Central Student Government

Subject: Central Student Government (CSG) Report
May 2022

President Coleman, 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 the Central Student Government (CSG):

I. Executive Summary
   a. Noah and Jackie are honored to be elected to serve the student body of the University of Michigan in the upcoming academic year. Although we cannot be at the Board of Regents’ Meeting today, we are confident in our peers in student government at the Dearborn campus to represent the students of the collective campuses effectively. Noah and Jackie would love to meet with you, the members of the Board of Regents, to develop a strong relationship to build and advocate for the needs of our students over the next year. This report details information about Noah Zimmerman and Jacqueline Hillman and discusses some of the goals we intend to achieve in the coming year.

II. Introduction of the New President and Vice President
   a. President. Noah Zimmerman (he/him) is a rising Senior from Dix Hills, New York, pursuing a major in political science and history in LSA and a minor in writing through the Sweetland Writing Center. He served as the Chair of the Rules Committee in the 11th CSG Assembly representing LSA and previously as a first-year intern to CSG President Ben Gerstein. Noah is passionate about providing wellbeing and wellness resources to students on campus and promoting programs, departments, and resources within the University to students. He is honored to serve in this position, alongside Jackie, during this year for transition and healing.
   b. Vice President. Jacqueline “Jackie” Hillman (she/her) is a rising Senior from San Francisco, California, pursuing a major in philosophy, politics, and economics in LSA and a minor in the Ross School of Bussiness. Although not involved in CSG before this year, she has been involved in the political world on campus and in the California State Senate. Jackie is looking forward to delivering tangible improvements to student’s lives, and specifically advocating for the rights and needs of students with disabilities.
   c. Our Relationship. We decided to run for these positions together, and the titles are merely secondary. We largely ignore the traditional separations of a CSG President and Vice President and share many of the responsibilities of the roles. We do this to facilitate our partnership better and play to our strengths as individuals. We both plan to attend the Board of Regents meetings, and either, or both, of us, will give the CSG report depending on the nature of its content that month. We are eager to represent the Student Body this year, and we look forward to working with you all. Please reach out to us (nbzimm@umich.edu and jacqhil@umich.edu) at any time.

III. Goals for the Upcoming Year
   a. Action Items. Traditionally, Central Student Government has facilitated small-scale programs and events utilizing CSG’s funding and resources. We intend to continue providing these resources and expand upon them through a list of thirty action items.
   b. Wellbeing Days. We hope to promote the wellbeing and support the wellness of students on campus through a day of programming and activities entitled a “Wellbeing Day.” We hope to work with departments within Student Life, student organizations, and external resources in the community to showcase the many resources we already have on campus during this day. Many students have not interacted with all of the various arms of the University due to the pandemic, so in this primarily in-person year, we hope to expose students to all of the available resources in a coordinated and
high-engagement manner through a specific day per semester. This day aims to expose students to these resources and also to provide students with relief from burnout and stress through the long semester.

c. **Intended Spaces for Students with Disabilities.** This year, we would like to work closely with Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) and disability-centered student organizations to pilot physical resources (furniture for studying, balance boards, sensory pods, etc.), and bring our work to you all to include a dedicated space in one of the planned renovated spaces: CCRB, North Campus Construction, etc. We have found that there is currently no infrastructure or space designed for students with disabilities, only spaces able to accommodate disabled students. Inspired by best practices at other universities, including Occupational Therapy programming and specialized spaces for students with sensory processing and executive functioning disorders, we hope to bring some of these resources to U of M. Aside from this physical space, we also hope to bolster the Paratransit program and evaluate stigmatizing practices within the classroom for students with cognitive and/or learning disabilities, including abolishing mandatory no-technology policies on syllabuses.

d. **COVID-19.** We want to ensure every student has access to food, housing, academic materials, and mental and physical health resources. We also want to ensure that public health standards are being met, and we are making decisions based on the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

e. **Administration.** We hope to work with the Administration to disseminate information, promote resources, and foster an environment conducive to student well-being and success for this upcoming academic year, regardless of its form.

IV. **Updates on Ongoing and Upcoming CSG Projects**

a. **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.** CSG is offering celebrations of AAPI Heritage Month through a social media campaign to promote education surrounding the advocacy of AAPI students and issues. We also hope to highlight notable AAPI alumni.

b. **Pride Month Book Club.** CSG is offering a book club to celebrate Pride Month in June. We will be sending out books discussing topics and stories of the LGBTQA+ community to students who request them and meeting with them to host conversations.

c. **Student Organization Funding Committee (SOFC).** During the Winter 2022 semester, SOFC supported 214 student organizations. SOFC accommodated 393 funding applications requesting just over $833,000 thousand and appropriating just over $251,000 to student organizations.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with the CSG President and Vice President, please contact csg.president@umich.edu. Noah and Jackie look forward to working with each of you throughout this upcoming year to best support students and ensure the university's long-term success.

Respectfully,

Noah B Zimmerman

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President of the Central Student Government

Jacqueline Hillman

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Vice President of the Central Student Government
President Coleman, 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 we have worked on.

