

The Student Government of  
the University of Michigan - Dearborn



October 2024 Regents Report

President Ono, Members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is our honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the administration of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Student Government (SG). We look forward to updating you on our initiatives and sharing all we have worked on.

***Completed Initiatives:***

**Suggestions Table Success:** We hosted an "Open Thoughts, Ideas, and Suggestions" table, gathering invaluable student feedback that will shape future policies and programs to better serve our students.

**Constitution Day Celebration:** We successfully celebrated Constitution Day with Representatives Alabas Farhat and Erin Byrnes, who engaged the student body in a meaningful discussion about the importance of voting and civic engagement.

**Coffee and Chat Event:** Our "Coffee and Chat" event was a resounding success. Several issues were brought to our attention, and we are actively working on addressing them.

***Ongoing initiatives:***

We are currently in the process of forming an International Affairs Committee, which will focus on supporting our international student community. Additionally, we held an alumni event scheduled for September 30th, which aimed at connecting current students with alumni for valuable networking opportunities and mentorship. Furthermore, the search for a new Director of Athletics is actively underway, a role that is essential for enhancing our athletic programs and facilities.

***To Conclude:***

Student Government is steadfast in serving and representing the student body. Our accomplishments thus far are just the beginning, and we are committed to continuing our efforts to make our college community a better place for all.

GO BLUE! GO DEARBORN!

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President Ono, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit to you the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. The following serves as an update on Student Government's activity this past month.

### **Democratic Engagement Events**

The LaPeen-Dabaja administration has put democratic engagement at the forefront of our core values for this semester and academic year, and in collaboration with the UM-Flint Coalition for Democratic Education and Civic Engagement, we have begun to increase voter awareness and education around our campus. Some of the coalition's initiatives thus far include a Presidential Debate Watch Party on September 10th, where we had over 100 attendees, both students and members of the Flint community. We also held a Constitution Day Carnival on September 17th, where students had the opportunity to learn about the history behind the document and have some fun! Student Government's additional democratic engagement initiatives throughout the month include a Phone Banking event for Flint Student Organizations on October 15th and the Flint Votes 2024 initiative, consisting of 100 student leaders knocking on 5,000 doors.

### **Growing Membership**

The LaPeen-Dabaja Administration is excited to report that we now have a full executive board of hardworking and passionate Directors. Recently, Alyssia Washington, a Political Science student, was appointed as the Director of Government & Legal Affairs. Additionally, our Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Jamiah McQuiller along with our Director of Foreign Outreach Martez Johnson have partnered with 10 downtown restaurants to give UM-Flint Students a discount at their establishments! These directors have demonstrated their commitment to the student body early on in their roles, proactively working to accomplish their goals as well as going above and beyond in SG.

The Senate has seen an amazing increase in membership, with 8 of 12 seats filled within the first month of the semester, mostly by freshmen who are brand new to the university. This truly speaks to the energy that has been injected into this campus and the growing passion that students have to help each other navigate through the college journey. I will be diligently working with them on character and professional development throughout this academic year as well as showing them what it means to be a Senator and how students can make a difference through Student Government.

Historically, the interactions at the October meeting in Flint have impacted our campus significantly and helped make strides in the conversations between the Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn campuses. We appreciate the designated visit to Flint's campus but hope to see more visits and involvement with Flint in the future, especially during this crucial time for the university with the introduction of our new chancellor and the Transformation Project beginning to develop, students at UM-Flint are very hopeful for a prosperous future on this campus.

Sincerely,



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