



Central Student Government

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Subject: Central Student Government (CSG) Report
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President Ono, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG):

Current and Upcoming CSG Programming

Fall Student Organization Funding Summary

The Fall 2023 Funding Application¹ is now closed. Nine waves of content-neutral application review in line with CSG funding policies² have taken place, with a total of \$856,185.58 in requests across 439 applications. CSG was able to provide \$310,420.04 in reimbursement-based funding to a wide variety of student organizations. 84.5 percent of organizations that applied received funding, with an average award of \$1,236.73 per organization. We are looking forward to next semester and continuing our work in supporting student organizations.

CSG Events

In November, CSG facilitated a Student Leader Panel during Parent and Family Weekend, a Carbon Neutrality Townhall, a workshop about affordable housing and the Ann Arbor Comprehensive Plan, and “Chill Out” a wellbeing focused event in collaboration with other student organizations that brought an ice rink to the Diag.

Operation Graduation and Free Graduation Gowns

Graduation gowns often present an exorbitant cost to students, who only use them for one day. To help students with need, CSG is subsidizing 60 Bachelors gowns and 20 Masters gowns for Fall 2023 graduates. This is a continuation of our successful graduation gown voucher program from previous semesters. We received an overwhelming amount of interest in the program this fall and are looking forward to expanding next semester. This year, we are also promoting our “Operation Graduation” program through which students can donate gowns after graduation which will be redistributed in future semesters.

Notices

CSG November Elections and Ballot Questions

From November 28-30, CSG conducted fall elections to fill vacancies in the Assembly. On this year’s ballot, students were also asked to vote on three legislative matters. The first was a CSG Constitutional Amendment that is aimed at clarifying term end dates around election times. The other two ballot questions concerned two petitions which were signed by 1000 students in October. Petitions are different from typical CSG resolutions– they can be written by anyone, and once they garner 1000 signatures, they must be considered by CSG’s general Assembly.

¹ <http://csg.umich.edu/sofc>

² <http://csg.umich.edu/funding-policies>

Once petitions reach CSG's Assembly, Assembly Members have the option to vote in favor of or against adopting them. When a majority of the Assembly votes against adopting a petition, it is then sent to the student body to vote upon. The vote of the student body supersedes that of the Assembly for this type of legislation.

The petitions, AR 13-025 and AR 13-026, are available to view on the CSG website under the meeting recap from October 31, 2023³. Ahead of the November election, CSG was urged by many community members, and notably parents of students, to remove a petition from the ballot. These requests were not met with any action because our governing documents prevent us from blocking a petition from a student vote, and I believe that allowing the student body to vote on both of these petitions is a matter of protected free speech.

At the time I am writing this, the vote has not yet happened. I anticipate providing a verbal update at the December meeting.

As a reminder, our door is always open to provide student input or answer questions about CSG business. Should you have any questions or wish to meet with us, please do not hesitate to email csg.president@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

Meera Herle
Student Body President

³ <https://www.csg.umich.edu/post/recap-for-assembly-meeting-october-31-2023>

The Student Government of
the University of Michigan - Dearborn



December 2023 Regents Report

President Ono, Members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is our honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the administration of University of Michigan-Dearborn's Student Government (SG). We look forward to updating you on our initiatives and sharing all that we have worked on.

Completed Initiatives:

In an effort to support our pre-medical students, we organized a highly successful Mock MCAT Exam. This initiative allowed students to experience the examination environment firsthand, ensuring they are well-prepared for the actual environment of the MCAT. Our Student Government recently acquired 1,500 key cards that students can use to access exclusive discounts from local businesses. This program fosters a sense of community between the student body and local establishments and provides tangible benefits for our students. Recognizing the importance of ethical behavior within our Student Government, we are in the process of developing a comprehensive Code of Ethics. This document will serve as a guiding framework for ethical conduct, ensuring that our Student Government upholds the highest standards of integrity and responsibility. Our commitment to fostering an inclusive campus environment was evident during Inclusion Week. Our Director of Inclusion collaborated with various diverse student organizations, including the Filipino American community, to host a series of events. These events aimed to celebrate diversity, promote understanding, and create a sense of unity among our students.

