

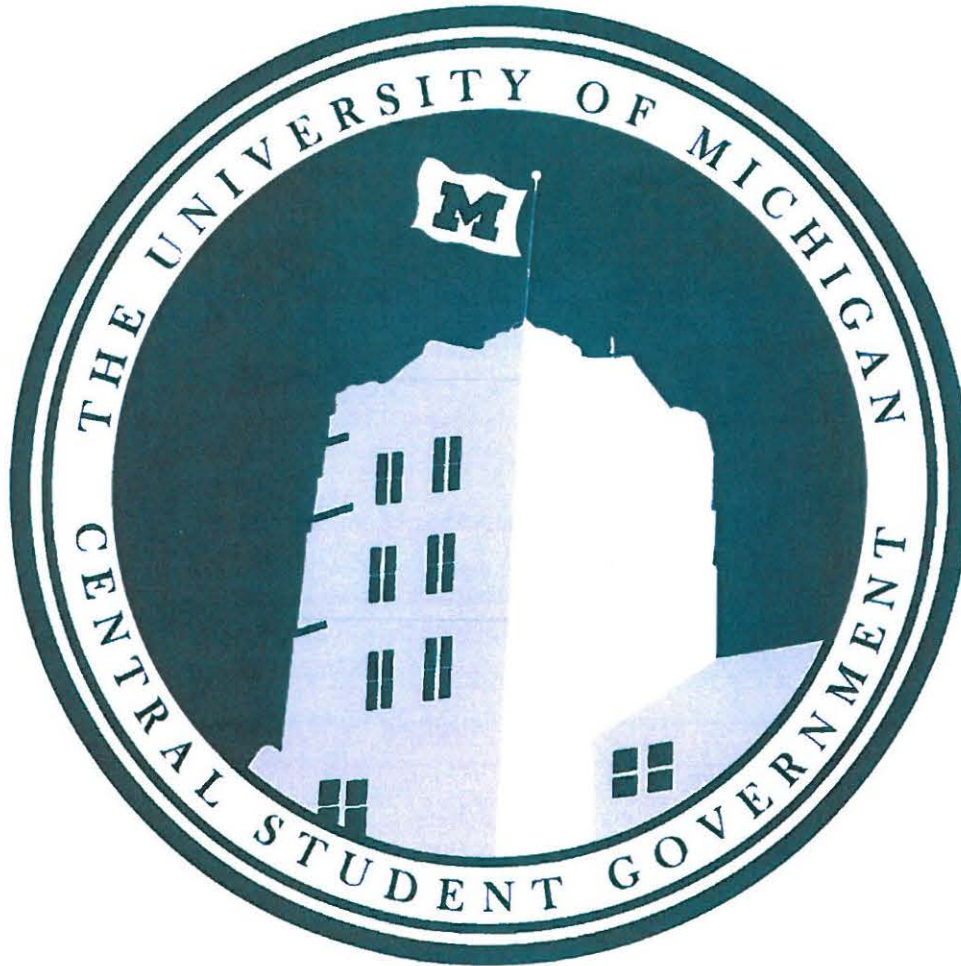
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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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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David Schafer  
President, Central Student Government

October 10, 2016

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

### **Student Advisory Council**

- CSG has been working with Councilman Zach Ackerman and UM's Director of Community Relations Jim Kosteva on a prospective city ordinance that would establish a Student Advisory Council in Ann Arbor.
- The Student Advisory Council will be comprised of city officials and students from the University of Michigan, Washtenaw Community College (WCC), and the Ann Arbor Public School (AAPS) system.
- This Council will help develop and advance initiatives focused on improving the quality of life in the city for students, connect students to engagement opportunities, and advise city officials on issues and topics significant to students, such as:
  - Public safety.
  - Student-community relations.
  - Student access to local services.
  - City housing and homelessness.

### **Textbook Affordability**

It is not uncommon for many students to spend hundreds of dollars on textbooks each semester. With this in mind, CSG is currently working on the below initiatives:

- The expansion of the Course Reserves Program, in conjunction with UM Library System, to provide library copies of textbooks for the top 20 most enrolled courses.
- The planning of an in-person Book Bazaar during the first week of Winter 2017 Semester to better connect buyers and sellers of textbooks.

### **Affordable Housing**

Accessibility to affordable housing is an increasingly talked about issue on campus. CSG will be hosting an "Affordable Housing Town Hall" on Thursday, October 13th, which will feature prominent city and county officials, including:

- Councilman Zach Ackerman.
- Mary Jo Callen, Director of the Ginsberg Center.
- Teresa Gillotti, Housing Manager for Washtenaw County.
- County Commissioner Yousef Rabhi.

Additionally, our approach to address the cost of living centers on:

- Research around the price trends of housing in Ann Arbor.
- The creation of an affordable housing guide that includes not only housing options, but also indirect ways to reduce one's cost of living, such as through more affordable parking options and a bus stop guide.

