## The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

#### **ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

Subject: Central Student Government Report

Attached is the June update on the projects and activities of the Central Student Government.



Respectfully Submitted,

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# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### June 2015 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government. Below is a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

#### North Campus Busing

- Transportation safety, sustainability, and accessibility.
- Pressure points for North Campus Students Student safety, no weekend routes, no game day routes and heated bus stops.
- Nonexistent weekend routes prevent certain students not only from interacting with peers
  socially but jeopardize their ability to excel in the classroom. Many review sessions go
  missed, or group projects postponed because students do not have transportation to all
  three campuses on the weekends North, Central, and South.
- Game day bus routes to South Campus would allow for enhanced student safety when alcohol consumption is high, the opportunity for students who typically opt out of the football experience due to transit issues the chance to attend, and create a way to ensure students are arriving on time and in large numbers to support our team.
- Heated bus stops may seem like a luxury but in fact would lead to safer riding and more class attendance. Students over crowd buses leading to slippery conditions, crammed spaces, and potentially dangerous unloading and loading.

#### Wolverine Support Network & Mental health Initiative

- The Wolverine Support Network (WSN) began providing summer groups last Wednesday for the spring semester and will host one community-focused event at the end of June. Additionally, we have created a leadership group to help control and organize our current outreach kick back.
- Schools around the country have reached out to find ways to bring a peer support
  network to their campuses we are manufacturing a set procedure to help those schools
  understand the climate of their campus and recommend steps needed to make peer
  support a reality at their school.
- Leaders within WSN are spearheading a national campaign to help drive support for a Bill titled Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015.
- Leaders within WSN are directing a national call to action for all Universities to reevaluate their existent or non-existent counseling and psychological services.

#### **Commission on Sexual Assault Prevention**

- Central Student Government's number one priority this summer is to investigate the
  differences between the University's policies and SAPAC's policies on Sexual Assault.
  The goal is to find a definition of sexual assault that everyone on our campus agrees
  upon.
- The Commission on Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness will help aid Central Student Government in this investigation and conduct an educational campaign in tandem with the alignment of definitions.

- The campaign's mission will be to explain the definition of consent to an everyday student.
- The end goal is a change in policy, led by a change of culture through education.

#### **Summer Assembly**

- 30k allocated to Summer Funding for Summer Assembly 2015.
- 12 Student organizations have applied for funding, while 8 have received a voted-on level of funding.
- \$45,047.49 has been requested since May 19<sup>th</sup> and Summer Assembly has awarded \$12,012.00 thus far.
- The summer philosophy has three key principles correct paperwork, must be in attendance to receive funding, and provide sound rationale for every dollar requested.

#### Financial Report

- There was over 1.2M dollars requested by student organizations last year whereas the total annual budget was approximately 400K. 430 student organizations received funding.
- The fee increase allowed us to better fund our students than ever before, but the demand is still considerably higher than the available funds.
- Consistency is needed around legislative and executive discretionary spending this coming year, last year demonstrated periods of inactivity.
- The Student Organization Funding Commission will function as a part of Central Student Government this coming year and present a united funding effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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