



The University of Michigan
Central Student Government

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government (CSG) 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 the work of CSG this semester:

Recent CSG Projects

- **Airbus:**
 - Central Student Government provided Airbus as a service for students to get to and from the airport during Fall Break and Thanksgiving. These pick up and drop off locations are often more convenient for students on campus and are less expensive than other alternatives. This service provides an affordable option for students, with a \$9 price roundtrip, yet was offered for free on Thanksgiving. The service will continue for winter break.
- **December Commencement Graduation Gowns:**
 - Central Student Government is funding and providing free graduation gowns for over 125 students graduating at December Commencement—ensuring that students do not feel burdened by the costs that accumulate during graduation.
- **Leadership Engagement Scholarship:**
 - For Giving Bluesday on Dec. 3rd, CSG raised funds for the Leadership Engagement Scholarship (LES). The Leadership Engagement Scholarship aims to remove the cost barriers to extracurricular involvement that many students face at U-M. The scholarship will provide financial awards to a cohort of emerging and established leaders with demonstrated need. The scholarship is for full time students that hold or aspire to hold a leadership position in an extracurricular at Michigan.
- **Housing Management Survey:**
 - The Housing Management Survey is designed to provide insight into the off-campus housing process and give students a guide through which to facilitate a confusing and overwhelming process. By giving students access to data compiled by their off-campus peers about management companies and landlords, they will be able to make more informed decisions.
- **Faculty Mental Health Training:**
 - In order to ensure faculty at the University of Michigan understand the important qualities of a classroom environment conducive to student well-being, CSG is excited to expand student-led trainings in partnership with CAPS. The first training was held for the LSA Honors Program in August.



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- **Student Organization Funding Committee:**
 - This semester, the Student Organization Funding Committee (SOFC) allocated \$253,111 to student organizations across nine funding waves. Disbursements to student organizations from SOFC increased from last year's fall semester by \$43,000.
- **Calculator and iClicker Rentals:**
 - CSG is providing free 24-hour calculator rentals to students, as well as iClicker rentals beginning 2nd semester.
- **Group-X Passes:**
 - Group-X passes (offered each semester and mid-semester) give students access to every fitness class held by Recreational Sports on campus. Currently, the cost of Group-X passes represent a barrier for low-SES students to participate in these classes. Thus, in recognition of physical fitness's importance in holistic student wellness, CSG subsidized 75 passes this semester for students on Pell-grants and other forms of need-based grant aid. The program will continue this winter.
- **Higher Education Act Advocacy:**
 - On November 14th, CSG participated in a day of action surrounding the Higher Education Act. Through sending a letter to Rep. Dingell, Rep. Walberg, Sen. Peters, and Sen. Stabenow, CSG helped ensure that our representatives in the federal government understood the saliency of college affordability, access for DACA students, and protections for survivors of sexual misconduct. Students also sent postcards to their own representatives in Congress.
- **SVSU Conference:**
 - Representatives of Central Student Government traveled to Saginaw Valley State University to meet with a coalition of Michigan public institution student governments. CSG looks forward to collaboration with these various universities on issues such as higher education funding, mental health, and voter registration.
- **Game-Day Hydration Stations:**
 - CSG has hosted hydration stations each game-day with volunteers from the Fraternity-Sorority Life community and the Taiwanese Student Association. These stations help serve thousands of students as they walk to the Big House, by handing out waters and free hot-dogs/pizza. We were also able to pilot a transition to compostable cups.
- **Maize and Blue Cupboard Reusable Grocery Bags:**
 - CSG provided the Maize and Blue Cupboard with 750 reusable grocery bags to be utilized by the students who receive food and toiletries from the cupboard. CSG looks forward to continued collaboration with the Maize and Blue Cupboard to address the issue of food insecurity on campus.
- **Microwaves in Campus Buildings:**
 - To address a need outlined in the 2018 CSG Campus Affordability 5-Year Plan, CSG facilitated the placement of microwaves in the Michigan League and Michigan Union. Microwaves allow for students to comfortably bring food from home, instead of paying for a meal on campus. Further, the CSG Affordability Task Force is putting together a comprehensive map of microwaves on campus.



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Events

- **Debate 2020 Town Hall Meetings:**
 - In collaboration with the Debate 2020 Core Team, CSG hosted two student town-hall meetings focused on engaging students in both planning and volunteering for the Presidential Debate in the Crisler Center on Oct. 15th, 2020. The town halls allowed for students to express their concerns around campus climate, student involvement, media literacy, among a plethora of other topics. CSG looks forward to the opportunity to host a historic event on campus, but hopes the University takes meaningful steps to ensure the safety of marginalized communities throughout the entire process.
- **Sexual Misconduct Campus Climate Survey Town Hall Meeting:**
 - On Oct. 24th, CSG hosted a town hall meeting with the organizers of the 2019 Campus Climate Sexual Misconduct Survey, members of OSCR, and leadership of SAPAC. The town hall presented the opportunity for students to debrief the results of the survey, and discuss action students could take to address sexual misconduct awareness and prevention.
- **Achieving Financial Wellness Workshop:**
 - Recognizing the importance of financial literacy, CSG hosted a workshop in partnership with Student Legal Services and the Michigan Credit Union. The workshop focused on budget management, identity theft, and long-term saving.
- **Leadership in the Age of Islamophobia:**
 - CSG co-sponsored "Leadership in the Age of Islamophobia" with the Muslim Students Association, Rackham Student Government, the Trotter Multicultural Center, and several other student organizations. Renowned activist Dr. Debbie Almontaser discussed the urgency of leadership to address Islamophobia and other forms of hate.

