



The University of Michigan  
Central Student Government

## 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:

### Introduction

- Hello, our names are Nithya Arun and Carla Voigt and we are the newly elected CSG President and Vice President.
  - Nithya is a public health senior and uses she/her pronouns. Her previous work on campus has involved serving as the first year undergrad ex officio on the CSG Assembly, the Senior Policy Advisor for Health and Wellness, and most recently as the Senior Policy Advisor for Academic Affairs.
  - Carla is a mechanical engineering senior and uses she/her pronouns. Her previous work on campus has involved serving as an engineering representative on the CSG Assembly for three years and most recently held the position of Speaker of the Assembly.

### Current Issues, Programs, and Policies that we are addressing:

- **The Healing Program:** The healing program is an initiative aimed to serve students who are affected by racial violence. It is crucial for students to not only have access to affordable or subsidized mental health care but for them to feel comfortable and safe when being seen by a mental health care professional. People of color benefit greatly from being able to speak to culturally sensitive and educated professionals and this program provides funding and resources to this student population.
- **Press Release - Sheikh Jarrah:** On Monday, May 10th we released a statement regarding the events in Sheikh Jarrah. CSG worked with several student organizations on campus including SAFE, the Arab Student Association and the Muslim Student Association to craft this press release and we continue to stand behind it. The intent of our statement was to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian community in response to the current violence in Sheikh Jarrah. We understand that this is a contentious issue and our goal was never to alienate the Zionist students on our campus, although it was taken as such by the affected. We acknowledge their feelings regarding the issue and are meeting with student groups such as iLead and Hillel.
- **Early Leasing Ordinance (ELO):** We are collaborating with the Graduate Employees' Organization (GEO) to extend the ELO from 70 days to 210 days. Students often times find themselves in unfavorable living situations because of the short time span between move-in and leasing. We will be releasing a statement announcing our support for this initiative in the coming weeks. and will be releasing a statement soon regarding off campus housing.



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- **Menstrual Product Initiative:** This is an advocacy initiative that aims to provide menstrual products in all U-M bathrooms. It is crucial that all students be able to participate and exist in public spaces on campus without feeling the financial burden of purchasing overpriced products from nearby central campus stores like Walgreens or CVS or being forced to miss classes and travel to stores to be able to purchase emergency menstrual products.
- **COVID-19:** We provided shuttles for students to access vaccines in Meijer. CSG will continue to advocate and fund initiatives that promote vaccine uptake amongst the student community. We also plan on developing and disseminating a vaccine literacy program that informs students about what the vaccine is, how a student can access the vaccine, and who needs to receive the vaccine.
- **Dearborn/Flint Campuses :** We are currently in the process of communicating with and organizing events with U-M Dearborn and Flint to advocate for twenty million dollars to be allocated to U-M Dearborn and Flint every year for five years. All University of Michigan students regardless of the campus they attend deserve access to any and all resources and privileges associated with being a Michigan student. Additionally, we support the Lecturers' Employment Organization (LEO) bargaining efforts.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you this term!

Warmly,

Nithya and Carla

CSG President and Vice President

University of Michigan - Dearborn

Student Government



May 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 Clubs and Organizations, in coordination with Student Government, is hosting a “Presidents Roundtables” which will amplify and encourage networking amongst organizations. In addition, we are hosting a conflict resolution workshop that will be available for all students. Lastly, we are in the process of setting up a virtual meeting of Student Governments amongst all three campuses to network and discuss ideas.

**Transition of Power:** As my term as president begins, I am excited and grateful for the journey ahead. Our new administration is centered on building strong relationships with students and faculty to perpetuate a great student experience. We are actively interviewing students for director and executive board positions to ensure we have strong leaders in each area. The previous administration has been especially helpful with the transition to ensure our administration is up to date with current projects and initiatives.

**Strategic Planning:** As campus-wide strategic planning continues, Student Government is preparing for students to return to campus. I am implementing a FIT team (First Impression Team) to create a great first experience for students that are seeing the campus for the first time, as well as returning students. In addition, we are actively brainstorming in-person events for the fall, while ensuring student safety is the top priority.

I look forward to upcoming reports and assisting in any way possible.

Thank you,

Ramsey Fakhouri

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

May 5, 2021

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit before you the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. Below is an update on Student Government's transition from the Uptmor-Grolle Administration to the Todd-Shukairy Administration.

I would like to first introduce myself to the Board of Regents. My name is Levi Todd and I am a third-year student studying Political Science. I have been involved in Student Government for the past two years as a Senator and Director of Foreign Outreach. Now, I have the esteemed privilege to serve this great community as its next Student Body President. I would also like to introduce Amena Shukairy, who is a third-year Secondary Mathematics Teacher's Certificate Program major. She has been a part of Student Government for the past year as the Director of Student Relations. Now, she will serve as Vice President of the Student Body.

The Todd-Shukairy Administration has opened applications for the 2021-2022 Executive Cabinet. It is our responsibility to build a cabinet that represents our student demographic. During the Student Government Elections, Seator Aiden Leach and Senator Timothy Brooks were elected to serve as student representatives in the General Assembly. It is a goal of this Administration to rebuild the Senate and expand representation so the Student Government can adequately represent the voices of all students. Last week, we released a survey asking students how they feel about mandatory vaccinations to attend in-person classes and on-campus events. After collecting the data from the survey, the Student Government will make a recommendation to the Chancellor, on whether we believe our campus should mandate vaccinations for all students.

After the Flint Water Crisis the University of Michigan-Flint has seen a steady decline in enrollment and student life. It is a priority of this Administration to work to increase recruitment and retention. Our administration believes that students should play a vital role in recruiting and retaining students. With that being said, we believe that we are in the best position right now to make significant changes to our campus after living through this global pandemic. We have to do things differently than we did pre-covid. This administration will focus on rebuilding student life and energizing a student base like never seen before at the University of Michigan-Flint. It's time to build school spirit and tradition. We want students to be excited about school and their extracurricular life. We hope to breathe fresh life into our school. We can't do this alone, UM-Flint is ready for it's great comeback,

but we need more funding to ensure that we can provide our students with the best educational experience possible. We are committed to working with the Regents and President Schlissel to secure more funding for our campus.

Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation we have for the Uptmor-Grolle Administration. They are servant leaders who led us forward in this pandemic. Some of their most noteworthy accomplishments were: creating a Director Diversity Equity and Inclusion, partnering with the Flint community to extend student leadership beyond the boundaries of the University, extending Health and Legal Services to the Flint Campus, and advocating for Pass/Fail and Wellness days for Flint students. We are thankful for their steadfast leadership in this time of uncertainty.

Lastly, we are excited to report that the University of Michigan-Flint has concluded another successful academic year. Our students have faced many challenges over the course of the last year, but we have proven once again that we are strong and resilient, and willing to rise to any challenge that might come our way. We look forward to forging a brighter future and building a more equitable Campus and University for all students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Levi Nathaniel Todd  
Student Body President  
University of Michigan- Flint