

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is a report with an update of the projects and initiatives of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,



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President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. First, I want to express my appreciation for the MSA student fee. This fee works to keep student life here at U of M vibrant by providing funding for hundreds of student organizations and their events. In addition to this, here are a few items that the Michigan Student Assembly has been working on as the summer continues.

Street Lighting The Michigan Student Assembly has been working with the City of Ann Arbor's Energy Commissioner about street lighting issues in student neighborhoods. This upcoming year, the City will be installing 58 new LED street lights in the neighborhood between East University Ave, Hill St, and Packard. These new LED lights will be much brighter than the lights currently installed allowing for increased visibility for students living in these darkly lit areas. This will hopefully provide for fewer incidents in an area that is often inflicted with petty crimes.

MSA Reorganization Recently, the Michigan Student Assembly was reorganized within the Division of Student Affairs. MSA will now be reporting directly to the Dean of Students office, which will provide guidance and resources to the Assembly. This will place MSA amongst much of the leadership in DSA and those offices, such as Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs, Spectrum Center, Intergroup Relations, and Student Activities and Leadership, that already work to serve students in anyway they can. This relationship will provide better mentorship for Representatives and will overall strengthen the Michigan Student Assembly's ability to govern the student body.

Summer Orientation Freshman orientation has just begun, which means that the thousands of students that comprise the class of 2014 will be pouring into Ann Arbor over the next two months. MSA has been preparing for the new students and will be providing materials for them to learn how to stay safe on campus, secure their laptops by registering them through the Department of Public Safety, as well as how to register to vote for the Fall 2010 elections. In addition to this, MSA Representatives will be presenting at a workshop during orientation, along with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership, about ways to get involved at the University of Michigan.

Get Involved Campaign MSA has been continuing to prepare for its Get Involved campaign in the fall, which will work to promote to incoming students the importance of participating in U of M's eclectic campus community and what it can do to augment their experience during their time here at the University. MSA will be organizing workshops in the residence halls for new students to talk with and listen to current student leaders about their experience in leadership and how they got involved with their activities. In addition to this, MSA will be organizing diag days to bring light to different realms of involvement at the University. There will be a day celebrating arts at Michigan, a day exhibiting multiculturalism on campus, a day highlighting the many wonders that exist on North Campus, and others. With this campaign, hopefully more students will see the value of being involved on campus and contributing to the climate and community that U of M maintains.

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