

**The University of Michigan Regents' Communication**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Received by the Regents  
December 17, 2009

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update on some of the projects and initiatives the Michigan Student Assembly is working on. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,

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President, Michigan Student Assembly

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# REGENTS' REPORT DECEMBER 2009

President Coleman, Executive Officers and Regents of the University of Michigan;

## **Project Update:**

*Go Blue, Beat OSU:* Our week of Spirit Events and Rally were incredibly successful. The rally attracted over 2,000 people, including many students. We would like to thank adidas, our numerous sponsors, student organizations and the Athletic Department for making this event all possible. It was really remarkable to see what major events programming students were able to pull off. We plan on working on this for next year's OSU game as well.

*MSA November Elections:* Elections for MSA Representatives were held on November 30 and December 1, directly after the Thanksgiving holiday. The elections saw an increase in voter turnout in comparison to last November's election cycle and there was a marked increase in the number of candidates running in the election. We are excited to begin work on improving campus with the newly elected representatives.

*Campus Improvement had WTF day:* MSA's Campus Improvement Commission held its What to Fix? day in Mason Hall. They collected hundreds of suggestions, problems and issues that students had about campus. The results have been collected and are being distributed to the numerous committees and commissions on MSA for action.

*Gender Neutral Housing Resolution:* MSA passed a resolution enacting the LGBT Commission, Campus Improvement Commission and Peace & Justice Commission to work in conjunction with the Spectrum Center Student Advisory Board to lobby the Residence Halls Association and Residence Education to enact a Gender Neutral Housing option for students for the Fall 2010 school year.

*DPS Oversight Committee Election Amendment:* To comply with Public Act 120 of State Law, the Michigan Student Assembly is working on an amendment to our Compiled Code that would create all-campus elections in November and March to seat the members of the DPS Oversight Committee.

*All-Campus Constitutional Convention:* After a case was brought against the Convention in the Central Student Judiciary, the Convention has been disbanded for being interpreted as unconstitutional. The rationale was that it was not duly elected by the student body. MSA will continue to find a middle ground that is appropriate in amending the Constitution to reflect its current state of affairs.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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