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:**

- **Food Insecurity:** We are in the process of developing a survey to ascertain the prevalence of food insecurity on campus as well as student accessibility to food services. We will use the data collected from this survey to inform targeted policy initiatives to ameliorate food insecurity on campus. According to data collected by the School of Public Health, 33% of University of Michigan students were food insecure in 2016. It is only reasonable to assume that that number has increased in the wake of a pandemic that has heightened financial burdens. We will be sharing the data with you all too and hope that you will join us in combating this epidemic.

- **Sexual Assault Prevention:** The Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Survivor Empowerment Commission (SMPSEC), operating through CSG, is working with the Student Organizations Committee Chair to create a Bystander Intervention Training Module. Sexual assault prevention programming is imperative to create a safe and secure campus community and in the coming weeks, we will be updating you on ways CSG plans to address cases of sexual misconduct amongst faculty, staff, and students.

- **Lecturers’ Employee Organization (LEO):** CSG stands with LEO in their negotiations for fair salaries across all three University of Michigan campuses. As students, we respect and admire our lecturers, and want them to be fairly compensated for their work.

- **Disability Pride Month and Accessibility:** July is disability pride month. Members from our Assembly have created a resolution to create a database for Personal Care Assistants (PCAs). We hope to have this database established and functional by the beginning of August to ensure students with disabilities are given the resources they need to succeed at the University of Michigan. We hope you stand behind this resolution and collaborate with us in the near future to address other ways in which the University of Michigan can support students with disabilities.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmly,
Nithya and Carla
CSG President and Vice President
The University of Michigan-Dearborn
Student Government

July 2021 Regent Report

To President Mark Schlissel, and the honorable Board of Regents, greetings:

It is my honor to submit the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government. We look forward to updating you on the initiatives we have worked on.

**Student Legal Services:** As Chancellor Grasso announced at last month’s Regent’s Meeting, the Student Government and Student Affairs are enthusiastic about the pilot partnership with Student Legal Services (SLS) at UM-Ann Arbor. The details will be shared with our student body in the Fall 2021 semester.

**Fund Our Future:** On June 16, 2021, the Student Government participated in a series of press conferences titled Fund our Future. On behalf of our Fund Our Future planning team, we thank you for your generous investment into the University of Michigan-Dearborn. More students can afford a University of Michigan degree, with a Dearborn drivetrain, and have the resources available to them which make their degree worthy of carrying the University of Michigan name.

**Student Engagement and Fall Welcome:** The Student Government, alongside a diverse number of student organizations, are organizing engagement events for our Fall Welcome. The goals of these engagement events are: (1) for students to explore their interests; (2) to stress the importance of student involvement; and (3) to revive our student life, which was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Grammarly Premium Memberships:** Student Government is in the middle of a dialogue with the UM-Dearborn Writing Center on providing our student body with Grammarly Premium memberships. Since a significant population of the student body is composed of first-generation, non-native English speakers, Grammarly Premium memberships will help our student body through the data gathered from use. Said data will be common issues in our students’ assignments and can be sent to the UM-Dearborn Writing Center for review.

Thank you,

Naseeha Joz
Student Government Vice President of the University of Michigan-Dearborn
July 1, 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 during the month of June.

During the month of June, Student Government held its Executive Board Orientation. This was our first in-person meeting in over 15 months. During orientation, our officers were trained on how to effectively carry out their duties and responsibilities as executive members of Student Government. We are now promoting the White House Vaccine Challenge and encouraging students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated and report it to the University to be entered for prizes. Our campus is gearing up for the Fall Semester. This year we have an amazing opportunity to reinvigorate our campus life and student body. Student Government is planning on doing just that. We plan to hold true to our promise of Equitable Approaches to Recruitment, Retention, and Graduation. We believe that everyone has a role to play in restoring our University by demonstrating care and advocacy for one another.

I would also like to bring to your attention how the collective student body of the University of Michigan that came together in unity to host the Fund our Future Rally. The Flint and Dearborn Campuses held press conferences in the morning, shortly after the press conferences concluded students were bussed to Ann Arbor to join the collective Michigan family for a Rally. It blows my mind that during the Spring Semester (not to mention finals week) approximately 150 students from all three campuses came together to call on the Board of Regents to make an equitable investment into Flint and Dearborn Campuses. Students who took a stand are passionate about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion issues. We, the students of the University of Michigan, will make good on this University’s promise of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We will make good on the statement “Leaders and Best”, chant it from the Fieldhouse to the Big House, from McKinnon to the Diag, be the first to chant it knowing it is not a lie.

I would like to thank President Schlissel and the Board of Regents for extending The Go Blue Guarantee to the Flint and Dearborn Campuses. I believe GBG will provide major relief for many of our low income students. This is a huge step forward in making an equitable investment into our Campuses. But, when we look at the GPA requirement we see it as another unnecessary obstacle
that prevents true equity for Flint and Dearborn students. Students want Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion not symbolic gestures. If the Governing Board of this University wants to see a significant uptick in Recruitment, Retention, and Graduation at the Flint and Dearborn campuses, I would urge the Board of Regents to lower the GPA Requirement to a 3.0 to make a Michigan Education more attainable. We should not lose prospective students to other Public Regional Universities because of the 3.5 Requirement. Lowering the GPA requirement will allow UM-Flint to cast its net all over the State, providing common people with an uncommon education.

We are the next generation who will one day lead this great state and nation forward. Be not deceived, as our leaders, we are watching you to see what true leadership looks like, what you do in this time of crisis, and how you support the most vulnerable students. As students and emerging leaders we want to one day follow in your footsteps. Lead us by example. Let The University of Michigan lead the nation on what a truly public university looks like. We made a huge step forward in the pursuit of building equity and keeping our promises of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. Our Work is not done. We have to press on and continue to fight the good fight. GO BLUE

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body President
University of Michigan-Flint