



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):

As we move closer to November 3, everyone from faculty, staff, student organizations, and individual students are participating in public health-informed civic engagement to ensure our campus is registered, educated, and ready to vote in the 2020 election. For example, CSG is coordinating voter information dissemination to over 20 student organizations, totaling over 4,000 students who now have information about voting during this election.

While this issue remains at the forefront of our minds, our campus has also continued to make strides in working together to provide a safer campus environment for everyone. In the coming weeks, we hope to engage with campus and all of you in order to ensure a safe winter semester.

At the forefront of our minds is the mental health and wellness of our students. We have received numerous reports, in addition to holding our own experiences, about how difficult this semester has been for students. For example, Math 215, or Calculus 2, is meant to be a 4 credit class. This means that a student should expect to spend a total of 8-12 hours of work per week outside the classroom. However, one student reported that this class now requires 44.5 hours per week of work for them to receive a satisfactory grade. Students are desperate for mental wellness resources, in addition to resources which meet other areas of wellness.

In response to this concern, CSG is subsidizing 100 virtual Group X passes to provide students with free access to all classes offered through UMich recreational facilities. In addition, we are also piloting a grocery delivery service for students. Through this program, we will be subsidizing a small number of grocery delivery gift cards to ensure that students can purchase healthy groceries for themselves. Beyond these programs, we are excited to continue engaging with you all in order to provide student wellness resources to the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint University of Michigan communities.

Finally, this month we are celebrating Heritage Month for the Native Community at the University of Michigan. The University of Michigan was able to be founded in Ann Arbor because of the Treaty of Fort Meigs, where multiple indigenous tribal nations ceded land to Michigan for the formation of this University. In return, the University must honor their treaty and provide for indigenous students on campus, while actively paving the way for more indigenous students to enter and excel within our institution. During this month, the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs and the Native American Students Association are hosting multiple events to honor indigenous culture. We urge you to attend these events, as we will, to reflect on how we can all serve those who nurture the land we prosper on. We also want to acknowledge the incredible advocacy of several racial and ethnic justice organizations and individual students, like Anahera Nin, Samara Julia Jackson Tobey and Heather Duval, to reflect and



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demand a distinction of indigenous identities on campus. We also hope that, in the months to come, we can all work together to address our own miseducation about indigenous peoples in America.

As we look towards the end of this semester and begin preparation for the Winter semester, we are eager to work with you all to support University functions and uplift student voices. Please email us at [csa.administration2020@umich.edu](mailto:csa.administration2020@umich.edu) if we can help to provide you with a student perspective.

Respectfully Submitted,

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STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT

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.

Since my last report many things have occurred on the Flint campus that I am pleased to share with you. The University of Michigan-Flint Block Club put on the event UM Flint-Students for Black Lives Matter, on September 26 where we marched from campus to city hall. This event was a huge success and I am proud that it was done in a safe and COVID-19 conscious manner. The march gave students, faculty and staff the opportunity to come together in solidarity with the BLM movement. Student Government was able to play a role in this event through two members of our executive board, Omar Elnour and Amena Shukairy. However, it was the outstanding work and leadership of Ashely McIntosh and Block Club that this event was made possible. They are a perfect example of the Leaders and Best that Flint has to offer.

Additionally, The University of Michigan-Flint is now home to two pilot programs that have immense potential to benefit students. Telehealth services and Student Legal Services are both initiatives worked on by the OneUniversity campaign as well as past Student Government administrations. As programs previously exclusively offered to students in Ann Arbor, this is a great opportunity for Flint students. I wanted to thank the University of Michigan system and their administrations, especially at UM-Flint, for working to bring this to our campus.

The University of Michigan-Flint Student Government launched the Flint First Initiative. Director of Foreign Outreach Levi Todd was able to bring the University and community partners together for a Labor Day drive through event that served food to many of Flint's essential workers. Voter registration, census information, free COVID testing and meals were available to those who attended. Through this event we have established a stronger relationship with those in the Flint community we strive to serve.

Finally, the annual State of the Student address will be held at the end of this month. Chancellor Dutta and myself will address students as well as hold a question and answer session. Student feedback is crucial in the way we serve, and we hope to gather new insights as we move forward. Go Blue!

Respectfully submitted,

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