

**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,

Below are some of the highlights of MSA's activities this past month.

Higher Education – Over the past few months, the State of Michigan has made some decisions regarding its budget that were not necessarily congruent with the interests of the University of Michigan or higher education in general. After speaking with several student and state leaders, as well as student leaders across various schools in the state of Michigan and in the country, MSA is weighing its options for further advocacy regarding the state budget. This might include expanded efforts to reach out to state legislators or an increased student presence in Lansing.

Association of Big Ten Students Conference – MSA Vice-President Mohammad Dar is also the Executive Director of the Association of Big Ten Students, an umbrella organization for Big Ten student governments. The University of Michigan will be hosting the ABTS conference from August 17-20. The aim of the conference is to provide a venue for all of the Big Ten student governments to collaborate and share ideas. The upcoming MSA internship program is a tangible result of a previous ABTS conference.

Tuition – As of the deadline for submission of this report, we have not been informed of next year's proposed tuition and therefore cannot give further comments in this report. MSA will offer its thoughts during our designated speaking time at the July meeting.

Lease Signing Ordinance – Due to a cumbersome workload, the Ann Arbor City Council will not be able to consider revisions to the Lease Signing Ordinance this summer. Negotiations will continue and we hope to have a resolution in the Fall.

Homecoming – By and large, this project is shaping up to be an enormous success. However, we are having difficulty closing down State Street for the parade. We are aiming for either the Thursday or Friday before the game. If anyone has connections to accelerate this process, we would be very appreciative.