

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update on some of the projects and initiatives the Michigan Student Assembly is working on. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,



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REGENTS' REPORT FEBRUARY 2010

President Coleman, Executive Officers and Regents of the University of Michigan;

Project Update:

Setting the Budget: The Assembly voted, last week, to approve the Michigan Student Assembly's Winter 2010 budget. We are excited about the numbers, noting that our funding committees, Budget Priorities and Community Service have been allocated more money than ever before. In addition, we have not allocated any money to the MSA airBus program. Our investment in airBus last semester included more aggressive marketing and a new online ticketing system. Since then, airbus has been bringing in increased revenue and is self-sustainable.

The Diversity Affairs Select Committee: LSA Representative DeAndree Watson introduced a resolution to the Assembly enacting the creation of the Diversity Affairs Select Committee. The committee is tasked on looking at issues like admission retention, campus climate and student programming. It includes members from MSA's LGBT Commission, Minority Affairs Commission, the Peace and Justice Commission and various other motivated MSA members.

The Rally for Education: MSA's External Relations Committee has commenced planning for a rally concerning the need for increased higher education funding in Lansing. The rally is planned for March, and ERC is looking at ways to bring students to Lansing via bus to show support for this cause. Over the next month, MSA will be going to student organizations to engage the student body on this issue.

Medical Amnesty Resolution: A resolution has been introduced to the assembly in support of House Bill 4989. The bill would allow for minors to assist their friends in a medical emergency even if they, themselves, are under the influence. Though, at the time of this writing, it has not yet been approved, we have seen a good amount of momentum behind this cause and look forward to the collaboration between MSA's Health Issues Commission and External Relations Committee.

The MSA Bentley Archives: The Bentley Historical Library recently completed its archival of a large amount of old MSA records that were taken to north campus back in August. Their collection now dates back to the early 20th century when the Student Government Council was first formed. It has minutes, proceedings, financial records and lots of other tidbits of information about the history of MSA and we're thrilled that it the records are now publicly accessible and safely kept at the Bentley.

Respectfully Submitted,



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