



ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Central Student Government (CSG) Report

President Coleman, members of the Board of Regents, and Executive Officers of the University,

We are pleased and honored to submit the following report to you on behalf of CSG:

Current Issues, Programs, and Policies that we are addressing:

- **Felony Hiring Policy**
 - Last Tuesday, Central Student Government passed a resolution calling for to rescind Standard Practice Guide (SPG) 601.38, the “Required Disclosure of Felony Charges and/or Felony Convictions”. The fact that Black and Indigenous communities are disproportionately criminalized and surveilled is evident in the ethnographic breakdown of those who report under SPG 601.38. In short, this policy perpetuates institutional racism and further, serves little to no practical purpose. There is no evidence to suggest that policies as such keep our University safer and those who are convicted of violent crimes would be exposed on public records. Over 120 students and organizations on campus have signed on to CSG’s resolution and we all recognize this policy for what it is: a way to gatekeep people who have been incarcerated from the University of Michigan. As an institution that values DEI, there is no reason to keep SPG 601.38 in place.
- **Safe Ride Survey Results**
 - Central Student Government implemented a program that reimbursed students for Lyft’s and Ubers. In addition to providing reimbursements to students, we simultaneously administered a survey to assess the effectiveness of SafeRide. 165 students filled out the survey and results suggest that many students do not know what SafeRide is, meaning that improvements need to be made in increasing exposure to the program. Additionally, 45% of survey respondents said that an app would make SafeRide more accessible. What’s important to note is that SafeRide does have an app, but it has low ratings and has been noted to not be user friendly. We will be working with transportation to improve SafeRide.
- **Permanent Maize and Blue Cupboard on North Campus**
 - We had the pleasure of meeting with Geoff Chatas a couple of weeks ago to discuss the possibility of a permanent Maize and Blue Cupboard on North Campus. For those who are unfamiliar, Maize and Blue Cupboard is a pantry that provides groceries at no cost to University of Michigan students and staff. Food insecurity impacts greater than 50% of our student community and steps must be taken to increase the availability and accessibility of nutritious foods on campus. We hope that steps will be taken to expand Maize and Blue Cupboard– it is what our community needs.



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Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

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CSG President and Vice President