

The Student Government of
the University of Michigan - Dearborn



May 2024 Regents Report

President Ono, Members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is our honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the administration of University of Michigan-Dearborn's Student Government (SG). We look forward to updating you on our initiatives and sharing all on which we have worked.

Beginnings

With the end of the semester approaching, our Student Government has been busier than ever in our efforts to support our students. We created over 500 Ramadan goodie bags to disperse to students who were breaking their fast on campus. Furthermore, in our efforts to continue our academic success initiatives, our Student Government hosted two highly beneficial mock graduate-level exams, free of charge, to help our students prepare for their LSAT and MCAT exams. These events have seen an impressive turnout, with dozens of students participating and providing overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Moreover, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, we organized a Safety Workshop and convened a President's roundtable with representatives from almost every student organization on campus. Furthering our dedication to sustainability, we co-hosted a Sustainability Fair to promote awareness of eco-friendly practices on campus. In our efforts to make resources more accessible to our students, we purchased over 21 caps and gowns for students, which were made available for rent, free of charge, through collaboration with the Wolverine Wardrobe, with all gowns rented out by week's end.

Looking Forward

As the official results of the Student Government election are announced, I am pleased to introduce Rupinder Singh as the incoming President for the 2024-2025 academic year. With full confidence in Rupinder's capabilities, we eagerly anticipate his leadership in championing student interests in the coming year. We are excited about the prospect of witnessing the continued progress and accomplishments of the Student Government and anticipate numerous collaborative ventures in the years ahead.

Conclusion

Student Government is committed to serving and representing the student body. We have achieved several notable accomplishments and have important projects in the works. We hope to continue our efforts to make the college community a better place for all students.

Forever proud to be Dearborn Wolverines,

Jana Rida

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Muhammad Dakhllallah

Student Body Vice President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President Ono, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am honored to submit the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. This report serves as an update on the transition from the Azeim-LaPeen to the LaPeen-Dabaja Administration.

My name is Logan LaPeen, and I am privileged to serve as the 68th President of the University of Michigan - Flint student body. I am a Social Studies TCP major, committed to becoming a social studies teacher. The 2024-2025 academic year marks the beginning of my 4th year in Student Government, during which I have held various positions, including Senator (2021-2022), Director of Foreign Outreach (2022-2023), and Vice President (2023-2024). These experiences have instilled in me a strong sense of dedication and a firm belief in the transformative power of student leadership.

I am also excited to introduce the Vice President, Abraham Dabaja, a student in the Honors Program majoring in Marketing and minoring in Data Analytics who has held various roles in Student Government and other areas of campus involvement. Abe served as a Senator, Director of Media Relations, and Director of Marketing and Communications. Abe's commitment to our student body and University continues to show throughout his work both in Student Government and other roles as the President of the Club Baseball team, Co-Founder and Vice President of the Podcast Club, and Founder and Communications Director of the Honors Program Student Council. I am honored to have him as my partner as we navigate this next academic year.

May 1st marked the beginning of the LaPeen-Dabaja administration following the Oath of Office ceremony on April 25th, when our Executive Board and Senate were sworn into their positions. We are confident their commitment to improving our students' experience will prove efficient and effective this upcoming year.

Throughout our work these past few years, we have focused on different aspects of student life and academia. While running for office, we distilled our platform into three overarching goals. We are deeply convinced that by focusing on civic engagement, communication, and the rejuvenation of our campus, we will not only reach our mission of amplifying the voices of students but also inspire a new era of student leadership and involvement.

The LaPeen-Dabaja Administration is proud to share President Ono's UM Vision 2034 for democracy and civic engagement on campus now and in the future. Our first overarching goal, Civic Engagement, is not something we take lightly. With Student Government serving as the democratic representation of our student body, we believe that we share the University's responsibility to foster and maintain a civically engaged campus. Through our work and advocacy, we will sit on planning committees and work with local, state, and federally recognized agencies and organizations to create partnerships and opportunities for resources and education of the democratic process for our Student Body and the Flint community.

We believe and know through our continued work that the primary purpose of Student Government is to amplify the voices of students. With that, communication needed to be our second goal for the year. Communication will involve making sure that their voices are heard in any and all issues facing this campus and working with administration within the University to resolve these issues and maintain an academic, collaborative, thriving environment at the University of Michigan-Flint.

The LaPeen-Dabaja Administration is firmly committed to ensuring that all organizations and initiatives on this campus receive the representation, support, and restructuring they deserve, particularly our club sports and academic departments. By developing and creating new roles like our first Director of Academic Affairs student government who will work and advocate to shed light on underserved issues on campus. Our administration will ensure that all organizations have a seat at the table and that students are provided with the academic support they rightfully deserve. As far as athletics on our campus, this administration will continue to push for the building of an outdoor athletic facility in Flint to ensure that our teams have a place to play and give students another venue to enjoy this aspect of campus life that is greatly undervalued and underappreciated.

We thank President Ono and the Board of Regents for their swift response to our changing campus leadership. We also want to thank Interim Chancellor Fry for her service and dedication to our campus, being a strong advocate for Flint students and the continuation of the Transformation Project and other initiatives that have and will help UM-Flint flourish for years to come. Abe and I are honored and very excited to work with you this upcoming year. We look forward to a year full of partnership, collaboration, and trust and invite you to lean on the student representation of all three campuses to continue crafting an environment rooted in Civic Engagement, Communication, and Rejuvenation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Logan LaPeen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Logan LaPeen
Student Body President
University of Michigan - Flint