



The University of Michigan
Central Student Government

October 2018
Regents' Report

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government Report

Attached are the October updates 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 an update on CSG's ongoing and recent projects as we continue to serve the students of this University.

Ongoing CSG Projects

- **Town Hall on Housing Affordability**
 - CSG will host a housing affordability town hall on Monday, October 29 from 6-7:30 in the Michigan Room of the Michigan League. We hope to speak directly with students about obstacles they face while finding and sustaining affordable housing options in Ann Arbor and how CSG can solve some of these issues. We also hope this town hall will initiate a dialogue between various student organizations, encouraging collaboration to improve the housing system in Ann Arbor for current and future Wolverines.
- **Student Debt Workshop**
 - CSG will host a student debt workshop on November 15th in Palmer Commons from 7-8pm. The event will be open to all students on campus to learn about different types of debt and how students can handle their debt. The workshop will cover other topics including how to build good credit, how to budget money, how and when to declare bankruptcy, and how to pay off loans. CSG believes values helping students improve their basic monetary skills, and we hope to continue similar programming throughout the year.
- **CSG Executive Commissions**
 - The CSG executive team created 11 commissions to work on issues critical to the student body. The Executive Commissions provide an opportunity for students to become involved with CSG by working on a specific area of interest. Commissions include the Food Insecurity and Campus Affordability Task Force, Transfer Student Resource Commission (TSRC), International Student Affairs Commission (ISAC), Research and Polling Commission, Campus Climate Commission, First Year Programming Commission, Community Improvement and Engagement Commission, Student Wellness Commission, Wolverine Consulting Group, Mental Health Task Force, and the Sexual Misconduct Task Force.
- **Elected Representative Office Hours**
 - Members of CSG's 8th Assembly approved a resolution to re-enact CSG representative office hours for the 2018-19 school year. Accordingly, students can speak directly to their college's representative at accessible on-campus locations. CSG hopes the office hours program will improve campus visibility by engaging student voice. To further CSG's commitment to student engagement, the executive team also introduced its own office hours.
- **Game Day Hydration Stations**
 - In collaboration with the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Association, and Hillel, CSG continues to host Hydration Stations at various high-risk and high-traffic areas on football game days. The stations are a part of CSG's role in encouraging students to stay hydrated and stay in the blue by providing free water bottles, snacks, and phone chargers



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at select locations. CSG will continue to co-host and sponsor the stations through the entirety of the football season and during other high-risk events on campus.

- **Big 10 Voter Challenge**
 - CSG remains committed to upholding the Big 10 Voter Challenge and increasing student turnout during the upcoming midterm elections. The executive recently filmed a promotional Get Out The Vote video to encourage student turnout. CSG has also collaborated with Turn Up Turnout, I'm Voting, and the Big 10 Voter Challenge to disseminate information on how to register to vote throughout the month of September. As mentioned at the September Regents Meeting, CSG will contribute \$5,000 to subsidize the Buses to Ballots initiative, which will provide shuttle transportation for students on Election Day.
- **M Farmer's Market**
 - In conjunction with MDining, MHealthy, and Planet Blue, CSG's Health and Safety Executive Commission along with CSG's Executive Team continue to sponsor the M Farmer's Markets. The M Farmers Markets, continuing through October, encourage healthy eating and sustainable living during a day filled with chef demonstrations of recipes and tips for healthy eating, and information stations. The event promotes locally sourced produce, increasing the University of Michigan's commitment to local businesses and farmers.
- **Student Organization Funding Commission (SOFC)**
 - CSG's student organization funding arm finished its first three waves of funding applications of the Fall 2018 semester. Some notable projects and events funded by CSG include SHEI Magazine's fall publication, the Men's Rowing Team's trip to compete in Head of the Charles in Boston, Massachusetts, MRUN's MC5 invitational, and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers attendance at the AIChE Annual Student Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government

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President Schlissel, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University, it is my pleasure and honor to submit the following report to you on behalf of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government (SG). We truly appreciate this opportunity to inform you of the initiatives Student Government has worked on this year and upcoming initiatives we have in store.

