

**The University of Michigan
Regents' Communication**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

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



Respectfully submitted,

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President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, I am pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of the Central Student Government (CSG). Below is a brief outline of our goals for the 2017-2018 year as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Overarching Issues on the Docket for 2017-2018

- **Elevating the Importance of Student Input in University Decision-Making:** The importance of student voice in university decision-making has been increasingly emphasized by student government in recent years. As Nadine and I look to create our agenda for the duration of our term, prioritizing and valuing student input is of utmost importance. Because students are uniquely critical stakeholders at U-M and embody the core of the university community, it is crucial that students' input is consistently included and prioritized in University-wide decision-making through formal institutional mechanisms.
- **Campus Climate:** Over the last year, students have faced many tests of what it means to foster a welcoming and inclusive campus community. In the wake of a divisive political environment and various bias incidents, members of the U-M community are in a position to revitalize the inclusivity and sense of community support that help make Michigan students the leaders and best. Nadine and I are looking forward to working with anyone and everyone interested in fostering a more unified and welcoming campus climate, and to ensuring that the progress that is made in this realm is sustainable for years to come.
- **Student Health and Wellness:** The health and wellness of students at U-M is critical to their being able to be the best students that they can be. One component of student health and wellness that will be a priority for Central Student Government over the next year is streamlining and expanding the equity of and accessibility to resources for students. Examples of this include optimizing health insurance options for students seeking services at UHS, continuing to support and bolster mental health resources on campus, with special regard for student priorities and concerns, and approaching issues of student health with a focus on wellness.

Of course, this list is not exhaustive, and CSG is looking forward to taking on a wide array of advocacy issues and initiatives in order to best represent the diversity of this student body's perspectives and lived experiences. And, while I personally will not be on campus during the summer, I am looking forward to continuing the work that Nadine and I have begun on these issues and others over the next three months. Having met with many of you already to find ways

to work together on our shared goals for bettering the U-M community, I am optimistic about the collaborative year ahead of us.

Respectfully submitted,

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