

**The University of Michigan
Regents' Communication**

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully Submitted,

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President, Central Student Government

October 4, 2013

President Coleman, 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. Below is a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Student Involvement in the Presidential Search

- On September 18, the Central Student Government sent a survey to all students at the Ann Arbor campus asking for input in the presidential search. The LSA Student Government sent a similar survey to its constituents. The **two surveys** received over **1,000 responses**.
- The **Central Student Government** assisted in facilitating a **forum** where students could speak directly to members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. Approximately 100 students attended, and **over twenty students offered remarks**.
- A **Central Student Government committee**, tasked with creating a report to the members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, met several times to **review student input and identify major, consistent themes**. From this, it became clear the student body is looking for several **key qualities in the next President of Michigan**:
 - Demonstrated experience in minimizing the financial burden passed on to students, through aggressive fundraising and innovative budgeting
 - Sufficient experience in higher education to understand the academic needs of a world-class research and education institution.
 - Willingness to solicit student input and advice on development and capital campaigns.
 - Commitment to fostering a diverse, open, and inclusive campus environment.
- While we stand by our initial request for student representation on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, we believe that the broad and comprehensive input the Central Student Government received and communicated to the Board of Regents should be a **model for the nation in future presidential searches**.

MFarmers' Markets

- The Central Student Government's Health Issues Commission is hosting **three MFarmers' Markets this fall**. These farmers' markets have **30 different varieties of fresh local produce, flowers, pumpkins, honey, and Great Harvest Bread**. An important addition to this year's markets is the **inclusion of the student-run Campus Farm**. This was their first opportunity to sell at the MFarmers' Market, and they will continue to participate in future markets.
- Attendance at these markets exceeded last year's, with just under 1,000 people attending the first market on central campus and just **over 1,000 people attending the second market on North Campus**. Additionally, **sales exceeded last year's markets**.
- Electronic surveys given to customers indicated **high satisfaction among students and faculty**. Many commented they enjoyed the **convenience** of the MFarmers' Markets on campus over driving to the store. A majority of respondents indicated they would like **more MFarmers' Markets** and to see them be a **permanent fixture on campus**.

University of Michigan – Dearborn
Student Government



October 2013 Regents' Report

President Coleman, 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 greatly appreciate this opportunity to update you on the initiatives our new administration is working towards.

Capital Improvements: This year we have made it a priority to access our student experience and what Student Government could do to improve student satisfaction. Although we aren't able to make large financial contributions towards certain initiatives, we have been able to make smaller impacts. As of right now we have been able to supply more athletic weight benches to our Wellness Center on campus as well as supply four more locations on campus with water bottle refill stations. Also, the discussion in supplying our library with more portable white boards is on the agenda as well.

Fall Break: Each year our SG Administration attempts to tackle this issue and lobby for a Fall Break pursuant to our fellow students in UM-Ann Arbor. I have personally begun the essential discussions with Chancellor Little and Vice Chancellor Henderson, and am discussing the actual possibility with our Registrar. Although there may be some initial disadvantages to our faculty since some would lose a class period in that week. Students would greatly benefit from the extra days during midterm examination time so SG will continue to hold these necessary conversations.

Student Judiciary: A campus wide email was sent to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students for the opportunity to apply in joining our Student Judiciary. I have the privilege and honor of appointing another student to the judiciary. Although we may have had some downfalls with our newly implemented judiciary, I have made it a priority to assure their success this year – in conjunction with the guidance provided by the current justices and our Advisor, Amy Karaban-Finley.

Student Representation: One of the main responsibilities we have is representing our students, and SG is proud to state that as of right now we are currently sitting on ten external committees. These committees are as follows: Faculty Senate Committee, Parking and Transportation Committee, Safety Oversight and Advisory Committee, Vision 2020 Planning Committee, Learning Management System Steering Committee, New Student Housing Steering Committee, the University Curriculum and Degree Committee, the UM-Dearborn Alumni Board Society, C.A.S.L Curriculum Committee, and the University Budget Committee. We greatly value UM-Dearborn Administration's trust and regard for always requesting student input whenever possible.

As always, I thank you for taking the time to read this report, as we appreciate the opportunity to share our ongoing initiatives and accomplishments with you all. In addition, thank you for making all students within the University of Michigan system feel important and valued, your diligent work to better our campus experiences is invaluable.

Very Truly Yours,

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