

President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Below are some of the highlights of MSA's activities this past month.

*Higher Education* – In keeping with the tradition of being the Leaders and Best, MSA Vice-President Mohammad Dar is leading the way in planning a state-wide rally in Lansing on the steps of the Capitol. It will take place on September 26 and will include students from every public university in the State of Michigan. The aim is to increase political pressure on the Michigan Legislature to prioritize higher education funding. We anticipate over 1000 students at the rally and MSA has ambitions to send at least 300 Wolverines.

*Spring Break* – In coordination with our colleagues at the UM-Dearborn Campus, MSA is trying to address the student concern of spring break. Simply put, students want their spring break one week later in the year so we can share our free time with our friends and family at other schools. Michigan's current spring break dates are earlier than the vast majority of American universities. We have met with members of the Administration on this issue already and are interested in further conversation .

*Michigan Social Life* – The Ann Arbor News recently reported that some members of the City Council are interested in closing or taking steps that would close bars that are popular with students. Not wanting to rush to conclusions, we are in the process of gathering the facts from all sides, but this is something that is on our radar.

*Association of Big Ten Students Conference*– Michigan hosted a conference for all of the Big Ten student governments last month. We had over 40 attendees and were able to share information regarding our ambitions for the year. This is a strong network that has proven useful for MSA in the past.

*Ann Arbor City Council*- MSA is restarting its meetings with City Council via the MSA – City Council Joint Committee. We will continue discussing the revisions to the Later Leasing Ordinance, work we can do for areas of low lighting in student neighborhoods, and look at a friendly solution to the concerns of student recreation that keep both students and the city residents safe and happy.