The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully Submitted,

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

April 2015 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am both pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government. Below is a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Central Student Government Elections

- 112 students ran for 56 open seats on the Central Student Government Assembly
- Over 9,000 students voted in the election, representing one of the highest voter turnouts in CSG history.
- Running with the "Make Michigan" ticket, outgoing Student Athlete Advisory Committee President Cooper Charlton won the CSG presidency on a platform to "Make Michigan" safe, diverse, convenient, student driven, united, and better.

Summary of Year's Work

- Brought fresh produce to Michigan Dining's U-go's
- Negotiated student rate with ArborBike, Ann Arbor's bike share program
- Decreased student football ticket prices from almost \$300 to \$175
- Created a subsidized student ticket program for Pell eligible students for Michigan Athletics' events through working with the Athletic Department
- Sponsored major campus events like Maizenight Madness, MUSIC Matters Springfest and concert, and NOiR's annual charity fashion show
- Eliminated rental fees for student organizations doing charity work in Michigan Athletics facilities
- Created University Honor Pledge
- Revitalized airBus program and had an increased number students take advantage of the service
- Organized Police Brutality Speakout so students, faculty, and community members could have a safe space to share their experiences
- Worked to get a colposcope for the hospital for use by SANE nurses in exams
- Worked to create a private space in UHS and the University Hospital for survivors of sexual assault to have a SANE nurse conduct their exams
- Created 100+ additional seats in the library
- Purchased and placed 268 new outlets in the Shapiro Undergraduate Library
- Implemented peer to peer support network called Wolverine Support Network. Have over 300 students participating in one semester of operation. The program is now a Sponsored Student Organization
- Participated in and hosted events for national campaign to fight sexual assault on campus called It's On Us
- Ensured coffee grinds would become composted in all Michigan Dining facilities
- Supported creation of committee to evaluate investments in coal and oil
- Supported allowing students to see results of student evaluations of classes and professors. Also worked with Office of the Provost on this matter
- Supported expansion of University Non-Discrimination Policy to include relationship status and sexual expression
- Worked with Office of the Provost to create sample syllabi that includes language on sexual assault survivor resources
- . Worked with University to adopt Night Owl, late night off campus bus route
- Hosted student leaders for dinner with President Schlissel and had conversation on campus issues, we then brought the students to see the show "Good Kids"

 Collaboratively alleviated campus crises including but not limited to: Michigan Athletics/Dave Brandon, ski trip, and the Fall 2015 calendar

issues on Our Radar for Next Year

- Mental Health This year, students were strong advocates for increasing mental health services. Mental health is an issue that affects each and every student in varying degrees. However, this issue has long been neglected. We have work to do in terms of shattering the stigma that surrounds mental health. We also need to ensure that we have adequate services that meet the needs of all students.
- Student Safety We have made strides over the years to improve the physical safety of our students. However, this year we have a unique opportunity that requires collaboration between students, administrators, and the city of Ann Arbor. The light moratorium has been lifted and one of students' longest standing complaints can now be alleviated. I encourage next year's administration to work to ensure that students feel safe off-campus and help place these lights in reasonable locations to help create a safer community.
- Honor Pledge and Accountability This year the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities amendment process begins. Currently, there is no student ownership or input over the process and rules that govern student behavior and hold students accountable. This year, the student honor code task force worked with students and created a list of recommendations to be implemented, including the honor pledge. I encourage students to work with the administration, take the honor pledge, and hold each other and ourselves accountable.

Respectfully submitted.

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