

The University of Michigan Regents' Communication

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully Submitted,

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Bobby Dishell
President, Central Student Government

June 9, 2014

President Coleman, 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.

Student fee

- One of CSG's main goals is to support and to help fund the events and programs of student organizations across campus. This past year, CSG received over \$1.1 million in funding requests, but was only able to disburse \$447,052 to the student groups, even after budget cuts to the executive and legislative accounts. With the ever-growing requests, CSG is unable to support the students without an increase in our funds.
- This decrease in ability arose from a decreased carry-forward. Our carry-forward declined after we switched to a rolling funding model, allowing more student organizations to apply and receive money. However, we used to utilize a several hundred thousand dollar carry-forward to support this. The large carry-forward no longer exists.
- When an event goes unfunded the event does not occur or the cost is borne by the students of the organization, pricing some students out of participating in certain groups or events.
- The current fee of \$7.19 was set in 2005. \$1 of the \$7.19 goes to a graduate student child-care subsidy. In a survey sent from CSG to the student body, 60% of students voted in favor of the \$2 fee increase and 50.19% voted in favor of a \$2.81 increase. An increase of \$2 will allow for at least an additional \$75,600 to go to student organization funding. In total, students' payment will increase by 0.015% and CSG's budget by 32.3%.
- Relevant student-fee data is detailed at the end of the report.

Wolverine Support Network

- CSG is working with campus leaders across campus and Counseling and Psychological Services to create an optimal program for peer support on Michigan's campus.
- Students can come to talk about what is going on in their lives and receive support from their peers.
- The groups will have two upperclassmen leaders, two trainees, and 10-15 other students. The groups will meet weekly in locations best for them.

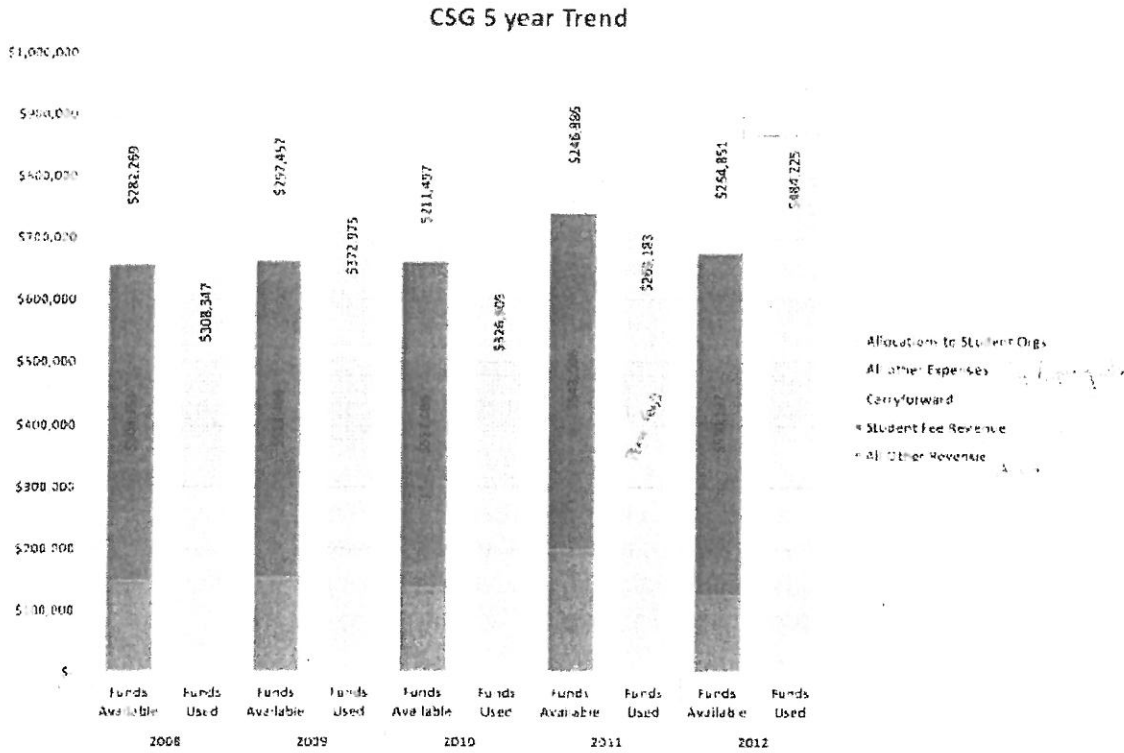
Healthy produce on campus

- For many students, the lack of fresh produce and groceries on campus is a detriment to a healthy lifestyle. During the warmer months, Farmers' Markets and similar produce vendors are accessible to students, but during most of the school year, students without cars struggle to buy healthy food on campus.
- CSG is working with Michigan Dining and the Division of Student Life to make healthy produce a year-round, accessible and convenient reality for students.

Summer Assembly

- The Summer Assembly met semi-monthly, beginning on May 6, 2014. Since CSG's Student Organization Funding Commission is not active over the summer, the Summer Assembly met to allocate funds to the dozens of student organizations that hold events over the summer and during Welcome Week.



- CSG's limited Summer funds were exhausted on June 3, 2014. The total amount requested from student organizations during the only time period of May 5 to June 2, 2014 was \$77,543.58. The amount disbursed was \$25,000.18.



13. The Central Student Government is primarily funded by a semesterly student fee. This fee has been set at \$7.19 per student per semester since 2005. At current enrollment levels, raising the fee \$2....

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	1,096	60%
2	No	740	40%
	Total	1,836	100%

14. Raising the fee \$2.81 (to \$10.00) would add between \$105,000 and \$175,000 to the Student Organization Funding Commission budget. Do you support a \$2.81 increase in the CSG student fee?

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#	Answer		Response	%
1	<u>Yes</u>		919	50%
2	<u>No</u>		915	50%
Total			1,834	100%

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University of Michigan-Dearborn
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June 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 truly appreciate this opportunity to inform you on all the initiatives Student Government is working on for this upcoming year.

Appreciation Dinner: Last year, Student Government hosted the First Annual Faculty, Staff and Administration Appreciation Dinner. Our second annual dinner will be taking place next week and we are very excited to dedicate the evening to the individuals who are Student Government's biggest supporters. Without their support, we would not have been able to achieve what we have done in the past few years. Our relationship with faculty, staff and administration is only growing and we hope to keep this dinner a tradition to show our continued appreciation for all they have given us.

Student Veterans: One of Student Government's initiatives this year is to work with Student Veterans to accommodate their needs on campus. Many of the Veterans struggle to register for classes due to their hectic schedule and it can sometimes be very discouraging and frustrating for them. Student Government has already begun to work with Administration to figure out ways as to how Student Veterans can access early registration to alleviate some of the stress that they go through registering for classes.

Charging Stations: The need for charging stations, not just for cell phone but also for vehicles, is a must on campus for students' use. Cell phone charging stations were installed on campus a couple years ago and have been a great asset for students. However, an overwhelming amount of students have asked for iPhone 5 chargers to be added to these stations. Student Government has been working with facilities to add more chargers for students to use and we are also considering purchasing individual chargers for students to rent out whenever they want to utilize them. Conversations of adding more charging stations for electric vehicles have also been an initiative we have been working on. There are only a few located on campus and the need for them is growing so we hope to include a few more stations in the more popular parking spaces on campus.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and Student Government truly appreciates this opportunity given to us to share with you our goals and accomplishments. Also, I wanted thank you for your diligent work and dedication to the University and for all that you do for students!

Warmest Regards,

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