

September 2011 Regents Report

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Michigan Student Assembly



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DeAndree R. M. Watson
President

President Coleman, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is with honor that report to you on behalf of the students of this University and the Michigan Student Assembly. Below is a brief update of the activities and vision of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Welcome Week:

As previously reported, the Michigan Student Assembly has several events scheduled to interact with new and returning students during the Welcome Week festivities. This year, however, we are operating under a thematic model designed to inspire students to take active roles in their own education and to restore a culture of student activism on campus. Beginning with New Student Convocation, MSA has discussed the importance of global awareness and social contribution to encourage students to be active participants in society. We have had an unprecedented number of students actively seeking involvement with the Michigan Student Assembly. *At the time of writing this report, all of the Welcome Week activities sponsored by MSA have not yet occurred. I look forward to providing a more complete update in person.*

Student Government Conferences:

Last month, six members of the Michigan Student Assembly traveled to the Pennsylvania State University for the Association of Big Ten Students Conference. While at Penn State, we had the opportunity to meet with student government leaders across the Big Ten to share knowledge and discuss some of the issues affecting our respective institutions. In addition, we will be hosting a conference for the Student Association of Michigan in late October. The Student Association of Michigan is an organization that represents the fifteen public universities of the State of Michigan. We hope that by forming working relationships with our colleagues at other institutions, that we can serve students better by working collectively to address issues at the state and national levels as well.

Summer Student Assembly:

Each summer, the Michigan Student Assembly operates as the Summer Student Assembly to allocate funds to student organizations that are active during the summer months. This year, we were able to allocate fifteen thousand dollars to over twenty-five different student organizations.

Student Safety:

Over the summer, members of the Student Safety Executive Commission of the Michigan Student Assembly worked to establish several avenues to promote campus safety through the

Dean of Students' Office, including the production of a series of public service announcements. Identifying off-campus neighborhoods as a priority, Josh Buoy and Stephanie Hamel worked to establish a community ambassador program to educate students about ongoing safety issues, and to ensure that off-campus students are aware of the issues specific to their respective communities. In addition, Josh and Stephanie worked, with the help of their production team, to create short videos that will be featured at each of the first four football games of the season. The topics addressed in the videos include alcohol safety and the Stay in the Blue campaign, Expect Respect, Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness, and the Spectrum Center.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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