



ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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

I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG). Below is an update on CSG's ongoing and recent projects as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Recent and on-going CSG Projects:

- **Midterm Election Efforts**
 - CSG prioritized upholding President Schlissel's Big 10 Voting Challenge. In addition to a series of public service announcement videos reminding Wolverines to vote, CSG contributed \$5,000 to subsidize the Buses to Ballots initiative, which provided shuttle transportation for students on Election Day. Additionally, we hosted debate and election watch parties in conjunction with the Ginsberg Center. After the election, we partnered with WeListen to provide Wolverines with a space to digest the election and hear diverse perspectives from their peers.
- **Housing Management Rating System Guide**
 - CSG is developing an off-campus housing guide. The new guide will include housing management company and landlord ratings, rent cost distributions, and overall metrics of student satisfaction. The initial survey, which closed shortly before Thanksgiving, collected data based on students' off-campus living experiences during the 2017-2018 academic year. CSG hopes the new guide will empower student voices in the housing process and help students make better informed decisions while considering off-campus housing options. The guide will have two forms: one as a PDF and another as an interactive, online, data visualization portion. The PDF will have all data, methodologies, and metrics. The interactive online graphs will be posted on the CSG website and will give students the ability to adjust the visualization of the collected data.
- **DoE Notice and Comment Period**
 - On December 3rd, CSG joined the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, the Law School and LSA's Department of Sociology to co-host a forum regarding the new Department of Education's sexual violence regulations. Attendees heard from distinguished professors to learn more about the Department of Education's guidelines. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session, culminating in opportunities for students to officially submit their concerns to the Department of Education as part of the notice and comment period.
- **Achieving Financial Wellness Workshop**
 - On November 15th, CSG hosted the Achieving Financial Wellness Workshop. Representatives from the UM Credit Union and Student Legal Services presented how students can manage their money, establish good credit, and avoid financial scams, among other facets of financial wellness. CSG will continue to invest in students'



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outcomes by providing additional skills based workshops throughout the
upcoming semester.

- **Introduction of Liaison Program**
 - On November 27th, CSG introduced its new Liaison Program. Student organizations will soon be able to appoint a rising leader to act as a liaison between CSG and their organization. The program will establish cohorts based on the student organization's missions and hold bi-weekly cohort meetings alongside monthly mass meetings. The new program will provide a platform for cross-campus and inter-organization connectedness and collaboration, information sharing, and CSG resources and workshops. Ultimately, CSG hopes the Liaison Program will improve the productivity and connectedness of student organizations with hopes of improving the overall Michigan experience. The first meeting will be held on December 10th at 8 P.M.
- **Introduction of NET Plan**
 - Earlier this week, CSG introduced the Narrative, Equity and Transformation (NET) Plan. The new program enables student organizations to work with CSG to assess and reflect on the participating organization's inclusivity and diversity. The assessment begins with a demographic and climate survey of the organization's members followed by an analysis of the current culture and practices. CSG will then individually work with the organizations to build unique DEI plans to improve the organization's accessibility and inclusivity.
- **Executive Commission and Task Force Work**
 - CSG's executive commissions and task forces continue to address student issues on campus. The Sexual Misconduct Task Force and Campus Affordability Task Force are building five year plans for CSG's long-term advocacy. The Community Improvement Commission hosted *Donuts with DPSS* on November 28th on the Diag. The Community Improvement and Engagement Commission is developing new programming that emphasizes sustainability across campus. The Research and Polling Commission conducted our annual demographic survey and is currently interpreting the data. The Transfer Student Resource Commission will host a Transfer Student Symposium on February 9th and is working on publishing an online guide of aggregated resources and advice for incoming transfer students. Finally, the Mental Health Task Force is making strides in spotlighting mental health in the first year experience programming. The task force is working with administrators to incorporate a mental health segment within the second day of first-year orientation.
- **Calculator Rental Program**
 - Hoping to better address campus affordability, CSG is re-introducing its calculator rental program. Starting in December, enrolled students will be able to check out TI-84 plus graphing calculators for 24-hour periods. Student can pick up the calculators from the CSG Office in North Quad, Room 2450.
- **Giving Blue Day: CSG's New Student Empowerment Fund**
 - This year's Giving Blue Day, CSG established the Student Empowerment Fund. The fund seeks financial support to empower survivors of sexual assault, promote student mental well-being, and advocate for further inclusivity efforts across campus. CSG will utilize the funds in supplementing upcoming programming and resources.



