

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.

Respectfully Submitted,



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REGENTS' REPORT SEPTEMBER 2009

President Coleman, Executive Officers and Regents of the University of Michigan;

Project Update:

MSA Union Office Renovations: We're proud to announce that renovations on the office are now complete. All MSA archives and minutes dating back to 1958 have been sent to the Bentley Historical Library. The office has a bright new coat of paint and has been rearranged to maximize space and comfort. Thanks to John Taylor and the Michigan Union staff for making this possible.

MSA Website: Our website redesign is complete and is set for launch at the first MSA meeting on September 15. The site, based on a Wiki structure, will allow for greater transparency and will facilitate efficient communication within our organization. We plan on using the Wiki structure internally for a few months, working out the kinks. Our plan is to eventually open up the Wiki to all student organizations

airBus Summer pilot program: The AirBus program ran a pilot program during International Orientation. The program was well received and we are in the process of determining final revenue. Negotiations with the Detroit airport have not progressed beyond our last meeting, which is troubling for the airBus program and its coordinators. Without cooperation from the Detroit airport and flexibility in the bus manifests required by the airport, airBus may not be able to run in the '09-'10 academic year.

MSA Gayz Crayz: MSA's LGBT commission has its Gayz Crayz on Monday, September 7. The event is a tradition for the LGBT commission and unites the LGBT community on campus and provides a welcoming atmosphere for entering freshmen. Over 50 student organizations come together to work with LGBT commission in putting together the event.

Student Organization Funding: The Budget Priorities Committee and Community Service Committee are getting ready for another year of student organization funding. MSA plans to allocate over \$300,000 to a large variety of student groups on campus and we are excited to see all the great work our organizations do.

Tuesday Night Meetings: As the new year kicks off, we begin our weekly meetings on September 15 at 7:30pm. MSA allots a 30-minute period each week to a designated guest speaker. If you would like to speak at any of our meetings, please let us know.

Respectfully Submitted,



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