### **Mental Health**

- CSG, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), and UM Faculty Senate crafted and released a survey to all UM faculty to gauge their perception on the mental health climate in classrooms, as well as the ways in which they would like to learn more about existing accommodations and best practices around student mental wellness.
- CSG and CAPS also partnered to craft and release two surveys to the student body. One survey centers on the mental health climate in classrooms, while the second is around the presence, and possible expansion of, mental health resources on campus.
- Once the survey closes, we will commission an Executive Mental Health Taskforce, comprised of student leaders of mental health-focused organizations, to analyze the survey data and provide policy recommendations to the administration.

### **Bicentennial Work**

- In honor of Michigan's upcoming Bicentennial celebrations, the CSG Bicentennial Commission has launched a "200 for 200" campaign, which will spotlight 200 of our university's most accomplished current students. A nomination form is now public, and anyone can nominate deserving students to be featured in this campaign.
- This year-long series will be a reflection of Michigan's diverse student body and prestige as a national research university.

### **College Readership Program**

- In partnership with *The New York Times*, CSG launched a pilot College Readership Program. This pilot program comes with 500 digital passes, with University of Michigan Students able to claim one pass for 24 hours at a time. By claiming a pass, the recipient has full access to *The New York Times* and its archive.
- The program started on October 3rd and will run through November 20th. On the first day of the program, all 500 digital passes were claimed and utilized.

### **Student Safety**

#### **CSG Alcohol-Free Tailgate**

- To provide students with an alcohol-free alternative on a Football Saturday, and thus to further enhance student safety, CSG hosted an alcohol-free tailgate on Saturday, September 17th, when Michigan Football played the University of Colorado at 3:30pm.
- With help and supplies from the Center for Campus Involvement (CCI), Michigan Dining, Domino's Pizza, we served roughly 2,000 students during the event.

### **Hydration Stations**

- Following the success of the first five hydrations stations, in which all 5,000 water bottles were handed out each Saturday, we have decided to expand the initiative to include the final three home Football games.
- In addition to water bottles, we have begun to pass out KIND Bars, so as to ensure that students are not only staying hydrated, but also eating food throughout the day.

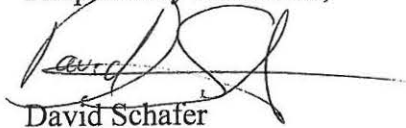
### **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategic Plan**

- We applaud President Schlissel and the rest of our university community on the launch of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion strategic plan. We believe that it is a strong foundation on which the Michigan of tomorrow can be built.
- CSG likewise appreciates Michigan's commitment to honoring student voice and ensuring for student participation throughout the implementation phase of this plan.

### **Leadership Engagement Scholarship**

- In partnership with the Division of Student Life and UM Development, CSG has created a Leadership Engagement Scholarship, which seeks to remove the cost barriers to extracurricular involvement by providing a cohort of emerging and established student leaders with financial awards.
- We view this scholarship as a "tool of equity" because it will expand opportunities for lower income students to become engaged in the rich extracurricular life of Michigan.
- It is our goal to raise \$500,000 for this scholarship, as that will allow us to fund around 10-15 student a year. Donors have already pledged \$100,000 to this fund.
- We will be conducting major outreach and marketing efforts to alumni and students in advance of Giving Bluesday. Our fundraising will continue into the Winter Semester and will extend for at least the duration of the academic year.

Respectfully submitted,



David Schafer

President, Central Student Government



## University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government October 2016 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.

***Continued Commitments to Sexual Assault Prevention:*** On September 17th and September 24th, 13 students participated in intensive, 16-hour Bystander Intervention trainings conducted by Haven-Oakland utilizing the \$38,000 grant UM-Dearborn won in October 2015 to promote sexual assault awareness and prevention programming. They were each compensated \$100 for their participation, and encouraged to maintain contact with us for future opportunities to create education programs for the campus. Student Government will continue to advocate for campus-wide online training, in addition to inquiring about potential interactive, in-person trainings/programs during orientation--mirroring several universities across the nation. Additionally, Student Government will continue collaborating with Institutional Equity and the Enrollment Management Student Life department to host focus groups to discover what students would like to see included in the next Campus Sexual Assault Grant, due on October 13th.

***Voter Registration :*** Student Government has committed to registering 800 students in collaboration with various student and community organizations prior to October 11th. After forming the Voter Registration Task Force in August 2016, campus and community members have hosted voter registration tables in various locations around campus. We have collectively registered almost 400 students thus far.

***Environmental Sustainability:*** Since the start of Fall 2016, Student Government's Environmental Sustainability committee has investigated ways to enrich UM-Dearborn's campus community gardening and water conservation initiatives. SG is now the proud guardian of a garden plot through the EIC (Environmental Interpretive Center), on which students can learn more about environmentally sustainable practices, harvest real crops, and sell produce to earn seed money for the garden. Additionally, SG has appropriated funds to invest in a Kickstarter campaign to manufacture aerators for faucets. These aerators transform streaming water into a mist, reducing water usage by 75-98%, depending on the setting users select. Once they arrive, SG will conduct research on their effectiveness.

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.

Best Regards,

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President, UM-Dearborn Student Government