# The Student Government of the University of Michigan - Dearborn



## **December 2024 Regents Report**

President Ono, Members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is our honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the administration of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Student Government (SG). We look forward to updating you on our initiatives and sharing all we have worked on.

## Completed Initiatives:

- 1. The **International Affairs Committee** has been formed to advocate for the needs of international students, ensuring their voices are heard and concerns effectively addressed.
- 2. The **Charity Volleyball Tournament** was a resounding success, with over 150 attendees and \$1,000+ raised for Mott Children's Hospital. This event showcased our student body's generosity and community spirit and stands as one of the most impactful initiatives in our history.
- 3. At the **Presidents' Roundtable**, representatives from over 25+ student organizations gathered to provide invaluable feedback and foster collaboration. To enhance communication across organizations, we created a group chat for campus leaders, joined by more than 85+ organizations.
- 4. **Advocated for the Reinstatement of Shuttle Services**: With the help of the Dean of Students, Amy Finley, we successfully reintroduced the Saturday shopping shuttle service for FTC students. This initiative benefits over 50 students, providing access to local grocery stores and addressing a critical need within the student community.
- 5. **Make a Difference Week** featured various community engagement activities, including installing bird feeders to promote sustainability, writing heartfelt "Thank You" notes to honor veterans, and hosting a de-stress zone with stress relief toys for students.
- 6. The **Culture Day Celebration**, organized by our Director of Inclusion, highlighted the rich diversity of our campus. Student organizations such as the PSA, PSU, LSA, and French Club showcased their cultures and celebrated the unique backgrounds of our university community.

#### To Conclude:

Student Government remains committed to serving and representing the student body. We have achieved several notable accomplishments and have important projects in the works. We strive to create a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive campus environment for all Wolverines.

GO BLUE, GO DEARBORN - MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!

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President Ono, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit to you the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. The following serves as an update on Student Government's activity this past month.

#### **Democratic Engagement Initiatives Wrap-up**

The LaPeen-Dabaja administration's democratic engagement initiatives, which have been at the forefront of our core values for the last 2 months leading up to the election on November 5th, concluded with the Flint Votes 2024 event. On November 2nd, 50 volunteers gathered at the LatinX Technology & Community Center in Flint to kick off this canvassing event. We had the opportunity to hear remarks from Mayor Sheldon Neeley before volunteers ventured into the Northeast regions of Flint to spread voter education and awareness. Our volunteers knocked on 1,841 doors in the Flint community, with each receiving resources such as non-partisan voter guides, Vote 411 cards that included information on how to register to vote, how to view candidate biographies for local, state, and national elections, and much more. We are grateful to all of our volunteers for their hard work and the impact that was made in the Flint community as a result of this event!

### **Student Government and UM-Flint Campus Traditions**

The LaPeen-Dabaja Administration strives to continue with the traditions of our campus and previous SG administrations. Part of this is holding our annual State of the Student event, held on October 23rd. The primary goal of this event is to gain student input through open discussion. The feedback we receive from the event helps us shape our initiatives to reflect students' needs and wants while also advocating for a variety of student issues. It is also an opportunity for our President, Logan LaPeen, to give an update on the current initiatives and future goals of this administration. We had the pleasure of welcoming our new chancellor, Laurence Alexander, to this event to speak to our members and other students about the importance and impact of Student Government on the student body. After this event, President LaPeen and I are very pleased to report that the state of our students is very strong!

Additionally, Student Government was involved in the annual Inclusive Halloween event, a growing campus tradition. This campus and community event is designed to accommodate children and adults of all abilities. Many people with disabilities or medical conditions may not have the opportunity to trick-or-treat or participate in other Halloween activities. Inclusive Halloween provides a safe, judgment-free zone for students and the community to relax and reap the benefits of the holiday. This year, UM-Flint welcomed 336 volunteers and 1085 attendees to campus, more than doubling the numbers from last year. Student Government contributed to this event through the passing of a bill created by Senator Abigail Bingley, Director of Government & Legal Affairs Alyssia Washington, and myself to purchase candy and non-edible items for volunteers to hand out to trick-or-treaters, SG was also present at the event handing out candy and non-edibles.

As we conclude this election cycle and near the end of the fall semester, our administration is excited to continue our advocacy efforts, including the expansion of cultural celebration and education, the creation of mental health resource stands across our campus, and the planning of our annual Library Lock-In event before final exams to bring students together and enjoy a break from exam preparation.

With the fall semester coming to a close, the LaPeen-Dabaja administration is very proud of all the work that our members have done for the students at the University of Michigan-Flint. From our Democratic Engagement efforts throughout the election season, to all of the advocacy work and continuation of our campus traditions. Thank you to President Ono and the Regents for the opportunity to share our work with you, we look forward to continued collaboration and success in the winter semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

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