

**The University of Michigan
Regents' Communication**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully submitted,

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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 a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Mental Health

- Following more than four months of analyzing survey results, meeting with faculty, staff, and student stakeholders, and crafting its own unique recommendations, the CSG Mental Health Taskforce finished a preliminary version of its report. The report's recommendations are broken into two categories: classroom climate and access to resources.
- The full and final report will be disseminated within the next month to members of the Board of Regents, President Schlissel, interim Provost Courant, Vice President for Student Life E. Royster Harper, Director of the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Dr. Todd Sevig, and other critical stakeholders. Their advice, consultation, and support will be necessary as we work to implement the Taskforce's recommendations.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness

- On Wednesday, February 22nd, CSG hosted "Advocacy Day," in which U-M and MSU students traveled to Lansing and met with State House Representatives Yousef Rabhi and Adam Zemke and State Senator Rebekah Warren, among other public officials. The students and legislators discussed ways to improve K-12 sexual education, sexual misconduct prevention techniques on college campuses, and initiatives designed to support for survivors of sexual assault.
- CSG thanks U-M's Office of Government Relations, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC), and the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) for their help throughout the planning and implementation process of the first-ever CSG-sponsored Advocacy Day. We look forward to hosting and growing this event in successive years.

CSG March Elections

- The annual CSG elections will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd and Thursday, March 23rd. A new President, Vice President, and slate of Assembly Representatives will be elected during this period, and they will be sworn in the following month, April.

Grocery Shuttle

- Last month, recognizing the longstanding demand for a grocery store near the University campus to serve the food needs of students at an accessible location, CSG introduced a Grocery Store Shuttle initiative. Over the past few Sundays, we have piloted the

operation of two Michigan buses, with the purpose of transporting students from various campus locations to Meijer and back from 12:00pm to 4:30pm.

- We are proud of the success of this initiative thus far: during the first Sunday of operation, more than 70 students utilized this service. All told, during this initiative, hundreds of Michigan students have used the Grocery Store Shuttle to purchase affordable and fresh produce.

Student Health: Menstrual Care Products

- We have created a pilot program whereby students will be able to get free sanitary products, specifically tampons and pads, in the Moore Building in all female and gender-neutral restrooms. This initiative seeks to solve issues of equity and accessibility to hygiene products on campus. We believe everyone should have access to these products, regardless of their socioeconomic background. If successful, we hope to expand to other buildings across campus.

Wolverine Consulting Group

- Wolverine Consulting Group is a new commission formed this year that provides consulting services for student organizations on campus. By working constructively with student organizations, they strive to aid these groups in achieving their full potential. The consultants work closely with the leaders of student organizations to understand problem areas, offer solutions, and oversee the implementation of appropriate changes in the areas of Finance, Leadership and Organizational Structure, and Marketing/Brand Management. Wolverine Consulting Group has already completed cases with two student groups and is currently working on two new cases.

CSG Constitutional Convention

- With only one minor change to our Constitution having been made in the past six years, this past Fall we convened a Constitutional Convention to take a deeper look at our governing documents. Seven delegates were selected to serve.
- Surface-level improvements such as eliminating typos, loopholes, removing gendered pronouns, and grammatical mistakes in our Constitution have been proposed. More substantive changes are also being proposed, including changing the size of our Assembly and the role of the University Council. The student body will vote on the changes during the March CSG elections.

Student Fee Advisory Committee

- One of our administration's major goals this year has been to elevate student voice in as many avenues of critical University decision-making as possible. In this spirit, with the help of Vice President for Student Life E. Royster Harper and Associate Vice President for Student Life Anjali Anturkar, we have created a Student Fee Advisory Committee.

- The purpose of the Student Fee Advisory Committee is to advise Student Life administration throughout the process of crafting and recommending student fees to the Board of Regents. With this new committee, which is set to begin meeting this month, the University of Michigan will now join other Big Ten schools, including Penn State University, Indiana University, and Purdue University, in ensuring that student voice is weighed and considered during this important process.

Overall, with the end of our administration approaching, I wanted to express my gratitude at having the opportunity to meet and work with all of you over the past eleven months. It has been among the most treasured aspects of my job, and I thank you for your continued commitment to the University of Michigan and the student body.

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