

**The University of Michigan
Regents' Communication**

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Over the summer, the Michigan Student Assembly has been actively preparing for the fall, as well as conducting important business throughout the spring and summer terms. Through extensive planning and ongoing activity, this term's student government members have shown an impressive dedication to making this year extremely successful for MSA and the student body.

Activities Update:

Summer Funding – The Summer Student Assembly, MSA's summer funding body, has already allocated over \$20,000 to the numerous student groups that remain active over the summer months. Using updated applications and clear funding guidelines, we have been able ensure that both representatives and student group members are aware of funding policies and regulations before problems arise.

Voter Registration – MSA's Voice Your Vote (VYV) Commission members are already hard at work planning for this fall's voter registration efforts. They have been developing new and innovative ideas for encouraging students to register and vote in the upcoming elections, and they are dedicated to carrying out all their duties in both a non-partisan and fiscally responsible manner.

Improving Communication – One of MSA's main themes for this year will be improving the methods through which student government members communicate, both with one another and with students across campus. We have already begun this process through establishing consistent executive board contact with committee chairs, commission chairs, and representatives. Future changes will include publicly posted office hours for all MSA members, individual committee and commission web sites, and an MSA newsletter distributed to campus. We will continue to work together to find new ways to make MSA more responsive, transparent, and available to all University students.

Committee and Commission Cooperation – While many of our committees and commissions are still in the early stages of planning this coming semester's activities and events, they are all committed to doing so responsibly and cooperatively. This year, we are heavily encouraging cooperation between committees and commissions as well as reaching out to the hundreds of student groups on campus in order to provide the best services and events possible.