In response to the challenges faced by our fellow students dealing with conflict in the Middle East, Student Government was involved in a peaceful walkout. Hundreds of students participated, demonstrating solidarity and support for their peers. Additionally, a vigil was held to express condolences and raise awareness about the impact of such conflicts on our global community.

To Conclude:

Student Government is committed to serving and representing the student body. We have achieved several notable accomplishments and have important projects in the works. We hope to continue our efforts to make the college community a better place for all students.

Forever proud to be Dearborn Wolverines,

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President Ono, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit to you the following report on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. The following serves as an update on Student Government's recent activities.

State of the Student & SG Forum Series:

On October 25th, Student Government hosted our annual State of the Student Address, an event where I have the honor of updating the student body on the past, present and future of our Government while also providing students the opportunity to give feedback of various parts of their experience such as academics, college affordability, infrastructure, DEI, and other topics.

Following the responses from the event, our administration moved forward with addressing concerns more specifically by creating a series of forums targeting issues students are facing including our recent "Dish on Dining Roundtable" in partnership with Housing & Residential Life, Dining Services, and Hall Council which addressed students encounters with dining services on campus, our "Let's Talk Safety" Forum in partnership with Counseling & Psychological Services and Department of Public Safety to find solutions to safety concerns on campus, and an academic roundtable that is being planned for the Winter semester.

Governing Document Changes:

Higher education changes consistently, and therefore so do our goals as student leaders and the needs of the students we serve do as well. During the month of November, Student Government made longstanding amendments to our Unified Student Code, often referenced as the bylaws of our government, which were brought forth by our Director of Government and Legal Affairs Sami Kotob. The major alterations are as follows:

1. Redefining our Director position previously known as Media Relations and reinventing it as Director of Marketing and Communications due to the ever changing state of media consumption students rely on and the need for expansion in how our government utilizes methods of communication towards students.
2. Student Government also opted to permanently alter the number of signatures our Senator position must collect during an appointment period from 100 to 75. Our administration is firm on its stance that our Government's leadership opportunities should be for everyone

which means doing our best to remove barriers to getting involved in the UM-Flint community.

3. Our last major change introduced interim committees to the Unified Student Code. The language ensures that during points that SG may be inhibited from completing its essential functions such as funding and approving student organizations due to changes in membership, it does not affect our student body's wellbeing.

These and other essential changes have been revised diligently for 3 years, and we are ecstatic that our administration has had the privilege of moving them forward for us and future Governments to function effectively for the benefit of the student body.

World Mental Health Day & Wellness Awareness:

On October 10th, Student Government hosted tabling for World Mental Health Day in partnership with our Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and our Center for Global Engagement. Incentives such as food vouchers were distributed as well as various resources regarding how students can better care for their mental health and wellness overall. Recently, SG has also been in conversations with UM-Flint's Frances Willson Thompson Library to further academic wellness by expanding library hours during finals week in order for students to feel confident in our campus' ability to support them as the semester comes to a close. As we continue to focus on our core value of community, we look forward to holding more opportunities for our campus community to cultivate its collective wellbeing.

Inclusive Halloween:

Inclusive Halloween, one of the most prominent events for our campus and greater Flint community, is geared toward giving individuals who can't participate in Halloween activities traditionally due to mental or physical disabilities as well as those who may experience neurodivergence the opportunity to do so. It is an event Student Government is proud to continue to support and connect UM-Flint to the city of Flint. This year there were over 200 volunteers and over 900 attendees, a 200 percent increase from last year's event that SG also sponsored.

It was a pleasure to have you in Flint in October, and I hope that as the year progresses you continue to stay connected and foster ties to the UM-Flint community.

In Maize and Blue,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Azeim'.

Lina Azeim
Student Body President