

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update on some of the projects the Michigan Student Assembly is working on this summer and in the upcoming year. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,



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Project Update:

ISAC Airbus. The International Student Affairs Commission (ISAC) has planned the implementation of a summer airbus for new international students during orientation.

Everything is well underway and we are proud to report that Indian Trails, whose buses we utilize, are giving MSA a one-time reduced rate that will allow us to implement this first run.

MSA Office Renovation. The Bentley Historical Archives Library will be assessing our archiving needs in the coming days and we have begun consolidating and renovating our Union Space for greater internal collaboration and for other student groups to utilize if they don't have adequate space in their offices or workspaces.

Summer Student Assembly. The Summer Student Assembly continues to meet and has allocated thousands of dollars to student organizations on campus that are staying active during the summer. Our summer budget allocates approximately \$20,000 for student organizations and we are working to give out all of it to student organizations by the end of summer.

Michipedia. In an effort to centralize resources and information on campus, MSA is leading a long-term initiative that we hope to engage the entire student population for collaborative information sharing. Michipedia will be an online encyclopedia for the University of Michigan and will allow for all to have relevant information at their fingertips.

Smoke-free Campus. MSA, along with the LSA Student Government, Rackham Student Government and the Resident Halls Association have each nominated students to serve on the various subcommittees that are being formed to address issues that students may face in this change. The steering committee will make its decisions on June 24.

Voter Registration: The Voice Your Vote Commission has put together a pamphlet for New Student Orientation that outlines procedures and answers questions about registering to vote in Ann Arbor and it's our hope that this pamphlet clarifies procedures and alleviates concerns for those who want to vote in the upcoming elections in November.

This month marks the adoption of the University's planned finances and sets student tuition for the upcoming school year. As we all have seen, this is a very intricate issue with the rocky economic climate and the rising costs of higher education. In the upcoming year, MSA hopes to help address these issues and work together in understanding what we can all do to keep this University affordable. Thanks so much for your time; if you have any questions, I can be reached at amahanti@umich.edu.

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