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University of Michigan - Dearborn Student Government



May 2013 Regents' Report

President Coleman, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my pleasure and honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the University of Michigan – Dearborn Student Government (SG).

This is the first written report submitted to you by UM-Dearborn's Student Government as this is a newly founded policy that will allow a report from both UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn's Student Governments, in addition to UM-Ann Arbor CSG's report. We greatly appreciate this opportunity to update you on the initiatives our new administration has accomplished as well as ongoing feats.

Increased Student Representation: This past year Student Government has worked relentlessly to increase representation on campus. We created three new executive board positions in order to work towards our goal of accurately representing and working on behalf of the students. With the implementation of the Director of Inclusion, Director of Greek Affairs, and Director of Internal Relations, we not only improved the efficiency of our organization, but have been able to promote the Chancellor's Metropolitan vision of Inclusion within our campus and surrounding community.

Engaging the Community: SG understands the value of our campus and its relation to the greater Metro area, and as a result, we have created the first ever student discount card program. Our Senators visited hundreds of local businesses and secured various discounts from every location. Every student was provided with a discount card and was able to save more money on food, groceries, and various services. This program not only benefits students financially but engages the local businesses with our campus.

Academic Initiatives: With the new administration elected in, we have already begun our work, as promised during election time, towards improving academic amenities on campus. We have begun to reach out to various administrators on campus to allow a student representative to sit in on their meetings and voice concerns on behalf of the students. In addition, during the summer we will begin the discussion with registration regarding posting syllabi before registration opens as well as allowing earlier access to the annual schedule of classes for easier registration for students.

Student Organization Advisory Council (SOAC): We have proposed alterations to our guidelines concerning SOAC, the university sponsored organization that handles the disbursement of funds to various recognized student organizations, in order to allow SG to handle this disbursement of funds, as is done in many other universities. The organization would thus become engulfed into SG and would allow for greater interaction between the students and their elected representatives, as well as easier programming publicity via SG.

I thank you for taking the time to read this report, as we appreciate the opportunity to share our initiatives with you all. In addition, thank you for making all students within the University of Michigan system feel important and valued, your diligent work to better our campus experiences is invaluable.

Very Truly Yours,

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