



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,

We are pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG):

As the last CSG report prior to the new year, we wanted to reflect on some of the accomplishments of student advocacy this semester and highlight some of our priorities for next semester.

This semester, CSG executed several programs to support students. We subsidized 100 Group-X passes to support student holistic wellbeing, allocated 350 Instacart gift cards to promote food accessibility, distributed 300+ free graduation gowns to students, and awarded the Leadership Engagement Scholarship to several student leaders. We partnered with several campus organizations to promote civic engagement amongst our University community, including weekly informational emails to thousands of students. We also worked with student organizers on campus to advocate for the cancellation of classes on election day, an effort which helped to ensure students could staff the polls. Following the stress of the election, CSG hosted a virtual self-care week. We distributed free self-care packages to students and provided Verv, a holistic student wellness app, free for 3 months to all University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint students. Finally, we've worked to connect with over 30 student organizations to build better allyship across the student body.

We also successfully advocated for several policy changes. We are extremely pleased that all grading at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus can be converted to a P/NRC grading scale for both the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 semester. We hope that this opportunity will be afforded to the University of Michigan students on the Dearborn and Flint campuses as well. In addition, we are excited that the University has recognized the unique mental health burden of this academic year and instituted two mental health days during the Winter 2021 semester. Additionally, many students have expressed that they were assigned much more work this semester than their credit hours designated. We want to emphasize the need for schools and colleges to receive clear instructions from central administration regarding appropriate workload for next semester.

We also applaud the administration for listening to the needs of students and implementing stricter COVID-19 conscious guidelines for campus life during the winter semester, including mandatory testing for students using on-campus facilities and available weekly testing for all students. We're excited to continue engaging with students and administrators throughout the remainder of our term.

Some of our policy priorities for the Winter 2021 semester include:

1. Focusing on the **mental health** and wellbeing of our University community and exploring administrative policies beyond increased funding to CAPS to meaningfully support students;
2. Increasing transparency related to **student fees** through the Student Fee Advisory Committee and advocating for changes where necessary, including the use of the International student fee;



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3. Continuing conversations with the Provost related to **public safety** on our campus and ensuring that students and community members of color are prioritized in University decisions;
4. Centralizing the University's **sustainability efforts** in response to the President's Commission on Carbon Neutrality's recommendations and ensuring swift action is taken to respond to this crisis.

We are eager to continue working with you all to support students during this unprecedented time. As always, you can reach us by emailing [csg.administration2020@umich.edu](mailto:cs administration2020@umich.edu). Happy Thanksgiving!

Best,

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CSG President and Vice President

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December 2020 Regent 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 updating you on our initiatives and sharing all that we have worked on.

Laying the Groundwork: Every year the faculty and staff in our community try to challenge their students to succeed. In turn, my colleagues and I strive to exceed the expectations placed on us. Students know that hard work, dedication, and grit are the best ways to achieve success. But modern problems require modern solutions; right now my colleagues need these solutions. There is concern that faculty are overcompensating for the lack of in-person contact by giving too much online work, videos, labs, etc. There is also a growing need for Supplemental Instruction that cannot be met due to responsibilities outside of the classroom. In my final months as the Student Body President of the Dearborn campus I will advocate for what is best for my colleagues: academic honesty, more open communication between faculty and students, appropriate weekly workloads, and recorded & easy to access supplemental instruction.

Passing the Torch: I find myself graduating this December, as such, it is my duty to inform the regents that this will be my final report. Dearborn faces the unique challenge of carrying on in both academics and student life in a completely virtual and remote format. The greatest hurdle has been recruiting and maintaining participation in both the classroom and in student organizations. It has not been easy. The path my administration has followed has not been one of total success, and for that I bear responsibility. Despite my shortcomings, I write this report with confidence that COVID will pass, that student life on campus will rebound, and that the one who succeeds me will be in a better position than I was when I assumed the Presidency.

Forever proud to be a Wolverine,

Mitchell R. Dobson-Green

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn