The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

Attached is the February update on the projects and activities of the Central Student Government.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Dishell President, Central Student Government

February 9th, 2015

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President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am both pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government. Below is a brief update of our activities, operations, and goals as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Night Owl

- The Night Owl is now operating thanks to the generosity of Student Life and Parking and Transportation Services
- In 2014, Night Owl safely transported 12,598 students home late at night betwen the hours of 10pm-3am on Thursday-Saturday evening

Honor Code

- We have commissioned a task force that will look into the creation for a University wide honor code.
- Currently, only some colleges have honor codes, which strictly monitor academic behavior
- Additionally, there are desires and drives to change and make additions various student conduct documents and/or calls to align our community around a set of values
- There is not one, easy to find standard which we as students can hold ourselves to and feel ownership of
- It is the hope that this task force will be able to recommend an honor code and policy that includes an honor committee, which gives students ownership over the process
- We look forward to updating the Board on our progress. The charge of the Task Force follows this report.

A More Inclusive University Non-Discrimination Policy

- Central Student Government, LSA Student Government, Rackham Student Government, and the University Council all passed a resolution that calls for the expansion of the University Non-Discrimination Policy (NDP)
- The resolution requests that relationship status and sexual expression are both included in the NDP
- This information has been passed on to Human Resources

Opening Course Evaluation Results to Students

- Every semester students, at varying participation rates, take course evaluations of their professors
- Students have requested that they are able to see these evaluations, in the aggregate, when selecting courses
- Acknowledging that survey biases exist, we are working with the Provost's Office to increase participation in the surveys and find a way to educate students on these biases to be able to fairly reveal the data



EXECUTIVE ORDER 4-001

ESTABLISHING THE STUDENT HONOR CODE TASK FORCE

I, Bobby Dishell, President of the University of Michigan Central Student Government, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the President by the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan, hereby order the establishment of an executive task force to develop a Student Honor Code for the University of Michigan.

- A. Establishment
 - a. The Student Honor Code Task Force is created as an advisory body within the Executive Branch.
 - b. The Vice President of the Central Student Government, Emily Lustig, shall chair this task force. Steven Halperin, shall serve as the vice chair. Hannah Crisler, Brian Derickson, Kyle Lady, John Lin, and Allen McManus shall serve as members of this task force.

B. Charge

- a. The task force shall work with University of Michigan administrators to propose a campus-wide student honor code, and shall do all of the following:
 - i. Develop standards applicable to students in the following areas:
 - 1 academic integrity;
 - 2. personal behavior;
 - 3. interaction with other students.
 - ii. Identify best practices for establishing student-led honor boards to adjudicate alleged violations of honor codes.
 - iii. Ensure that all recommendations maximize protections for students' rights.
- b. The task force is authorized to work with other schools and campus student governments to develop its proposal.
- c. The task force shall work with other students and student leaders to gain their input and feedback. The task force shall host at least one open forum that shall be open to students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members.
- d. The task force shall provide timely updates to the President and shall release a final



University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government

February 2015 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 the opportunity to inform you about all the initiatives Student Government is working on for the upcoming year.

Inclusion Week: Last year, SG hosted the First Annual Inclusion Week on campus, and it was a great success. We are thrilled to continue on with the tradition of celebrating our inclusive campus community. Our week will kick off with our Fifth Annual Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting where Chancellor Little will discuss the many great changes happening around campus while touching base on inclusion initiatives. Student will have an opportunity to ask questions and interact with Chancellor Little. Later that week, we will be hosting privilege-training workshops and a diversity game day with cultural student organizations. We also plan on interacting with students all over campus to engage them in conversations about what inclusion means to them. Our final event will consist of a friendly faculty vs. student basketball game. Student Government is committed to spreading an inclusive environment around campus and will continue serving students' inclusive needs.

Athletic Improvements: SG's Director of Athletics has been working diligently with our University Athletic Director to ensure needs are being met for the athletes. Recently, our Director of Athletics reached out to our athletes to learn what needs more improvement and he has received beneficial information back. SG has already funded small projects for our wellness center to ensure students are in a safe and healthy environment while working out.

Library Resources: Over the years, SG has heard numerous complaints from students regarding the lack of resources present in our library. Having enough outlet plugs is the main concern students express a need for. Since our library is open to the public, we welcome many students from the surrounding universities and colleges who utilize outlet plugs, computers, and dry erase boards. SG has recently purchased outlets and extension cords in order for our students to have more resources available for them. We continue to work with the library director to better the students' experience while studying at our library.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and Student Government truly appreciates this opportunity to share our goals and accomplishments. We appreciate your diligent work and dedication to the University!

Warmest Regards,

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