

University of Michigan - Dearborn  
Student Government



July 2020 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.

**Looking Forward:** It is no secret that we are living through unprecedented times and that for the first in many years, this phrase is not being used as hyperbole. Yet since these hard times began, I have seen my fellow students making the best of our ongoing situation for themselves and others. My administration has started to compile a list of projects, inspired by our fellow students, that we plan to recommend to each committee to take up and begin working on.

**Fighting for what Matters:** In promoting environmental awareness and mental health, I have tasked experienced senators to begin working on an online video series that will focus on gardening and other green activities. My administration and I released a statement, on June 3, in solidarity with those who have been most affected by police brutality and institutional racism. In this statement, we called on ourselves and the administration to do more in the ways of opening a dialogue with the Black community.

**Shining the Silver:** The Constitution and By-Laws of Student Government are documents by which I am sworn to uphold for the betterment of my university and my fellow students. To see that my community receives the best that Student Government has to offer, I intend to thoroughly study and if necessary, update the documents.

Thank you,

Mitchell R. Dobson-Green

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

July 7, 2020

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.

I would like to begin by thanking the Board of Regents for passing the 2020-2021 budget. The situation that we are facing has made things less than ideal however, I have to believe that you all did what you believe to be in the best interest of all students. I would like to personally thank Regent Illitch and Regent Diggs for being extremely supportive and vocal about the realities that a tuition increase will have on all Wolverines. You both acted as champions and the voice for students that will come back to the University of Michigan system in the Fall, and for that I thank you.

As the voice of students at the University of Michigan-Flint, I must address my concerns regarding the emergency meeting called by the Board of Regents. Throughout the meeting many observers, including myself, were confused with phrases used repeatedly throughout the meeting such as “a 1.9% increase across the board.” Much of this meeting, if not all, was oriented around the implications that would occur regarding tuition increases specifically at the Ann Arbor campus. As someone who does not represent students in Ann Arbor, but rather their peers in Flint, this was very concerning.

However, with that being said I also feel the need to address the twenty million dollar allocation that the Board of Regents awarded to the Flint and Dearborn campuses. This allocation will be extremely beneficial for the students that I represent. The Student Government at the University of Michigan-Flint is looking forward to working with Chancellor Dutta and our Administration to ensure that the voices of students are prominent in the decision making process.

As we prepare for the fall semester the Student Government Executive Cabinet is starting to work to make campus the best place for students during this pandemic. We are working together to ensure that student life is impacted as little as possible during this time. While this will be difficult, it is a priority for our administration to support students and their organizations. It is our goal to push the norm when it comes to engagement and think outside the box to make the experience at the University of Michigan-Flint the best it can possibly be.

Although the times we are in are extremely unprecedented and we are unsure of what the future holds, I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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