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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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President Coleman, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my privilege and honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG).

CSG Interns Program

Recently the Central Student Government passed a resolution to create a CSG Interns Program whose mission statement will be "to give highly motivated students, especially those without CSG experience, an opportunity to play an active role in the Central Student Government and to give them the experiences and leadership education in order to make positive change at the University of Michigan.

Greeting Campus Communities

This year's CSG will strive to be more inclusive, and will make an effort to acknowledge important holidays and festivals for members of our entire campus community. We already had the opportunity to send our warmest greetings on the Jewish occasion of Yom Kippur and on Mid-Autumn Festival- a very important day to members of our East Asian Community. CSG will continue sending our warm wishes, in an inclusive fashion, to all communities on days and occasions which are important to them. We think this will help in making a more lasting and memorable connection with all the different communities on campus.

Shapiro Library 24 hours- Positive Response

Students all across campus have responded very positively to the Shapiro Library being made a 24-hour library. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Administration for listening to the needs of students and making this possible. Students across campus are thrilled with this development!

24-Hour Cafe

I am also pleased to announce that we've been working closely with the University Unions, to make Bert's Café at the Shapiro Library a 24-hour cafe on certain nights of the week. This is something that many students have asked for, and we're thrilled to be launching a pilot program to test the feasibility of this project this October. CSG is also working with UHS and others to ensure that we emphasize the importance of nutrition, sleep, and safety with regards to this pilot program.

Farmer's Market on North Campus

This year our Farmer's Market on North Campus created Michigan history- with over 1500 attendees attending. This project would never have been possible without the tireless support of our CSG Health Issues Commission, our University Administration (especially UUnions) and so we'd also like to take this opportunity to not only celebrate our success, but also send our deepest thanks!

Airbus Service Started

Airbus has long been one of CSG's most celebrated and successful projects. We are pleased to inform you that Airbus has officially commenced for the semester, and we've made some interesting changes to our platform, including the ability to purchase tickets online!

Graduate Student Affairs Commission

This year we are making the work of our Graduate Student's Affairs Commission an administrative priority. We recently appointed Zeid El-Kilani a veteran of CSG, and a current graduate student in the master's program at our UM School of Public Policy as the Chair of this Commission. Zeid has already begun outreach to all graduate student organizations on campus, and has started rolling out plans to make CSG work more relevant and accessible to the graduate students community

Google Disabilities Issue

Our elected Assembly recently unanimously passed a resolution asking our University to ensure that the new Google platform is made accessible to all students on campus, especially those with disabilities. We've been in touch with ITS Administration and we affirm that it is a priority to see the Google platform made accessible to all students with disabilities in a timely fashion!

Positive Fan Behavior

This year one of our most important projects is the promotion of "positive fan behavior" at all UM sporting events. To this end we've already launched an aggressive campaign to promote positive fan behavior. We've designed graphics and digital content which we've begun distributing among the student body, and through the course of the year we'll work closely with University Administration on this project to make a positive impact on the fan culture here at Michigan. After all, Michigan fans are the most loyal and dedicated, and we want to make sure that loyalty and dedication is a positive expression for everyone.

Entrepreneurship Commission

Finally it is my great privilege to announce that from this year on CSG will play a very active role in promoting entrepreneurship on campus. One of our first acts is creating an entrepreneurship commission as a part of CSG. Leaders of nearly every prominent entrepreneurship group on campus have agreed to be a part of this first of its kind commission. This includes leaders from: MPowered, China Entrepreneurs Network, Detroit Entrepreneurship Network, TedXUofM, and Entrepreneur & Venture Club, among many others. Scott Christopher (President of MPowered) will be the Founding Chair of this Commission.

Once again I thank you for taking the time to read this report, for creating a campus environment that fosters and nurtures students across campus, and for your tireless dedication to all our students on campus.

My Best Wishes,

Respectfully submitted,



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