



The University of Michigan
Central Student Government

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government (CSG) Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University,

I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG). Below is an update on the work of CSG this past month:

Recent CSG Projects

- Airbus
 - Central Student Government provided Airbus as a service for students to get to and from the airport during Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break. These pick up and drop off locations are often more convenient for students on campus and are less expensive than other alternatives. This service provides an affordable option for students, with a \$9 price round trip, yet was offered for free on Thanksgiving. The service will continue for spring break.
- May Commencement Graduation Gowns
 - Central Student Government is funding and providing free graduation gowns for over 125 students graduating at May Commencement—ensuring that students do not feel burdened by the costs that accumulate during graduation.
- Leadership Engagement Scholarship
 - For Giving Bluesday on Dec. 3rd, CSG raised funds for the Leadership Engagement Scholarship (LES). The Leadership Engagement Scholarship aims to remove the cost barriers to extracurricular involvement that many students face at U-M. The scholarship will provide financial awards to a cohort of emerging and established leaders with demonstrated need. The scholarship is for full time students that hold or aspire to hold a leadership position in an extracurricular at Michigan.
- Housing Management Survey
 - The Housing Management Survey is designed to provide insight into the off-campus housing process and give students a guide through which to facilitate a confusing and overwhelming process. By giving students access to data compiled by their off-campus peers about management companies and landlords, they will be able to make more informed decisions.
- Faculty Mental Health Training
 - In order to ensure faculty at the University of Michigan understand the important qualities of a classroom environment conducive to student well-being, CSG is excited to expand student-led trainings in partnership with CAPS. The first training was held for the LSA Honors Program in August.



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- Calculator and iClicker Rentals
 - CSG is providing free 24-hour calculator rentals to students, as well as iClicker rentals.
- Group-X Passes
 - Group-X passes (offered each semester and mid-semester) give students access to every fitness class held by Recreational Sports on campus. Currently, the cost of Group-X passes represent a barrier for low-SES students to participate in these classes. Thus, in recognition of physical fitness's importance in holistic student wellness, CSG subsidized 75 passes Winter semester for students on Pell-grants and other forms of need-based grant aid, and subsidized another 75 passes this semester.
- ABTS Conference
 - Representatives of Central Student Government traveled to Indiana University to meet with the student governments from each Big Ten university. All universities passed legislation, authored by members of U-M Central Student Government, that urges each university to freeze future investments in the fossil fuel industry.
- Campus-Wide Mental Health Survey
 - Through a campus-wide survey that received over 2,000 responses, students reaffirmed the need for increased and improved mental health and wellbeing resources. Most students agreed that health and wellbeing should be a priority on campus, and sought increased resources for CAPS and UHS.

Events

- Debate 2020 Town Hall Meetings
 - In collaboration with the Debate 2020 Core Team, CSG hosted a town-hall meeting on North Campus focused on engaging students in both planning and volunteering for the Presidential Debate in the Crisler Center on Oct. 15th, 2020. The town halls allowed for students to express their concerns around campus climate, student involvement, media literacy, among a plethora of other topics. CSG looks forward to the opportunity to host a historic event on campus, but hopes the University takes meaningful steps to ensure the safety of marginalized communities throughout the entire process.
- What to Fix Events
 - In January, CSG hosted its first "What To Fix" event in the Shapiro Undergraduate Library in order to assess student needs and attitudes regarding university resources. This event series will continue through March.



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Future Projects

- Room Reservation Centralization
 - CSG is interested in centralizing the current room reservation system. A campus-wide survey was commissioned to assess student attitudes on room usage and the current system.
- CSG Diversity Summit
 - In March, CSG is hosting the 2nd annual CSG Diversity Summit, with a focus on inclusivity and ally-ship.
- Increase Support for Holistic Wellness Services
 - In the coming semester, CSG will continue to advocate for an increase in resource allocation to vital University resources that address student mental health and wellness.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Gerstein
President, Central Student Government



**University of Michigan-Dearborn
Student Government**

January 2020 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the administration of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government (SG). We look forward to involving you in our initiatives and all that we have done this past month.

Inclusion: Student Government is working on a resolution associated with the inclusion of all students. The resolution addresses the way inclusion should be at the forefront of all policies and programs we have in place for students. This resolution calls for the continuation of the distribution of hygiene products in campus restrooms, a service our Student Government has been providing throughout the year.

Earth Week: Student Government's environmental sustainability committee is hosting an Earth Week to engage students on issues and action about the environment; to be held the week of March 9. The committee has compiled data from students and found that many like to buy products such as succulents. Therefore, this year there will be a succulent sale and all proceeds will be donated to the campus's Environmental Interpretive Center.

SG and the Library: Many students have addressed concerns with the prices of goggles they are required to purchase for their labs in addition to graphing calculators. Student Government is purchasing goggles and has already purchased graphing calculators that students may check out free at the Mardigian Library. To accomplish this, Student Government has partnered with the Mardigian Library who has agreed to support this service.

Thank you,

Sarah Nassar
Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



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Received by the Regents
February 20, 2020

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report on behalf of the Student Government at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Student Government concluded the Fall semester with major success and challenges. We have been able to work more with the administration as a team and advocate for students.

Wolverine Food Den Campaign: Student Government, in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations, was able to campaign and raise money for the student food pantry on campus, the Wolverine Food Den, with the hopes of sustaining the food pantry for the next 3 years. The campaign was tied for 4th place in the entire University of Michigan system, raising over \$11,000 toward our goal. Student Government will keep working with the Wolverine Food Den Steering Committee to help sustain this fundraising achievement and to continue to advocate for students who experience food insecurity.

Student Government (SG) Representatives.: We have increased our membership of SG representatives to every school and college. The expansion of student representatives will help in increasing student voices and potential deeper engagement in Student Government as well. These sub-committees of SG representatives will help the Student Government work closely on reported concerns and potential initiatives.

Constitutional Referendum: The Student Government Constitutional referendum occurred earlier in January. This was an ongoing project from the Fall Semester that included open forums for the student body to interact with the members of student government and raise concerns. The new constitution was ratified and adopted by the Senate on 29th January 2020.

Some of the major changes included:

- Table of contents for ease of navigation
- Removal of Judiciary section as SG does not operate with a judicial body
- Removal of Local Student Government sections
- Increased inclusivity with gender-neutral pronouns
- Streamlined structure and removed redundancy

Student Engagement:

Student Government also supported the students during final exams by providing free coffee, tea, and cookies in the library to promote the study days on campus during the final days of the semester.



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We were able to provide two student organizations additional funding with the **student organizations incentive program. This is a co-sponsored initiative** with the Center for Gender and Sexuality that provides student organizations that participate in bystander prevention training, consent and workshops with a monetary incentive. We want to continue this partnership for this semester.

Another initiative, SG co-sponsored was the **Student Organization Summit** held by the Department of Student Involvement and Leadership. This event allowed student organizations to form collaborations and relationships to increase campus engagement.

Student Government also co-sponsored the **Health and Fit Fair** at the University's Recreation Center. We sponsored glucose and cholesterol tests for 50 anticipated screenings for students.

Student Government will also be hosting an open forum during the upcoming month of February regarding food and housing on campus. This event will be attended by administrators from Dining Services and Housing & Residential Life. This forum will give students the opportunity to directly raise concerns with administrators.

The Student Government team has also been tabling weekly around campus, gathering concerns and engaging in constructive discussions around, food, housing, voter engagement, and diversity, equity and inclusion(DEI). Each of these initiatives support the Bhardwaj-Odira platform of Engaged Student Life, Inclusive Campus and Accountability.

Respectfully Submitted,

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