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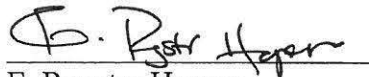
Item for Information

Subject: Change in name of Michigan Student Assembly to Central Student Government

In March of 2010, the students of the University of Michigan voted to replace the All-Campus Constitution of 1986 with a new constitution that made several structural and procedural changes to the Michigan Student Assembly. In an effort to create a new system of student governance that was more efficient, democratic, and transparent, the new constitution created three separate branches of government with distinct responsibilities: an executive branch, a bicameral legislature, and a judiciary, all modeled after the federal government. The legislative body is known as the Assembly, and an elected speaker of the Assembly presides over its meetings and serves on the executive committee with the president and executive officers. To better reflect the new governmental organization, the constitution changed its name to the Central Student Government (CSG). The president of the CSG is the chief executive officer of the entire organization.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs endorses the change in name of the student governing body to Central Student Government. We believe the new name properly describes the organization's role, it is self-explanatory and provides students with a clearer perception of the organization, and it eliminates confusion when trying to differentiate among the various aspects of the organization. The recognition of Central Student Government (CSG) as the successor to Michigan Student Assembly (MSA) will be effective January 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:



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