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- **CSG's Airbus Service to DTW**
 - CSG continues to provide students with subsidized transportation to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). The Eastbound airbuses pick students up from on-campus locations, including State Street, the Hill Community, and Bursley Residence Hall. The Westbound airbuses provide transportation from both terminals back to campus. This year, CSG served 269 riders during Fall Break and over 1,469 students during Thanksgiving. Airbus will be available for students traveling for Winter Break.
- **Student Organization Funding Commission (SOFC)**
 - As of November, SOFC has received over \$500,000 in funding requests and awarded approximately \$183,000 to student organizations. The allocations, which are funded by the CSG Fee, are critical to the productivity and success of student organizations. Some highlights from the recent funding cycle include sending Michigan Interactive Investments to compete in the Undergraduate Investments Conference, subsidizing the Hindu Students Council's Diwali Celebration, and funding Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering, and Science's (F.E.M.M.E.S.) day-long capstone event, which invited over 200 students from over 20 elementary schools in the greater Southeast Michigan community to our Ann Arbor campus for hands-on, experiential learning related to all areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Respectfully submitted,

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University of Michigan - Dearborn Student Government

December 2018 Regents' Report

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my pleasure and honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government (SG). We truly appreciate this opportunity to inform you of the initiatives Student Government has worked on this year and upcoming initiatives we have in store.

Community Outreach: We started off the year wanting to reach out to more than our University population by reaching out to our community. When you visit the Dearborn campus, you may have noticed the lack of sidewalks and bike paths that are common in Ann Arbor along every street. Through Student Government and our outreach offices, we plan to engage with the Dearborn community and work with the Government to create bike lanes on the major roads in our city and around our school as well as introduce sidewalks. We have also identified the need for more safe cross walks in between our two high traffic areas on campus. We are developing a plan to introduce this project, the immediate steps, and how future administrations of Student Government can continue projects such as this. This initiative will take time but with proper documentation and persistence, it can be done.

Progress: As you can see above, with the change of our logo, we are on the road to rebranding our organization. We have been consulting with and observing how Ann Arbor and Flint's Student Governments function which has lead us to think about how we operate as an organization. We found a need for more representation from student organizations and more collaboration with our newspaper in order for our organization to function optimally and ensure effective communication with the university community. We also plan to gain exposure with the Dearborn community by involving students in community events such as Dearborn Restaurant Week. We also will change our office space to make it more appealing and approachable. Our hope is that this will create a more positive environment, ultimately increasing the overall effectiveness of Student Government.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and for your commitment to the University of Michigan campuses and its students. Please let me know if you would like any additional information on upcoming projects.

Best,

Vivien Adams - President, University of Michigan - Dearborn Student Government



**University of Michigan-Flint
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November 2018 Regents' Report**

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. Below is an update on Student Government's achievements and upcoming initiatives we are working on this academic year.

Over the course of the last four months, Student Government (SG) worked tirelessly to create events that emphasized the need for conversations revolving around student advocacy and youth engagement in the democratic process. We also dedicated weeks to handing out voter guides with information about candidates and ballot proposals. This fall, SG was able to get 50 students registered to vote.

In September we held the Student Forum which was an event where students were able to share what political and social issues impact them most. Student concerns focused on education, healthcare, and immigration. Working alongside the Campus Vote Project, Campus Election Engagement Project, and other university partners, we were able to produce the UM-Flint Student Voter Forum guide with information about where candidates stand on these issues as well as online sources to support and provide more information on specific issues or candidates.

On October 24th, Student Government held another voter engagement event- Our Time is Now: How Americas Youth Can Impact American Democracy. This event consisted of a four panelist. Three of the speakers were young members of the UM Flint community. Matt Dietsch, a leader member of the March for Our Lives movement, also served as a panelist. Students were able to hear about why political engagement is important and were able to ask panelist questions about their own experiences and concerns.

On November 5th, a day before the election, Student Government in partnership with our voter engagement partners, held a Get Out the Vote event. We had tables set up with voter guides, stickers, ballot examples, polling location information, and other resources available for students.

SG passed the following resolutions to increase representation of our students:

- SR 2018-001 this resolution is created to add a senate seat for housing on campus
- SR 2018-002 this resolution is created to add an open seat for Genesee Early College high school students present on our campus to increase representation after a majority of the Senate positions are filled.
- SR 2018-003 This resolution is created to add an open seat for international students



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Moreover, SG is working on redesigning the Loft with the help of Student Involvement Leadership (SIL). The Loft is a place where we have student organization resource center, Campus Activities Board, Student Government, Michigan Times and Qua, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Greek Councils Office, and Black Student Union. This space has been perceived as unwelcoming, not open to other students.

Thank you for taking your time to read this update and thank you for all you do for the University and its student.

Respectfully,

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President, University of Michigan-Flint Student Government