



The University of Michigan
Central Student Government

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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 the Central Student Government (CSG):

To say the least, a lot has changed since we last addressed the Board. The Graduate Employees Organization, Residence Hall Advisors and Diversity Peer Educators have announced a strike. The Students of Color Liberation Front, including the United Asian American Organization, Black Student Union, Arab Students Association, La Casa and Students Allied for Freedom and Equality, released a statement calling for an end to the Michigan Ambassadors Program. This statement has been signed by 32 student organizations, including Central Student Government, and over 600 students. Finally, we received horrific reports of students in quarantine housing with no kitchen equipment being forced to wear dirty clothes and eat moldy and cold food or pay for more expensive food out of their own pocket.

We plan to address many of these concerns, but we first want to echo a general statement: that undergraduate and graduate students, our teachers and professors, our employees and workers ALL do not feel supported. No one wants to miss class--this is what students pay for. No one wants to cancel class--this is the career teachers and professors have chosen. No one wants to stop working--students and staff work out of passion or necessity or both. So if people are missing class, or cancelling class, or not showing up for work, it is because they feel like they have no other choice. With everything else going on in the world right now, this point cannot be overstated. We need to take a step back and really understand how unsafe and unheard our community must feel to resort to these actions. Treating them with condescension, dismissal, illegitimacy, or ingenuity is unacceptable.

1. **GEO Strike:** Central Student Government supports the GEO strike and their demands. While anti-police demands may not be the subject of negotiations, we must recognize that they are being brought up now *because* of a lack of urgency to address the issue at any other time. The University should make a public commitment to seriously consider GEO's anti-police demands, even if it is not through GEO bargaining sessions. This is in line with the anti-racism statement CSG made at the beginning of the summer and the town hall CSG hosted with NAACP and Executive Director Eddie Washington.
2. **RA Strike:** We also support the RA strike. We believe communication is the root of the issue here (and in many other places at the University). We believe it's important for the administration to demonstrate their respect for the Resstaff by meeting with them to discuss how they're demands have been, will be, or have not been met (and why).
3. **Testing:** There has been widespread concern over the lack of testing. We understand that testing does not hold all the answers, but we believe our testing is not even finding the answers it



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purports to. For example, our friend (a public health and statistics student) is working for the randomized trials. She has said that high-risk groups (like RA's and older community members) are prioritized in this process. This is great, but this is not random testing. By prioritizing high risk groups, Michigan testing is biased and not representative of the average, low risk student. We should have regular testing available to high risk groups like teachers, immuno-compromised students, GSIs, GSSAs, RAs, and DPEs. However, we should also have independent randomized trials to understand the positivity rate among the normal student body population. Currently, we are conflating these numbers together, which gives us little helpful information.

- 4. Quarantine Housing:** The reports coming from quarantine housing this past week were unacceptable. Moreover, these concerns were easily resolvable. Within 48 hours, we had heard the reports, met with students in housing, made recommendations for improvements, presented these to administration, met with administration to discuss these in-depth, made action plans for changes, and released this updated information to students. In addition, CSG has started a program to provide a non-stick pan, saucepan, wooden spoon, spatula, pan holder, coffee cup, sponges, towels, and dish soap to each student. CSG is proud to have played this role, but we should not have had to.
- 5. Ambassador Program:** Finally, we want to thank and affirm the work of the students and organizations who have spoken out against the Ambassador program. We are eager to continue to elevate these concerns to administration until the program is dismantled, decoupled from police, and rebuilt with student input, especially students of color.

If you have any questions, comment or concerns, please email us at cs administration2020@umich.edu.

Sincerely,
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CSG President and Vice President

University of Michigan - Dearborn

Student Government



September 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.

A New Dawn: With the fall semester now underway my administration is taking steps to provide leadership and guidance for Student Government and the Student Body. The Speaker of the Senate and I have compiled a list of projects and resolutions for each standing committee to consider upon their formation. My Directors have also begun reaching out to student leaders and administrators whose fields and interests match their duties to ensure we are present and active.

One Community: The Student Body Presidents of all three campuses have begun coordinating regular talks to establish trust and shared goals between our administrations. Our primary goal is to stand united at the forefront of advocating for policies that are best for the students of the University of Michigan, as it always should be. We acknowledge the great responsibility and resources of our shared community and aim to utilize what we can for the betterment of our colleagues and fellow students.

Student Life: Despite the limitations placed on us by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis it is my wish to see students in the Dearborn community thrive, not just as students but as fully realized people in their own right. To this end, the Dearborn Student Government will continue to plan and make use of what we have to promote camaraderie, fraternity, and community belonging as well as academic excellence and integrity.

Thank you,

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Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



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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.

As we start the Fall semester we are beginning with countless “what if”, questions, and many unknowns. However, with all of the ambiguity that lies ahead, I am confident in the abilities of my team to face these challenges while continuing to be leaders and the best. Our executive board has been working hard to prepare for this semester, something that will continue throughout the entirety of the Uptmor-Grolle administration. Our top priority remains supporting students in this extraordinarily unique situation in any way possible.

Our Student Government platform is beginning to develop as time is progressing. Civic engagement is taking off as we begin the term by helping students become aware of registration dates, the absentee voter process, and overall voter education. We are doing this while remaining non-partisan. Additionally, the newest position in our cabinet, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is developing programming for student organizations based on affinity groups to strengthen the relationship between our organizations. We hope to accomplish the creation of peer-to-peer space where we can establish deliberative dialogues to improve our campus climate.

On behalf of the Student Government at the University of Michigan - Flint we would like to express our appreciation to the Board for allocating 7.2 million dollars to the Flint campus. The approved projects will help improve campus life and we look forward to seeing how these funds can positively impact our campus.

Though we are all facing new challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic the Student Government at the University of Michigan - Flint remains committed to engaging and supporting students as we always have. As we continue to move forward into the academic year, I look forward to working with you all. Go Blue!

Respectfully Submitted,

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