

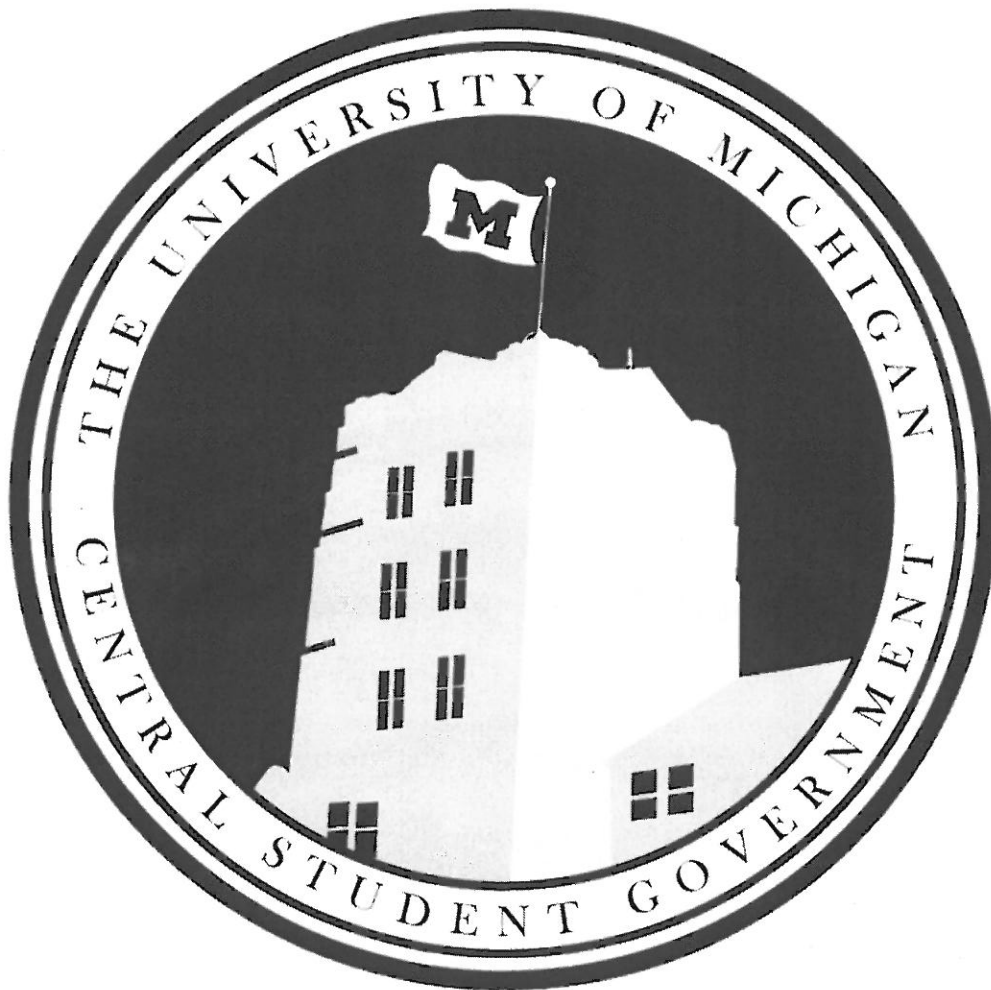
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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully Submitted,

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President, Central Student Government

April 7, 2014

President Coleman, 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. Below is a brief summary of the year's activities, operations, and accomplishments as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Central Student Government Elections

- 150 students ran for 56 opens seats on the Central Student Government Assembly.
- Approximately 8,200 students voted in the election, representing one of the highest voter turnouts in CSG history.
- Running with the "Make Michigan" ticket, outgoing Vice President Bobby Dishell won the CSG presidency on a platform to "Make Michigan" healthy, diverse, safe, innovative, and student-focused.

Summary of Year's Work

- Reorganized the executive branch of CSG to cut budget in half, helping to erase an approximately \$180,000 budget deficit.
- Formed a student committee to assist in the presidential search, delivering a report on the qualities, values, and experiences students desired in Michigan's 14th President.
- Opened a 24-hour café in the North Campus Duderstadt library.
- Threw an "Under the Lights" tailgate on Elbel Field attended by over 3,000 students.
- Investigated the University's handling of sexual misconduct cases after students voiced concerns.
- Piloted the "Night Owl" bus route, taking thousands of students home late at night.
- Supported student organizations from MHacks to the Black Student Union to OptiMize in pursuit of their goals.
- Formed a student committee to assist in the development of a campus-wide entrepreneurship program.
- Helped transition in President Mark Schlissel and offer a perspective on student life at the University of Michigan.
- Proposed numerous amendments to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities that would give students more control and oversight over the Statement.
- Piloted extended hours at the Intramural Sports Building, opening the building two hours earlier in the morning.
- Convinced the Athletic Department to eliminate a failed General Admission football seating policy after thousands of students voiced dissatisfaction.
- Designed the new football seating policy that rewards students with better seats for attending games on time. National news outlets are hailing the policy as a "model for the nation" that other schools should consider to address student attendance problems.