Our Strategic Plan: Due to our new strategies in recruitment, and increased engagement with freshman on campus through various organization fairs and our coffee hours, we've been able to recruit many new members to join student government, and our membership is set to double by the end of the month! With a lot of fresh ideas and various feedback, we'll also be expanding our campus tours to better support international students by introducing a virtual campus tour. This will be especially helpful to students who may have flights after the orientation for international students, and any other circumstances that may arise. The virtual tours could also be used as a tool to recruit high school students.

Parking Is The Hot Topic: Students have expressed concern about the availability of parking, particularly due to an entire lot and section of campus' parking lots being closed for the construction of the new Engineering Lab Building, with even the parking structure being full often. We are creating a multi-tiered plan to address the growing frustration among students, starting with increasing awareness of campus safety, shuttle services, the proposal of a new bike-sharing program, and helpful tips as to when to arrive at different times of the day, to be able to find parking easier. The last tier of our plan is to create a parking committee. This has been discussed in the past with administrators, but it was never established. We hope to establish one now, and integrate it as part of our mission, now, more than ever.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report regarding the work done by the UM-Dearborn Student Government, and thank you for your commitment to the University of Michigan campuses and its students. Please let me know if you would like any additional information on upcoming projects.

Best,

Vivien Adams - President, UM-Dearborn Student Government



University of Michigan-Flint Student Government October 2018 Regents' Report

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 University of Michigan-Flint Student Government. Below is an update on Student Government's achievements and upcoming initiatives we are working on this academic year.

The University of Michigan-Flint Student Government is focusing on three areas in this year's platform: identity, student first, and civic engagement.

Identity:

- A concentrated focus on campus life that encourages activities geared toward students' interests; Campus life (activity geared towards student's interest)
- Create a sense of Pride - in terms of feeling a sense of belonging to this particular campus. Increasing pride in UM-Flint and the Flint community
- Traditions – increasing student awareness about campus traditions and connecting students to the history of UM-Flint.
- Increasing collaborations across departments and student organizations.
- **Students First** Transparency – Increasing student awareness around the activity and functioning of the university and Student Government. This will include more awareness around the budget and fee allocations. Inclusivity – We are here to foster a diverse campus. We want to ensure that underrepresented students have the support they need to be academically successful. Student Government hopes promote multicultural competency with all of our students.
- Transportation – In partnership with Public Safety we hope to address ongoing complaints regarding parking and transportation. This includes discussion about the shuttle, availability of parking and the boundaries of Safe Ride.
- Student Input – Student Government is working on multiple methods to increase opportunities for student to provide input and feedback about their experience at UM-Flint. **Civic Engagement** Political/social education – Student Government is actively working to increase awareness about this year's election. This includes supporting voter registration and programming on various issues from a multi-perspective approach. Community outreach – Student Government is working to identify ways students can help the community of Flint and create a solid connection between all 3 campuses.



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As of October 1st 2018, the new Student Government administration has accomplished the following:

- Safe Rides services have expanded to additional areas including Flint Public Library, the Sloan Museum, and the Flint Institute of Arts
- Volunteered during Move-In Day, at the annual Touch-a-Truck event, and registering student to vote in the upcoming elections
- Live streaming General Assembly meeting through the creation of a Student Government YouTube page
- Important Voting information dates inserted in textbooks through the Bookstore
- Co-Sponsored “The Student Forum” as a small round table discussion; each table had a mediator. The objective of this forum was gathering students and discussing what issues are important for student voters. We believe that this will empower student to go to the polls. This event was successful thanks to the political science department and UM-Flint voter organization.

Thank you for taking your time to read this update and thank you for all you do for the University and its student.

Respectfully,

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