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 CSG:

Current Issues, Programs, and Policies that we are addressing:

- **Off-Campus Housing Survey:**
  - An off-campus housing issues survey has been drafted in order to better understand tenant-landlord relationships, especially in regards to discrimination against the tenant based on race, sexuality, and/or gender identity. We also hope to gauge prevalent concerns from students including but not limited to pressure from landlords regarding lease renewals and housing insecurity. This survey will be sent out by the end of the month, and if students report having experienced unlawful conduct from their landlords, they will be redirected to the contact information for Student Legal Services at the end of the survey.

- **Mental Health Support Programs [CW: assault, violence against womxn]:**
  - In light of recent, unfortunate events where feminine-presenting students were targeted in a threat, CSG is taking steps to provide feminine-presenting students with mental health support programs on campus. We affirm that emotional and mental wounds may cut further than the eye may see and are dedicated to working on providing even more outlets for mental health, such as peer-oriented support groups, gender-identity affirmations, and easier access to medical/psychological professionals, especially during difficult times such as what feminine-presenting students went through recently. We also acknowledge that violence against womxn is endemic and is rooted in institutionalized sexism and the perpetuation of patriarchal practices. The threat that surfaced last week is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the unsafe, disrespectful and often times, uncomfortable situations womxn experience. What we are looking for goes past acknowledging one particular event, but a change in culture which centers the safety and needs of womxn. We need you, the Regents, to lead this change.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmly,
Nithya and Carla
CSG President and Vice President
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.

**Faculty/Student Government Partnerships:** Under a collaborative effort between my directors and various university departments, we are coordinating campaigns that help reinforce the overall message of student involvement and student success. Currently, we are working on celebrating Constitution Day on campus, and are reaching out to national, state, and local representatives to speak on campus. We are also working on a woman’s self-defense event on campus-- in tandem with our UM-Dearborn Prevention Team. It is the goal of our Student Government and various organizations to ensure that students feel welcome, safe, and that they have a sense of belonging on campus. Our goal is also to introduce students to the representatives they have on campus, while showing a strong unity between staff and students.

An additional way we plan on introducing students to faculty and administration is through a Professional Development/Leadership event we plan on hosting in November. The goal of this event is to highlight the wisdom that various faculty and administration have on campus by asking them to speak on topics regarding how they navigated into their career, leadership/life lessons, handling success and failures, as well as tips they believe will be helpful for our student body as they continue on their academic and professional journey.

**Student Government Projects:** My cabinet and I have a total of 21 active projects we are striving to complete this semester. The projects vary in scope and size, such as the revision of our governing documents, DEI initiatives, co-sponsorship of events, Grammarly Premium, as well the events mentioned above. Each project on our agenda will have a benefit to all stakeholders of Student Government and will ensure that our campus community is highlighted.

**Student Involvement:** As campus-wide activities continue, it is the mission of our Student Government to engage students and connect them with clubs and organizations on campus, as well as additional on-campus events. As of October 1, we have experienced a 34% growth in membership; while seeing rapid growth for other student organizations as well. Student life on the Dearborn campus continues to elevate, and if nurtured correctly, will potentially lead to an increase in enrollment and retention.
COVID-19 Mandates: We as a Student Government continue to acknowledge and support the direction of our Chancellor and his staff as we continue to navigate out of the pandemic. We also express high approval with the process our administration created leading up to the semester, and the tailoring they did to ensure there was no undue strain on students leading into the semester. Because of the leadership of our chancellor and his staff, we have high vaccination rates on campus, and very minimal reported cases on campus.

I look forward to upcoming reports and assisting in any way possible.

Thank you,

Ramsey Fakhouri

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn
October 11, 2021

Dear President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University,

I am honored to submit the following report on the activities of the Student Government of the University of Michigan-Flint during the month of September. My name is Amena Shukairy, I am a senior Mathematics Teacher’s Certificate Program student and I have the privilege of serving as the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government Vice-President for the 2021-2022 academic year. I will be submitting this month’s report on behalf of Student Body President Levi Todd.

The Todd-Shukairy administration has been working on a number of projects throughout the past month, the most recent being the Deans Project, a new initiative Student Government has created to give students an opportunity to learn more about their schools, colleges, and administration. We are inviting one or two academic deans every month to present an update on the activities of their school or college to the student body of the University of Michigan-Flint. In the month of September, we had the honor of yielding the floor to Dean Susan Gano-Phillips of the College of Arts and Sciences. I am proud to report that our first guest speaker of the semester had an amazing turnout with the most General Assembly attendees we’ve seen so far as an administration.

This month the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government Senate has more than tripled in size. Our recruitment efforts to provide a full and flourishing organization that better represents and advocates for our diverse student body have been a success. We are gaining more members as the semester progresses, and we are absolutely thrilled to see what our new members will contribute to our campus.

Student Government’s most recent event took place on Wednesday, October 6th. We assisted the Division of Student Affairs with the execution of a Food Forum to address issues related to food and dining on the Flint campus. Students were able to speak directly with the Dean of Students, other members of the administration, and members of the Student Government to voice concerns about dining options on campus. This event was a success, as we were able to
identify many issues that students are facing. President Todd and I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Dean Julie Snyder and the Division of Student Affairs for hosting this forum and listening to students.

Lastly but most certainly not least, the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government along with the Division of Student Affairs has been working tirelessly to ensure that Wolverine Homecoming is a success. This three day event takes place on October 28-30 and is part of our efforts to provide students with an eventful celebration that connects them to alumni, the campus community, and the greater Flint community. The event will start off on the evening of October 28th with a Masquerade Homecoming Ball and will end with an on-campus watch party for the Michigan vs. Michigan State game taking place on the 30th. The foundation of the event, the Homecoming Parade, will take place on the evening of Friday, October 29th. With dozens of community partners contributing to this event, this parade will showcase what the city of Flint has to offer. With many ways to win prizes and connect with friends, family, students, faculty, and staff, we are looking forward to hosting this monumental event. As members of our Board of Regents we encourage you to visit Flint for the parade on October 29th, it would be great to see you! We look forward to hosting the Board of Regents meeting on the Flint campus this month. We would like to thank you for taking time to visit Flint and seeing our dynamic institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Amena Shukairy
Student Body Vice-President
University of Michigan-Flint