

**The University of Michigan  
Regents' Communication**

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**ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is the June update on the projects and activities of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Dear President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Thank you once again for the opportunity to present to you. Here is a list of what MSA has been working on this past month:

*Summer Student Assembly* – Summer Student Assembly has allocated roughly a third of its budget for student organization funding in its first two meetings. We estimate that all summer funding will be allocated by mid-July. We will continue to meet throughout the summer to fund summer events and programs and to plan for fall initiatives.

*Wolv Pack* – UofM students are quick to get excited about attending football and basketball games on campus, but several other Championship-winning and Olympic status varsity sports do not have equitable student support. By working with the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and Maize Rage, we hope to start a new initiative called “Wolv Pack” to organize more UofM spirit and a higher turnout of fans to games for sports such as field hockey, volleyball, gymnastics, and track to support all Michigan student-athletes. Our counterparts at the Dearborn campus introduced us to their new Wolf Pack organization that has been pursuing similar goals. We have been in close communication with them to receive feedback and insight about the success and hurdles that they have faced.

*Upholding Diversity* – We have met with the Admissions office and are excited to work with them on creating a Student Ambassadors Program that will assist the office in high school recruitment for the metro-Detroit area. With MSA’s strong connection to student organizations on campus, we hope to interest a diverse group of student leaders to encourage their communities to assist in this initiative. We are proud to continue working with the Admissions office on upholding Michigan’s strong commitment to diversity.

*Earthquake in Sichuan, China* –MSA has been working with the Chinese Students and Scholars Association to fundraise for victims of the unfortunate earthquake that occurred in Sichuan, China recently. We hope to raise money for the Red Cross Relief of China for food, water, and sanitary supplies. We are currently sending out letters to CSSA and MSA alumni. We will also soon be collaborating with a local restaurant to have a charity night with a percentage of profits earmarked for the victims of this tragedy.

*Off-Campus Housing* – MSA is collaborating with a group of Engineering students that have been funded through a UofM Center for Entrepreneurship grant to create a website to streamline every aspect of off-campus student-living, from finding roommates to finding a home to paying bills. The website, [CampusRoost.com](http://CampusRoost.com), will launch next Friday catering primarily to incoming graduate students this summer. We will continue working with Campus Roost throughout the summer and in the fall to recruit more landlords and housing properties and to publicize to more students.

*Airbus* – MSA's service of discounted bus rides to and from the airport during major university breaks is beginning its 7<sup>th</sup> year this fall. After reviewing the figures of this past year, MSA is very proud to announce that Airbus has had its most successful year thus far! With the popularity of Airbus skyrocketing, the demand for tickets has increased dramatically. We will be expanding the service in the fall and undergoing internal reform to Airbus's leadership structure to best serve student needs.

I appreciate your time and look forward to seeing you again next month.