



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, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG). Below is an update on the work of CSG this past month:

Recent and On-Going CSG Projects

- **Reusable Grocery Bags:**
  - In order to boost sustainability at a student level, CSG is working to purchase reusable grocery bags (in partnership with Beyond the Diag) to distribute to off-campus students in the Fall Semester. Further, CSG plans on donating these bags to the Maize and Blue Cupboard. This is a small step in CSG's larger goal this upcoming year of enhancing sustainability efforts across the student body.
- **Maize and Blue Cupboard:**
  - The Maize and Blue Cupboard, Ann Arbor's student food pantry, has had great success in its first two months. The cupboard has serviced over 1,600 University students, offering basic foods as well as toiletries. CSG plans on continuing collaboration with the Maize and Blue, and hopes to continue to work with the Board to address food insecurity on campus.
- **Government Relations Coordinator:**
  - In the Fall Semester, CSG's Executive Team will be creating a new position—the Government Relations Coordinator. This role will be dedicated to outreach with the State Legislature and Federal Government, and will function as the voice of the Ann Arbor student body to government entities and officials. They will also work on 2020 GOTV efforts.

Further, CSG is pursuing efforts surrounding student wellness, campus affordability, resource accessibility, and DEI for the Fall.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Gerstein  
President, Central Student Government



June, 2019  
Regents' Report

### University of Michigan-Flint Student Government 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 on behalf of the Student Government at the University of Michigan-Flint. Below is an update on the newly elected administration that looks forward to working with you and serving the students of our campus.

Myself, Nickxit Bhardwaj and Loren “Queen” Odira have been elected to serve as the President and Vice-President on the University of Michigan-Flint campus. With pride and honor we have accepted our positions and we look forward to making a difference for students. We come from diverse backgrounds of different race, ethnicity, class standing and experiences, yet we have one goal and that is to bring a collective effort to improve our campus. This is reflective of our campus community itself.

#### **Platform:**

Our platform addresses key issues for our campus:

Engaged Student Life: Facility improvements, expanding the college experience, affordability, and civic engagement for students.

Inclusivity: Diversity and inclusion, recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty and staff, and ethnic, cultural and LGBTQ+ support for students.

Accountability: Transparency between students, Student Government and the University Administration , increasing student forums to gather feedback and concerns

The Bhardwaj-Odira Administration for 2019-2020 will strive to create and prosper growth and provide a culture of Michigan Excellence.

We have had the honor to serve the student body this past year as well. With key student concerns like facilities, accountability, affordability, course sequencing and availability (especially with Engineering), and advising we would like to continue improving and serving the student body.

#### **Key Issues:**

This year, affordability, accountability, mental health, facilities and an engaged student life are key issues that we will work on our campus. We also would like the Board of Regents to aim at providing more funding and opportunities especially towards increasing academic staff and

facilities for the Flint campus. The Flint campus is diverse, and has a large group of students with amazing talents. The students on our campus play a key role in defining the UM-Flint's campus future. It is important that students enjoy and expand beyond an average college experience. As the university administration focuses on enrollment and retention, students tend to choose different universities due to lack of opportunities, facilities and higher cost of food/living as compared to the surrounding areas.

We, as Student Government are ready to work as partners with the Board of Regents to foster this growth. We hope students choose the University of Michigan-Flint campus with pride and have unique opportunities rather than looking at other universities as better options. We are optimistic for the future of our campus by providing bigger opportunities, diversity and inclusion, and an equitable financial support from the Board of Regents as our students graduate as the Leaders & Best.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nickxit Bhardwaj".

Nickxit Bhardwaj

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