



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:

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

- **POC COVID-19 Task Force:** We have created a task force to advocate on behalf of People of Color in the University community, incorporate diverse voices to provide perspectives to the University on the effects of a vaccine mandate, and appropriately support community members regarding the impact of COVID-19. The Task Force will meet at least once per month, at a time determined in the future by members. Members of the task force will work up to, but not more than, 8 hours per month at a rate of \$15 per hour. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis and will remain open until all spots are filled. The full resolution can be read at <http://bit.ly/CSGAR11-008>.
- **Dearborn/Flint/Ann Arbor Campus Fund Our Future Rallies:** We have organized an event 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. Rallies will be held on the Flint and Dearborn campuses the morning of June 16th. These participating students will then be bussed to Ann Arbor for a large rally in the Diag.
- **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. Therefore, we will be continuing to advocate for this change in the ordinance.
- **Center for Southeast Asian Studies and Joshua Kam:** We wholeheartedly condemn the actions of Dr. Laura Rosek and all involved parties in the silencing and facilitation of racism at our University. We hope that you give personal attention to Josh's case and go beyond to assess racial bias in all departments at the University of Michigan. We are here to support you in your endeavors with this. Additionally, we support the [petition](#) and of the demands listed such as the reinstatement of Josh to his position in the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and a change of leadership in this department.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Nithya and Carla

CSG President and Vice President

University of Michigan - Dearborn  
Student Government



June 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.

***Faculty/Student Government Partnerships:*** Under a collaborative effort between my directors and various university departments, we are coordinating campaigns that help reinforce the overall message of student involvement and student success. One campaign outline that we are avidly working on is our “Think Twice” campaign. This campaign will highlight the consequences of academic misconduct, while pointing students to the resources available to assist them on their journey to academic success.

***Priority and Strategic Planning:*** As campus-wide strategic planning continues, it is my goal to ensure that all projects have dedicated resources, timelines, and project champions. Student Government is creating a project canvas that can be surveyed by students and faculty, which will provide a high-level overview of tasks being worked on. This canvas will show details such as project completion dates, percentage to complete, point-of-contact and future projects assigned to different semesters. In addition, we are actively brainstorming in-person events for the fall, while ensuring student safety is the top priority.

***Orientation:*** My cabinet and I are in the beginning stages of working with our orientation team to have a strong student government presence at orientation and welcome week. Our goal is to introduce students to the representatives they have on campus while showing a strong unity between staff and students. We also plan to have representatives from various clubs and organizations illustrate the vast opportunities for student involvement on campus. Lastly, we plan to help navigate the concerns students may have regarding Covid-19 protocols and Covid-19 testing.

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

June 5, 2021

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am honored to submit before you the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. Below is an update on the Student Government's activity over the course of the last few months.

I am excited to announce that the Todd-Shukairy Administration has completed its search for an Executive Board and has hired a diverse team that will help progress the University of Michigan-Flint forward. In another update Student Government released a Statement of Support for our Palestinian students and called for an end to the violence that is plaguing the Middle East.

I would also like to bring to your attention a recently passed Resolution for [Tri-Campus Equity](#). Members of all three Student Governments worked to craft this resolution which calls on the Board of Regents to demand that the FY 2021 budget includes a \$20 Million appropriation from a centrally endowed fund to be split evenly between the Flint and Dearborn Campuses and make a further commitment to invest this amount annually over the next 5 years totalling \$100 Million by FY 2026. This resolution was passed unanimously by all three Student Government Assemblies, something that has never previously occurred in the history of our University.

We, the students of Flint and Dearborn, feel as though we are second class citizens when it comes to being a part of this University. Our feelings were only exacerbated upon learning about President Schlissel's survey question that he sent out to almost 4,000 faculty. This question falsely insinuated that if the University were to equitably fund Flint and Dearborn it would come at the expense of the academic excellence of Ann Arbor or lower the salary growth for faculty in Ann Arbor. It is my responsibility to inform you that many Flint students were deeply disturbed and hurt by the President's outrageous attempt to pit the Ann Arbor faculty against the students of Flint and Dearborn. We are all tired of not being treated equally. The University of Michigan continues to claim that our core values are Diversity, Equity and Inclusion but its actions do not align with its words. Students want equitable funding, not empty statements!

President Schlissel's question only becomes more inflammatory when we observe the current state of the University's Flint and Dearborn campuses. Flint and Dearborn have a significant population of working class, first generation, and non-traditional students. Without a doubt, the COVID-19

pandemic has disproportionately harmed these populations. In Flint, the Pandemic resulted in a significant number of students falling behind in their studies through no fault of their own. One would think that in light of these struggles the University would double down on funding its teaching staff and academic programs. Instead, the University went on an austerity spree, cutting 44% of Flint's Lecturers and removing important educational opportunities such as our Spanish and Arabic programs. Need I remind you that this happened at a time when students needed more academic and emotional support than ever before. Last, but certainly not least, students are struggling to pay their tuition and need more financial help to ensure they graduate with that University of Michigan degree. We are at a point where a significant amount of students are looking at their higher-ed path and asking themselves, "is this really for me?"

In light of this board's egregious failure to protect its most vulnerable students, the collective Student Body of the University of Michigan has come together to host a Fund our Future Rally where approximately 500 Flint and Dearborn Students will be bussed to Ann Arbor on June 16th and will be joined by another 500+ Ann Arbor students, faculty, and staff to demand that the Board of Regents reject any budget which does not sufficiently address cross-campus equity. Students are ready for the University of Michigan to practice what it preaches.

President Schilssel, members of the Board, you have an equal duty to serve Flint and Dearborn as you have to serve Ann Arbor. I urge you to act today and stand with your student body. We were elected by our peers to represent them and they are calling for equity. They are saying it loud and clear, "include me too!" If we work together we can build a stroger school that will be a national example of what a truly public institution should be. We can either leave this pandemic stronger and better than ever before or we can continue to drag our feet and not live up to the true mission of the University of Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Levi Nathaniel Todd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Levi Nathaniel Todd  
Student Body President  
University of Michigan-Flint