**Gratitude:**

As my term as President has concluded, it has been an honor and privilege to serve our UM-Dearborn campus community and work with the leaders and best. Chancellor Grasso, the administrative staff and the faculty are world-class. Our student body rallied behind our administration this year, especially as they maintained the fidelity of a UM education during the pandemic; they showed empathy, prioritized safety, and created an engaging campus for student life. Our campus, student representation, and student engagement have grown tremendously, and that is due, largely in part, to their efforts. I extend much appreciation to President Coleman and the Board of Regents, for supporting the vision of Dearborn and the trajectory of our future. Ezra Houghtby, our new SG president, is a remarkable person and an even better student—he will do a tremendous job.

**Year in Review:**

**Summary of Events:**

- Assisted in the procurement efforts of a writing assistant tool to benefit students while providing real-time granular data for faculty and staff.
- Revised our governing documents.
- Partnered with the Campus Police Department.
  - Self Defense Event
  - Run-Hide-Fight Safety Training
- Hosted multiple events for Inclusion Week.
- Assisted our international students with tax assistance.
- Hosted multiple events for Greek Month.
- Held Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.
- Assisted in hosting the United Student Government Conference, which brought together the major public universities across the state of Michigan,
- Hosted Town Hall Meetings regarding Covid-19 updates and assisted our student body in knowing their options and how to proceed with each step.
● Held a Union Block Party which allowed students to network together in our post-Covid campus environment.
● Assisted with the University Winter Carnival.
● Hosted and celebrated Constitution Day.
● Assisted in the Fund our Future campaign.
● Hosted multiple activities for Earth Day.
● Assisted our students with professional and personal development.
● Partnered with the Criminology and Criminal Justice department to host a Women in Criminal Justice event.
● Provided study bags for finals.
● Participated in the search and hiring of a provost.
● Won the toys-for-tots toy drive for our campus.

Growth:
● Student Government grew from 12 members to over 39+ students with representation from each college on campus.

Resolutions Passed:
● Requested that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline be printed on Student ID Cards.
● Environmental Equity- Single-Use Products Resolution.
● Sought a writing assistance tool to benefit the student body, especially our ESL students.
● Increase in State Funding Legislation (in tandem with other public universities).
● Allowing an excused absence for voting on Election Day.
● Requested that no assignments are due within 24 hours post-University assigned breaks.
● Requested that Graduate level students are able to increase their maximum credit limit to 15 credits per semester.
● Free menstrual hygiene products in all university and college restrooms as part of the United Student Government of Michigan.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the University of Michigan- Dearborn.

Go Blue! Go Dearborn!

Ramsey Fakhouri

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn
President Coleman, 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 Todd-Shukairy Administration to the Brooks-Dabaja Administration.

I would like to introduce myself first, my name is Timothy J. Brooks and I am in my second year as a transfer student studying International Business and Supply Chain Management. I have been involved in student government for the past two administrations serving as a Senator and most recently The Director of Student Organizations and Partnerships. I now have the privilege of serving this amazing community as its next Student Body President. I would also like to introduce Shbeib Dabaja, my Vice President, who is a third year Economics major with a Pre Medical concentration. He has served this year as our Director of Financial Affairs and is currently my Vice President.

The Brooks-Dabaja Administration held an oath of office ceremony in which we inducted a distinguished group composed of incumbents and fresh faces into the executive cabinet, geared to help carry out our goals for this administration. We also inducted a strong group of passionate individuals to senate positions, who have an ardent desire to support the student experience here at UM-Flint.

During our campaign we worked to develop our platform through talking with students and getting feedback on what things could use improvement on our campus and to a greater extent the university system as a whole. We condensed the feedback we received into three main points of action: streamline accessibility of information, expand student benefits on campus and off, and improving cohesion between students, staff, and faculty.

In an effort to best fit our students, our platform focuses on building relations and expanding existing programs. There are well known points of first contact for many students in Ann Arbor to find information pertaining to them but here at UM-Flint many students have a tough time disseminating and locating information about events, classes, scheduling, and much more vital information. We plan to focus on condensing the sources of information and working to make it easier to access for students, faculty, and staff.

We have been focusing on rebuilding the past few years from the Flint water crisis to the global pandemic. We have worked through this to ensure that students have representation and that their voices are heard. With this administration we are working to strengthen our relationships with one another through communication building and networking. We endeavor to persevere
through these struggles and remain a unified front. Programming will be essential to continue our ascent to enrich student and campus life with the much needed social aspect as we continue to discover the lingering impact of isolation through the past few years.

What the Todd-Shukairy administration accomplished cannot be understated. They have helped to start a path that leads to better cohesion between the three campuses as well as uniting our Michigan public universities to create legislation that will have a lasting impact on students and each member that participated in its creation. Keeping their promise to bring traditions and school spirit back to campus through creation of a wolverine homecoming parade and a school dance for all the students that missed out on their own highschool prom. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication that everybody involved has put into student government.

Lastly, we are as always excited to conclude an academic year full of triumphs and tribulations that have instilled in us the passion to learn and better the people around us. Our students have continually shown that they are a force to be reckoned with through their resilience. We look forward to the continuation of our upward trajectory into the future and beyond. Our administration looks forward to updating and working alongside you all to better the opportunities afforded to our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Brooks
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