them and discuss some of their ideas and initiatives. These new representatives bring many great and unique ideas which are equally matched by their enthusiasm. One of the ideas many representatives are behind is MSA sponsored buses to Michigan away games (offsetting the costs by donations similar to our efforts with homecoming). As more ideas gain traction, I will continue to report them here.

Repealing Rogers' Law – There is a large collection of student representatives across Michigan, from both sides of the aisle that are interesting in looking at the legislation commonly known as Rogers' Law. This piece of legislation mandates that students vote in the district that is on their driver's license and prevents many students from voting on campus. And so students cannot vote in the district that they live in and who's laws they are subject to for more than 8 months of the year. MSA is going to work with students across the state to see what we can do to aid this effort.

City Council – Our revisions to the Later Leasing Ordinance passed unanimously through City Council with no negative comments made by any speaker for the issue that evening. We hope that we can continue working on student issues while finding solutions that maintain student concerns, but are also mutually-beneficent.

Commission Projects – many of our commissions are planning great projects and events this year. Our Health Issues and Environmental Issues groups are working on a great Earth Week, with different events for each day of the week. Our Communications Committee is revamping many of the ways MSA advertises so that our event planning may be more efficient. In addition, our Voice Your Vote Commission, which registered 10,000 voters in 2004, is working to register voters for the 2008 elections. Moreover, our Peace and Justice Commission is working to get the word out to student groups for t-shirt outlets that engage in fair trade practices in a "buycott." And our Alumni Affairs Committee is working to reach out to MSA alumni from the past few decades.