



ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government (CSG) Report

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

We are pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of CSG:

As the last CSG report that Amanda and Saveri have the opportunity to deliver, we wanted to reflect on the lessons we have learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Even as vaccination distribution increases and the threat of the virus decreases, we believe these problems are pressing. They were present before COVID-19, were exacerbated by COVID-19, and they will affect students after COVID-19.

1. **Mental Health:** This is probably the most important issue for students right now. The isolating effects of COVID-19 only worsened the mental health of our students. The University must work with a diversity of students to reimagine the provision of mental health resources on our campus and find ways for the University to alleviate students' mental health burden.
2. **Climate Action:** The effects of global warming are increasing every day, and the University has an obligation to its community to be a leader in this realm. I am excited to learn of the new, bold steps the University is taking to achieve carbon neutrality and rethink its investment structure. We must ensure these actions are swift, transparent and collaborative.
3. **Affordability and Accessibility:** The cost of attending higher education has only increased despite the financial implications of the pandemic. We must increase the affordability and accessibility of attending the University of Michigan. This means extending the Go Blue Guarantee to the Flint and Dearborn campuses, ensuring that the "Cost of Attendance" for students accurately reflects their lived experiences, and including students more meaningfully in University budgetary processes.
4. **DEI & Anti-Racism:** We have to recognize how our institution is complicit in bolstering and actively creating an environment that challenges students of color, more than their white peers. Measures implemented to protect students of color will always protect all students on campus, and there needs to be a sense of urgency in the face of racial injustice.
5. **Shared Governance:** Finally, the University should be doing more to ensure that all stakeholders are included in important decisions. This means undergraduate, graduate and professional students, RAs, GSIs and GSSAs, lecturers, nurses and healthcare workers, staff, and more. We must meaningfully engage these groups *during* the policymaking process.

We are proud of the work we did to support students during this unprecedented year. Despite being 100% virtual, we were able to implement projects and successfully advocate for policies which we believe enhanced the student experience. We hope that, looking to next year, you all will continue to engage CSG leaders in these important conversations. It has been quite the honor for us to serve in these roles this year, and we want to thank all of you who worked with us for your support.

We are optimistic and excited for all that is to come at the University of Michigan in the future.

Sincerely,

Saveri Nandigama and Amanda Kaplan
CSG Vice President and President

University of Michigan - Dearborn

Student Government



March 2021 Regent 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 updating you on our initiatives and sharing all that we have worked on.

Virtual Events: Under a collaborative effort between my directors and various university departments, we have several virtual events planned. Our director of inclusion is planning a virtual Inclusion Week and our environmental chair is planning a virtual Earth Week, in collaboration with the Environmental Interpretive Center. Directors have also continued to reach out to student leaders and administrators, whose fields and interests match their duties, to ensure we are present and active within all aspects of student life.

The Hub: Under joint leadership with our student and academic affairs chair and myself, we are continuing to work with the Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources in order to create a website, for students and instructors, to find tips for Canvas as well as other areas about which they may have questions. We've reviewed similar pages at other institutions but are customizing content based on our campus' needs. Our student and academic affairs chair and vice-chair have been tasked with this project and they will continue to work throughout the rest of this semester and summer to complete.

Strategic Planning: As campus-wide strategic planning continues, Student Government is pleased to be a key partner, serving on the steering committee as well as various implementation teams. I have attended the Strategic Planning Steering Committee meetings and we have several projects starting. I look forward to the work ahead and to making our campus the best it can be.

Thank you,

Ashley L. Kasper

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



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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 on behalf of the Student Government at the University of Michigan-Flint.

As we approach a full year of an online learning experience and a year of lock down we are given many opportunities to reflect as well as look toward- the future. Our current environment is far from ideal. I am sure that, much like myself, the faculty, staff and students at the University of Michigan-Flint would love to be back on campus. However, until that day comes I am proud to say that we continue to put our community before ourselves by enforcing social distancing and masking up to help us get back to normal. We are encouraged to see the university is planning to resume normal operations in the fall and hope the pandemic will have evolved to a point where we can do this safely.

I am happy to announce that we welcomed two new students to our Senate in the last month, Angela Rouhib and Timothy Brooks. The Student Government at the University of Michigan-Flint team is excited to see the work they will achieve this semester and throughout their time in our organization. Senator Rouhib hopes to continue the work already occurring in Student Government to address students' mental health and Senator Brooks is hoping to tackle student involvement and campus life.

In addition to our Senate undergoing changes, our organization is approaching a change in administration. At the end of this month the student body at the University of Michigan-Flint will vote for new leadership to take them through the next academic year. I am excited to see the organization grow and continue to amplify student voices. I look forward to sharing the election results with you all soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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