

**The University of Michigan
Regents' Communication**

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is the July update on the projects and activities of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sabrina Shingwani
President, Michigan Student Assembly

July, 2008

Dear President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Thank you once again for the opportunity to present to you. Here is a list of what MSA has been working on this past month:

Gayz Craze – We've been working on organizing Gayz Craze, our annual event at Palmer Field during Welcome Week that reaches out to students in the LGBT community. As of now, we have increased our coalition of ally student organizations that will be present at informational booths. We are also working with the Spectrum Center on the educational aspects of Gayz Craze and what relevant information and resources need to be incorporated into this event.

Day of C.H.A.N.G.E. – We are currently in the planning stages of the Day of C.H.A.N.G.E. (Creating a Healthy and New Generation of Equality), the annual series of educational and social events that provides students the ability to connect to Michigan's dedication to diversity. MSA helped create CH.A.N.G.E. several years ago and has since been on the planning committee, especially to help connect the committee to student organizations and to help shape the day's events to best engage students. The Day of C.H.A.N.G.E. will also be executed during welcome week and will target the new freshmen.

Voice Your Vote – In anticipation for the presidential election this fall, our Voice Your Vote Commission is aggressively planning and strategizing the best ways to increase non-partisan voter registration at the university. We have been in communication with the General Counsel's office and have been seeking guidance to ensure that we encourage students to vote in the best way possible. We have already created a coalition of student organizations that are committed to spread political education this fall and we are currently working specifically with incoming students at summer orientations. We look forward to providing a very detailed report next month of our voter registration and student education initiatives that will take place this fall.

Homecoming Week – The countdown to Homecoming Week has begun! Last year’s success has encouraged us to plan for Homecoming Week further in advance this year to ensure that we include as many students as possible. We are incredibly excited to incorporate education into this year’s theme, which is “Go Blue, Live Green” and we are strategizing different ways to encourage students to be environmentally friendly at each of the events of Homecoming Week. We are currently focusing our efforts on securing corporate sponsorships to ensure that no student fees or university funding is budgeted toward Homecoming Week. We are also working on building connections with student organizations to involve as many students as possible in the planning stages, especially in terms of our student talent showcase and parade.

Internal Reorganization – Our recently created Reorganization Committee has been conducting interviews all summer with current and former MSA executive officers as well as representatives, our Program Coordinator, committee and commission members, and several close advisers to MSA. The committee is close to completion in conducting interviews and is working with students from the school of information to best assess what recommendations to make to the Assembly as a whole and how to implement them to best serve in our role to serve the student body.

I appreciate your time and look forward to seeing you again next month.