Issues on Our Radar for Next Year

- **Student Input in University Decision Making.** The failure of the General Admission seating policy demonstrates what happens when administrators make decisions that affect the student experience without consulting student. The new policy represents the success students and administrators can have when we work together. The governance of the University of Michigan is unique amongst the Big Ten in that there is no formal student representation on the Board of Regents. It is therefore important that the Regents and the administration make extensive outreach efforts to student leadership before making any decision that could affect the student experience at Michigan.
- **Student Relations with the Athletic Department.** The reversal of General Admission seating represents a step forwards in the student relationship with the Athletic Department, but there is still work to be done. The price of student football tickets remains nearly \$300.00 per year, pricing some students out of attending games and enjoying an experience integral to Michigan. Students feel further alienated by the new basketball ticket policy which requires students to “claim” games they want to attend several weeks in advance and punishes students for games in which they do not show up. The new basketball policy was the best way to deal with overselling the student section (outside of actually expanding the student section to accommodate all student ticketholders) and has done a good job of motivating student attendance, but it does remain unpopular with students. Furthermore, the lack of student seating in the lower bowl has caused problems this year, with some students lining up as early as 7:15 AM receiving upper bowl seats. This relatively small lower bowl student section hurts the gameday experience for students and hurts the potential of the home court advantage that could be created at Crisler.
- **Student Safety Initiatives.** Our administration made student safety a priority this year, piloting the Night Owl bus route and funding the creation of a SafeRide app that allows students to call a van service to take them home late at night. The results have been overwhelmingly positive. While it is difficult to draw a cause-and-effect conclusion, it is worth noting there have been no off-campus crime alerts since the implementation of these initiatives. We harbor further concerns about student safety with regards to alcohol consumption, and understand the Board shares these concerns. We commend the efforts of the Interfraternity Council to limit hard liquor at large parties. But we encourage the administration to carefully consider student input in any future decisions that could be made to curb student alcohol consumption. As we saw with the Athletic Department’s General Admission policy, administrative decisions designed to motivate a change in student behavior are rarely successful without student input.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 2014 Regents' Report

President Coleman, 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 greatly appreciate this opportunity to update you on the initiatives our new administration has accomplished as well as ongoing feats.

University Budget Town Hall: In the University's mission of remaining transparent and accessible, we have partnered up with VC Evans to bring students a University Budget Town Hall that describes how our university spends its money, and what financial barriers they have to deal with in regards to state appropriations. The forum will also allow for a question and answer period regarding University finances – tuition, fees, etc. This budget forum allows for open dialogue and will likely continue as an annual event.

Student Government Elections: The election for the 2014-2015 Student Government has successfully been completed with no complications. The election guidelines, that were reformed this past year, served the Student Judiciary well with new statutes and less ambiguity. The election was uncontested with only one party running for the presidential and vice presidential ticket; however there were contested Senate seats. Inauguration for the new administration will be on April 18th and will mark the end of my journey as President.

USSA Legislative Conference: The United States Student Association, which comprises all state wide Student Associations, held their annual Spring Legislative conference and this year we were able to send two delegates to Washington D.C to represent the University of Michigan – Dearborn. Each spring USSA puts on the Grassroots Legislative Conference and National Student Lobby Day (LegCon). This three-day event provides students at every level of organizing and leadership the ability and opportunity to learn new skills in student advocacy, network, lobby their elected representatives on student issues, march through Washington, DC, rally on Capitol Hill, and build connections with student associations all over the country. We were able to utilize many different ideas brought back from this conference. In the Fall Student Government is looking to host an aggressive voter registration campaign before the midterm election.

Since this is my last report to you all I would like to note that it has been a distinct pleasure serving as the President of the Student Body this past year. I have been fortunate enough to lead an amazing team, but at the same time, learn a wealth of information about my campus community and the remarkable people within it. UM-Dearborn has forever changed my outlook on life, and as I forge a new path towards my professional career, I will always hold the lessons I learned, the moments I shared, close to my heart. Thank you for working so diligently in allowing this university, along with UM-Ann Arbor, and UM-Flint, home to so many students. Thank you for helping make this year unforgettable.

Very Truly Yours,

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