

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

Attached is the September update on the projects and activities of the Central Student Government.



Respectfully submitted,

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President, Central Student Government

September 5, 2017

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG). Below is an update on CSG and the student body during the month of September as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Looking Ahead

CSG has been heavily focused on new member recruitment during the month of September, in addition to building the appointed leadership of the Executive Committee and Executive Commissions. With appointment confirmations nearing the finish line, we're looking forward to focusing our attention on tackling the complex components of campus climate during the fall semester. These components include affordability of campus life, academic requirements across the schools and colleges, the affordability and accessibility of health services on campus, and constructive civic engagement.

Projects

- Big Ten Voting Challenge
 - CSG is working with the Ginsberg Center to help coordinate the Big Ten Voting Challenge on campus, which will launch on September 26, 2017 on the Diag. The project will utilize TurboVote to register students to vote during the daytime, and will feature student performances. Further programming around voter registration and civic engagement will continue into the month of October, as the deadline to register to vote in the state of Michigan is October 10, 2017.
- Community Service Connector Program
 - In the spirit of elevating the importance of service throughout our term, CSG will be hosting a first-year student-focused community service connector program that will connect students to service-centered student organizations and U-M programs. It will also feature an educational introduction to the realm of service work, in coordination with service student organizations and other U-M service programs.
- Hydration Stations
 - In collaboration with the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the Panhellenic Association (Panhel), and LSA Student Government, CSG will be hosting Hydration Stations at various high-risk and high-traffic areas during home football games this fall semester. The stations have water bottles and free KIND Granola Bars, and CSG will partner with these organizations and others to sponsor alternative programming options during Homecoming Weekend and the night games.

On a final note, I want to emphasize the importance of speaking out in the face of happenings on the national stage or simply beyond campus that negatively impact our student body. When

forces beyond the confines of the U-M campus threaten the U-M community, it is our collective responsibility to support, protect, and stand in solidarity with the students who are being impacted. CSG intends to do exactly this over the course of the year, and we look forward to continuing to work with our partners here to foster an inclusive and welcoming campus climate.

Respectfully submitted,

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University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government September 2017 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my pleasure and honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government (SG). We truly appreciate this opportunity to inform you on all the initiatives Student Government is working on throughout the year.

Candlelight Vigil: Members of Student Government were instrumental in organizing and hosting the recent “UM-Dearborn Rises Up Against Hate” candlelight vigil which occurred on August 16th. This vigil was held in response to the violence and hate speech that happened in Charlottesville, VA the weekend prior. The vigil was a place for members of the community to come together to express themselves and stand in solidarity with the victims of the violence. Members of the student body, staff, faculty, Dearborn and the surrounding communities, and elected officials all came to take a stand against racism and hate.

Making Student Government More Accessible: Student Government has used the Summer semester to make a number of structural changes to help make us as accessible to students as possible. We will now be meeting from 4:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday’s for our regular General Assembly and Senate meetings in the Fall and Winter semesters, a change from the 6:00 - 9:00 pm on Friday’s meeting time used in previous semesters. This new meeting time will help avoid some scheduling conflicts with some cultural and religious groups on campus, as well as being a more convenient time for all members of the community to attend an SG meeting. Additionally, Student Government has moved offices from 2112 University Center to 1290 University Center. This change of office space will allow us to more easily interact with students and help us provide better services to students.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update regarding the work done by the UM-Dearborn Student Government, and thank you for your commitment to the University of Michigan System and its students.

Warmest Regards,

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