

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update on some of the projects the Michigan Student Assembly is working on this summer and in the upcoming year. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,

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President Coleman, Executive Officers and Regents of the University of Michigan;

The Michigan Student Assembly has finished its regular meetings for the school year and we will move into our Summer Student Assembly, which meets biweekly. During this time, the executives and representatives in Ann Arbor will be working on a few projects.

Project Update:

The MSA Website. Our two web developers and web designer have begun work on a new website that will include an MSA Wikipedia, blog and documents section. The tentative timeline outlines a website that will be launched in late July, giving us ample time to test it before students see it in the fall.

Veterans Issues. MSA recently passed a resolution in support of in-state tuition for student veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan at the University of Michigan. The Academic Affairs Commission of MSA will be exploring future action and the External Relations Committee will be going to Lansing to speak to state senators at the Capital.

New Student Orientation. MSA representatives and executives in Ann Arbor will be working at new student orientations and are working with the Office of New Student Programs and Student Activities and Leadership to give presentations and potentially recruit freshmen that have shown previous interest in student government.

ISAC AirBus. The International Student Affairs Commission (ISAC) is introducing a program for the International Student Orientation program is coordinating an implementation of the AirBus service in late August so that international students will be able to pay \$12 to ride a bus from Detroit Metro into Ann Arbor without being ripped off by expensive cab fares. Funding has been provided by MSA as well as the Rackham Student Government.

MSA Office Renovation. After getting whiteboards installed in the executive office, conference rooms and Chambers, MSA is speaking with the Bentley library to get our old records scanned and archived so they can be removed from the office and we can use the space more effectively. In addition, the office has not been painted in over 20 years and deserves a fresh coat that the Union will be doing over the summer.

Summer Student Assembly. The Summer Student Assembly consists of representatives that are in Ann Arbor for the summer and the group primarily operates as a funding body for student organizations and commissions within MSA. Our first meeting is scheduled for May 6 and it meets every other Wednesday.

Thanks so much for your time; if you have any questions, I can be reached at amahanti@umich.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,

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