

**The University of Michigan
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Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update on future goals for the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,



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President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Thank you for the opportunity to address all of you today. I look forward to communicating with all of you throughout the year.

Project Update

Off Campus Housing- Besides academics, there is nothing more important to students than having a safe, hospitable, and comfortable place to live. For over 27,000 students, off-campus housing is the only option. Throughout my tenure on MSA, I have worked with Student Legal Services on educating students on their rights and responsibilities as tenants to save students money and resources, and to greater improve the Ann Arbor community. Improving the lives of student tenants is the number one priority of MSA this year.

International Students- For many of the 4,282 international students enrolled at the University of Michigan, campus life can be quite difficult. In the post-9/11 new world order, international students not only have to worry about day to day academics, but also the new legal challenges to their status in Ann Arbor. MSA supports Student Legal Services in its endeavors to greater serve international students.

Student Group Functionality- Activities and events organized by students are an integral part of the culture on campus. Student groups' events bring learning outside the typical classroom setting, and help students grow as leaders. Over the next year, MSA will be looking for ways to greater support student groups.

New Diversity Program- Too many students do not think about social identity groups on campus. MSA, among many other departments and groups within the University have noticed this, and are looking for change. Dean Eklund has been very helpful in coordinating many different individuals to collaborate and work together. Ideally, during the first week of school, there will be programming aiming to bring together students of different social identities to talk about issues of diversity, share experiences, and ask questions.

Increased Safety on Campus- Too many students are unaware of free late night transportation offered by the Department of Public Safety. That's why, MSA would like to help DPS greater publicize S.A.F.E.Walk, the free service that either walks or drives students home safely. This publicity, along with additional information spread to students about HIPAA laws will make campus safer by encouraging students to seek medical care regardless of concerns about possible repercussions.

SOAR- Over the next year, student organizations will be recognized in a new way. This reorganization will greater allow student groups to have access to resources that they did not have in the past. I am optimistic about the future of this new program, and many of my initial concerns about student group jurisdiction have been allayed.