Central Student Government

Assembly Resolution 13-043

Establishing a Civic Engagement Event for Marginalized Groups

Resolution Information

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Long title	A Directive and Appropriations resolution to host an event on February 10th, 2024, from 4-7 pm to raise awareness of the importance of voting among marginalized groups.
Author Summary	This resolution aims to increase student voter engagement on campus for first-generation students, immigrant students and students of color who attend the University of Michigan so they may gain insight into the available resources on campus to make informed decisions and ask questions about the importance of voting and where to vote.

Assembly Information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	
Committees	**Finance, Resolutions**

Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	**Passed For First Reads (Y/N)**	**Passed For Second Reads (Y/N)**
Rules		
Finance	**Y; MT**	**Y; MT**
Communications		
Resolutions	**Y; JWS**	**Y; JWS**

Attest

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Jarek Schmanski, LSA
Speaker of the Assembly

Unanimous Consent Date: 6 February 2024

Presidential Approval

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Meera Herle, Ford Date

Section 1.

The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:

WHEREAS,

It is important to encourage civic engagement among all eligible voters; and, it is known that first-generation and immigrant students are also significant voters. They are increasingly racially, culturally, and ethnically diverse, low-income, and often face unique challenges in accessing polling sites. Closing gaps in voter accessibility among students will tackle underrepresentation and political inequality on campus and in Michigan; AND,

WHEREAS,

The Central Student Government represents and supports their student body by promoting opportunities for civic engagement; AND,

WHEREAS,

The Central Student Government can use funds from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to host events with the goal of bringing awareness to social issues on campus (see Appendix A).

Section 2.

THEREFORE it is, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:

RESOLVED,

On February 10th from 4-7 pm, an event shall be put on in honor of the 2024 presidential election to support our students;

AND FINALLY RESOLVED,

The Assembly will appropriate one thousand three hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty-seven cents ($1,315.37) from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to the Executive Discretionary Fund to help cover all expenses associated with this event, as detailed in Appendix B;

Appendix A:

Culture + student-educated decision-making luncheon

FAQs - on how the event is planned

Culture Student + educated decision-making Luncheon

Feb 10 - 4-7pm

UMICH Votes

voting

Trotter Multi 1

Program Info	
Program / Event Description	• Join Central Student Government Assembly Representative Julia Odhiambo of LSA for a luncheon fostering an understanding of the importance of voting and why we vote. The session will focus on understanding commonalities and the importance of voting. There will be an opportunity at the end to gain more resources on registering to vote and switching to getting registered in Michigan too. Each participant will also get a cup to take home. Lunch will be provided.
Goals	• Educating ourselves on the importance of voting • Mobilizing more first-generation voters, immigrants, and POC to vote • Understand how to educate yourself on different policies • Helpful resources • How identity plays a role in voting • Allowing students to be okay with not knowing how to vote • November 7th, 2024 presidential elections, what to expect • Promoting an understanding and awareness of challenges that prevent the POC from voting, etc....
Pre-Event	
Time	**Item**
2 week before	• Marketing • Catering • Materials • Session requirement???

1 Week Before	• Finalize Presentation
	  ◦ Presentation slide
	  ◦ slido
	  ◦ Feedback form
	• Materials Needed
	  ◦ Name tags
	  ◦ (14) $10 Michigan M-Dining Gift cards
	  ◦ 100 disposable tea cups
	  ◦ Disposable plates
	  ◦ Cutlery
	  ◦ Colorful sharpie packs

30 min before event	• Items to finalize
	  ◦ Location set up
	  ◦ Playlist for first 30 minutes
	  ◦ Food Set-Up

Event	
4-4:15 4:15-4:30	Introduction + Welcome • Name Tags • Voting ballot with cuppy or Jamaican jerk (food comes in at 5 pm so people vote, but they don't realize I'm bringing in both) • How this will work (presentation) • Register to vote sheet/ resources at different tables Fun statistics activity game about voting using Slidio
4:30-4:45	Q - What are your cultures? • Who is represented!
4:45-5:15	Results • Discussion for cuppys or jamaican jerk • Fun statistics activity game about using Slidio
5:15-5:45	Dinner/ resources • Why voting is important • Voting resources

5:45-6:45	Ice Breaker Activity
	• Grab a cup
	  ◦ each cup will be different types of policies (good and bad ones) and you will either research to come up with an answer on whether you support that bill or not
	  ◦ Or you can write the issue that you are passionate about and ways that you can get it on the ballot
	  ■ How do you think that bill will affect the

	marginalized communities in America ■ Who affected, who benefits ■ Understanding and confronting barriers ○ General discussions about the topic
6:45-7	Feedback/ clean up
Follow-Up	
	● Follow up with presentation / slido result ● Follow up with CSG

Appendix B:

Voting Event (ASK) Feb 10, 2024 4-7pm					
Item	**Total cost together**	**purchase from**			
Room	$ 205.38		$	-	trotter (G010 Multi 1) would be a perfect space for this because it can fit 40-50 participants
Jamacian Jerk Pit	$ 485.00		$	-	used as a way to show the importance of decision making
Cuppys	$ 420.00		$	-	
100 Cups	$ 34.99	Amazon	$	-	Write issues that are salient to you on the mug and decorate it
colorful sharpies	$ 30.00	Amazon	$	-	
Michigan M-dining gift cards	$ 140.00	14 Quanitity ($10)	$	-	slidio statisitcs game event to show awarness that we are the least people to vote in elections
			$	-	
Platic plates	$ 10.00		$	-	to not be messy and eat on plate
plastic cutlery	$ 10.00		$	-	used for
Total	**$ 1,315.37**				

Due to the nature of this event, budget items were paid for up-front from the Executive Discretionary Fund to ensure smooth operation of the event. Advances were necessary for catering orders and room reservations, which could not be provided given the timeline of this resolution. With the passage of this resolution, funds will be appropriated from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to the Executive Discretionary Fund, effectively maintaining this event as a Legislative Discretionary Fund expenditure.