



## 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 CSG:

### **Current Issues, Programs, and Policies that we are addressing:**

- **Angell Hall Renaming**
  - We have been partnering with other student organizations on campus including SAAN and UAAO to enact a month of action centered around changing the name of Angell Hall and its namesake scholarship as well as implementing policies that emphasize transformative justice. Additionally, we are calling for the development of a semester-long course administered by the University of Michigan discussing the racist foundations on which the University was built. Furthermore, CSG urges that a Native American Studies major be offered through the Native American Studies Department. As a culmination of our efforts, we insist on the formation of a scholarship for Chinese and indigenous students who have a desire to promote anti racism.
- **Multicultural Food options through Maize and Blue Cupboard**
  - Thus far, we have explored options to increase the availability of multicultural food options for low income students at the Maize and Blue Cupboard. We found that the Cupboard, which is centered around providing healthy food options to low-income students, could also increase their availability of multicultural foods. This would allow for students who grew up surrounded by these foods to better supported as well as getting nutritious food. It is important to note that nutrition and multicultural foods are not mutually exclusive, and that nutrition is not limited to Americanized food. Currently, Maize and Blue Cupboard is reaching out to affinity groups to further understand how to progress.
- **Menstrual Cup Distribution**
  - We are honored to share that CSG has spearheaded an initiative handing out menstrual cups for students at the university who menstruate. This was, frankly, a monumental movement forward in the de-stigmatization of menstruation. Additionally, this makes menstrual products much more accessible to students at our university who menstruate, as well as reduces the carbon footprint of our university.
- **Hail to the Victims**
  - CSG recognizes the importance of the recently surfaced sexual assault allegations and affirms our support for the survivors. All members of our community deserve to feel safe and heard, and as such CSG wants to encourage reporting and actively supporting our community. As such, CSG asks for an official statement from the Board of Regents and President Schlissel acknowledging the Anderson allegations and requests for the Board of Regents to have an official meeting with Jonathan Vaughn.



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Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmly,  
Nithya and Carla  
CSG President and Vice President

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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.

***Faculty/Student Government Partnerships:*** Under a collaborative effort between my directors and various university departments, we are coordinating campaigns that help reinforce the overall message of student involvement and student success. Currently, we are excited to announce upcoming events such as Constitution Day, which will take place on December 2nd. Mayor Hammoud, a UM-Dearborn Alumni, as well as Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, have been invited to speak at this important event.

We have worked with our UM-Dearborn Prevention Team, CAPS, and our Campus-Police Department, regarding our self-defense event that took place on Wednesday, November 17. It is the goal of our Student Government and various organizations to ensure that students feel welcome, safe, and that they have a sense of belonging on campus. This training will highlight tools that a student can utilize if they encounter any threat that is contact/non-contact and/or mental/emotional, as well as the proper way to report incidents.

Our goal is also to introduce students to the representatives they have on campus while showing a strong unity between staff and students. An additional way we plan on introducing students to faculty and administration is through a Professional Development/Leadership event we plan on hosting in February shortly after the beginning of the Winter semester. We are reaching out to wonderful leaders in our campus community, as well as professionals across our state. The goal of this event is to highlight the wisdom that various faculty and administration have on campus by asking them to speak on topics regarding how they navigated into their career, leadership/life lessons, handling success and failures, as well as tips they believe will be helpful for our student body as they continue on their academic and professional journey.

We continue to work with our wonderful administration regarding increased 4+1 programs on campus, additional writing tools that will assist our students--specifically for students where English is a second language.

Lastly, our Student Government would like to voice strong support for our Chancellor and the current administration. The decisions and actions of our administration illustrate that they are

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making provision for the future of UM-Dearborn and the continued evolution of our identity on the national level. We look forward to assisting them in any way possible.

***Student Government Projects:*** My cabinet and I have a total of 23 active projects we are striving to complete this semester. The projects vary in scope and size, such as the revision of our governing documents, DEI initiatives, co-sponsorship of events, as well the events mentioned above. Each project on our agenda will have a benefit to stakeholders of Student Government and will ensure that our campus community is highlighted. In addition, as we approach the Winter Semester, we are tailoring our approach

***Student Involvement:*** As campus-wide activities continue, it is the mission of our Student Government to engage students and connect them with clubs and organizations on campus, as well as additional on-campus events. It is also our mission to grow the “commuter experience” on campus while promoting the benefit of student involvement after their courses for the day are complete. As of November 1, we have experienced a relative 34% growth in membership since January 1, 2021. Student life on the Dearborn campus continues to elevate, and if nurtured correctly, will potentially lead to an increase in enrollment and retention.

***COVID-19 Mandates:*** We, as a Student Government, continue to acknowledge and support the direction of our Chancellor and his staff as we continue to navigate out of the pandemic and into the winter semester. We also applaud the expectations and clear direction communicated to students early in anticipation of the winter semester. While all things are variable, I feel that our administration is equipped and prepared to handle any changes as they come. Because of the continued leadership of our chancellor, our administration, and our faculty we have high vaccination rates on campus, and very minimal reported cases.

I look forward to upcoming reports and assisting in any way possible.

Thank you,

Ramsey Fakhouri

Student Body President, University of Michigan-Dearborn



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

December 1, 2021

President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am honored to submit before you the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. Below is an update on the Student Government's activity over the course of the last few months.

Student Government hosted our annual State of the Student Address on November 9th. During the event we heard directly from students about the issues they are facing. Several themes emerged and our administration is working with various campus constituents to begin addressing these matters. Furthermore, we have launched the Student Feedback forum where students can share their thoughts and or feedback on how we can improve the student experience here. They can complete this online forum by visiting our website and any of our social media platforms. I would like to thank Chancellor Dutta, Provost Feist-Price, and Vice Chancellor Giordano for their participation in this year's State of the Student Address.

We are now focusing on taking steps to meet the needs of our students, by first introducing the dining and housing survey that will be released next week to gauge the student body perception of our food options and housing experience. During the State of the Student we heard that students wanted to see better collaboration between faculty, staff and students. Student Government will be meeting with the Faculty Council and Staff Council next week to discuss new partnerships and develop new strategies to engage the student body together. Students also expressed concerns regarding the extremely high level of coursework given in online courses, compared to the workload for in person classes. These concerns are now being addressed at the University Curriculum Committee.

During the month of November Student Government had the privilege of hearing from Interim Dean Dr. Yener Kandogan (School of Management) and Dr. Cynthia McCurren ( School of Nursing). This month we will be hearing from Dean Chris Pearson (College of Innovation & Technology). These presentations are part of the Deans Project created by Student Government to increase communication between Student Government and UM-Flint's schools and colleges.

With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, the overcrowding of our local health systems, and the capacity limits of our Intensive Care Units in Genesee County, the Todd-Shukairy Administration

has decided to move the remaining two General Assembly meetings online for the fall semester. We do anticipate resuming in-person meetings for the Winter Semester starting on Wednesday, January 5th.

I am excited to report that Student Government has a full Senate, as outlined in our constitution. This is the first time we have been able to fill the Senate since 2018. Amena Shukairy (Vice President) and I are privileged to grow the Senate to its fullest capacity. I look forward to reporting on their initiatives and success throughout the winter semester.

As the Fall Semester comes to a close, Student Government is encouraging students to finish strong. This has been a challenging semester for many of our students but our student body is resilient and will continue to work hard to be true reflections of the leaders and the best.

God Bless & Go Blue!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Levi Nathaniel Todd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Levi Nathaniel Todd  
Student Body President  
University of Michigan-Flint