Future Projects

- **Campus-Wide Mental Health Survey:**
 - This December, CSG will commission a campus-wide survey to collect information on student mental health and gather opinion on the University's wellness resources.
- **Increase Support for Holistic Wellness Resources:**
 - In the coming semester, CSG will continue to advocate for an increase in resource allocation to vital University resources that address student mental health and wellness. =
- **CSG Diversity Summit:**
 - In March, CSG is hosting the 2nd annual CSG Diversity Summit, with a focus on inclusivity and allyship.

Respectfully submitted,

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Benjamin Gerstein
President, Central Student Government



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**University of Michigan-Dearborn
Student Government**

December 2019 Regents' Report

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 involving you in our initiatives and all that we have done in November and our upcoming plans.

Healthy Moves: Student Government is working with the Chancellor and other administration on making campus a place where students can be aware of, and provided with, the opportunity to live a healthy lifestyle. To that end, Student Government has created an ice skate rental program on campus, which is now available to the student body. This program provides a great way for students to get exercise.

Capital Improvements: Working with Administration, we hope to bring scooters onto campus in the future. We believe this will help students navigate the campus more easily and quickly.

Food Pantry Aid: Food insecurity affects many students on campus. With the holidays and Giving Blue Day coming up, Student Government plans to work with the Student Food Pantry to fundraise and host a food drive, collecting necessities like food, gloves, and hygiene products.

Parking Advisory Committee: Student Government is planning to launch an advisory committee, with the help of administration, to tackle parking on campus. This month a member of Student Government asked students to share what concerns they have about our campus and among the list of concerns raised, parking was near the top. To help tackle this issue we will be partnering with faculty, staff, students, and administration to identify solutions.

Membership: Student Government is looking to expand our membership to make sure its representative to all students. Currently we have welcomed a total of 18 new members and we hope to welcome many more! By partnering with the *Michigan Journal*, we hope to write articles to help show students what student government is all about.

Thank you,

Sarah Nassar
Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report on behalf of the Student Government at the University of Michigan-Flint.

The State of the Student Address took place on October 29, 2019 and was attended by students, faculty and staff. This event is an opportunity for all the students to listen to the student body president's vision as well as the Bhardwaj-Odira administration's platform. Student Government Updates and upcoming initiatives were provided to the students. The event was also an opportunity for students to interact with the staff, faculty, members of the Chancellor's cabinet, and student government members. Key issues like infrastructure, food insecurity and mental health were discussed. In addition, the Bhardwaj-Odira administration announced our new philanthropic campaign to help address food insecurity at the University of Michigan-Flint's campus.

Wolverine Food Den Challenge: This year Student Government has placed a high priority on building an inclusive campus, one of our administration's platforms. Food insecurity is a major concern on college campuses across the nation. Recently our food pantry has become a resource to many students. This is an indication that food insecurity exists on our campus. Many students have used the Wolverine Food Den and we believe Student government should advocate for reforms and changes in the community. We also believe that leading by example is a great way to start a change.

All members of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government have committed to participating in Giving Blue Day and helping to start a funding campaign for our pantry. With estimated numbers projecting the need for the food pantry, we are challenging everyone from UM-Flint's campus community to help us raise approximately \$15,000.

Our plans for the **micro mobility transportation** services have shifted toward a local Flint based company called Kuhmute. While the company does not have major differences than the initial vendor, it is important to note that recognizing and investing in the city of Flint is an important aspect of building relations, as well as advancing the city of Flint.



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While the service is open to the community, it will also help our on-campus students travel to the nearby areas, and to our neighboring universities and educational institutions. Student Government is working with administrators on campus to determine a timeframe and potential launch with approval in early spring.

Mental Health: Student Government continues to advocate for reforms in mental health resources on campus. We are working with the administrators to identify key issues and how to increase the support for mental health. Recently workshops regarding anxiety and stress management were organized by Student Government in collaboration with the CAPS office.

Saginaw Valley State University hosted a regional student governments' conference.

A delegation from the University of Michigan-Flint represented the campus. Our leaders were able to strengthen relationships and create bonds between student governments across the state of Michigan. Our members attended many sessions where they were able to learn new ideas. The major focal point of the conference was the resolution on Higher Education Funding. This resolution was passed by all of the delegations present at the conference and will be ratified by every individual campus. The University of Michigan-Flint passed its campus resolution on November 20, 2019.

Expansion of SG and centralization: Our administration is committed to student engagement and we are continuing to work on having student voices, from all over the campus, as part of our structure. More representatives are joining as a part of the initiative and we look forward to how this increased engagement can enhance our work.

Respectfully Submitted,

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