

# Central Student Government

Annual Report  
2012-2013



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# Letter From Our President

## My Fellow Wolverines,

About a year ago, in a departure from past precedent, you elected Omar Hashwi and me as your Student Body Vice President and President, making us the first independent candidates to be elected in the recent history of U-M. Your mandate was just the beginning. Justifying your confidence in us has been our yearlong endeavor. It is with a deep sense of gratitude, responsibility and pride that we present to you our year-end report.

Our central mission has been “returning student government back to you the students.” That was our central campaign pledge and we hope that we’ve realized it. We’ve worked hard on fulfilling every single one of the platform promises we made to you last March, along with a host of other initiatives.

We like to believe that our work in reengaging our student body played a part in the voter turnout in this March election- the highest ever in the 106-year history of our organization.

In this report we’ve categorized our accomplishments in 7 key areas: Improving Your Campus Experience, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Reforming CSG, Making U-M More Inclusive, Graduate Students, A United Student Government, Sustainability, Social Justice & Service, Campus Wide Events. This report to you delineates our work in these areas.

I cannot tell you how thankful and grateful we are for all those late night conversations, for those moments of support in times of need. Your support and engagement with our initiatives have meant the world to us.

As we move on from CSG this year Omar and I would like to say thank you and farewell, but not goodbye. Michigan leadership is not about titles or accolades; it is about a lifelong commitment to this Wolverine nation. For today, tomorrow and always we are there for you!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Manish Parikh  
Student Body President, Central Student Government

# Our Executive Officers

Manish Parikh

President

Omar Hashwi

Vice President

Peter Han

Chief of Staff

Chris Osborn

Treasurer

Lukas Garske

Student General Counsel

Jill Clancy

Chief Programming Officer



## Proudest Accomplishments

1. Entrepreneurship Commission
2. Take U-M Abroad
3. CSG Interns Program
4. 24-Hour Café
5. Graduate Student Innovation Fund
6. Cultural Calendar for Minority Holidays
7. Highest Voter Turnout
8. Month of Entrepreneurship
9. U-M Heroes
10. One Big Thank You A2
11. Michigan International Students Society

### Improving Campus Experience

This Administration has worked tirelessly to improve the great Michigan experience for all present and future Wolverines by making aspects of campus life more engaging, student-driven and entertaining.



The 24 Hour Café on campus was the most popular campaign promise of this Administration. CSG worked closely with

UUnions to make Bert's Café the first 24 Hour Café at UM.



UM Speaks is a web platform which informs students of all the great speakers who visit campus on a weekly basis.

Promoting and Funding Concerts like the MusicMatters Ben Folds concert has been important to this Administration.

Commencement Speaker Selection Report was submitted to President Coleman and VP Harper to increase student involvement in commencement speaker selection.

The Blue Bike Rental Grant provided special discretionary funding to Recreational Sports to purchase four bikes exclusively for students as part of the Blue Bikes Program.

Revamping UPetition by allowing students to create petitions to lobby CSG and University Administration.

The Syllabus Project was initiated to give students access to course syllabi before selecting courses. Through a series of meetings with Provost Hanlon, Vice Provost Pollack and Deans of schools and college the University has committed to create a database that will contain the syllabi for past courses.

## Entrepreneurship and Innovations

Michigan students have a history of going out and changing the world through entrepreneurship and innovation. Bringing the entrepreneurial mindset to the entire student body, and making U-M #1 for student-driven entrepreneurship anywhere in the nation have been top priorities for this Administration.

**The Entrepreneurship Commission** was launched to bring together the Presidents of the eighteen entrepreneurial organizations on campus under one roof, to work towards making U-M #1 for student-driven entrepreneurship anywhere in the nation.



**The Month of Entrepreneurship** was launched by CSG's E-Commission and the Center For Entrepreneurship and was the first documented instance of a US University devoting an entire month to entrepreneurship.

**The Student Entrepreneur Funding Vehicle** was initiated to enable Wolverine entrepreneurs to scale their ventures nationally, and was set up to be the first funding vehicle in the nation by the students, for the students and of the students.

## The 1 Stop Entrepreneurs Resource

initiative organized all the various, spread out resources student entrepreneurs need into a simple, centralized platform.

**UpStart3** offered three grants to students who came up with ideas for innovative, impactful and game-changing student organizations on campus.



**Union Venture Showcase (VEX)** was launched in partnership by M-Powered Entrepreneurship and CSG's E-Commission to bring the spirit of entrepreneurship to the central hub of student activity- the Michigan Union. Students took up a space in the Michigan Union in the month of April to produce a risk-free market for entrepreneurs, artists and creators from across campus to sell, showcase, test and garner potential investment for their products and services.

**The Let's Change UM Campaign** is a joint project by CSG and M-Powered to make some of the top ideas from the 1000 pitches competition a reality on campus.

**@UM Entrepreneurs** was a new campus-wide twitter handle launched by the E-Commission to streamline communication for student-driven entrepreneurship.



**Flipped Semester** is a project supported by the Entrepreneurship Commission to create an innovative, action-based educational program for students to design their own curriculum, so that student innovators don't have to drop out of school while pursuing their big dreams.

### Reforming and Improving CSG

This Administration took office acknowledging that CSG was far from perfect. Through a series of institutional reforms and developmental changes, the Administration has focused on returning student government back to the students.

**Fresh Faces** in CSG are important in giving new opinions and ideas to CSG, and this year, more than 60% of all appointments have been students who've never previously been involved with student government on campus.

**Highest Voter Turnout** this year through reengaging the student body and better promoting the elections, CSG saw the highest voter turnout in the 106 year history of the organization.

**Coffee Chats** were initiated by the Executive

Officers to replace office hours in order to engage with students on popular spots across campus.

**No Suits & Ties**, a prominent campaign promise of President Manish Parikh and VP Omar Hashwi was to refrain from wearing suits and ties and dress casually to better engage with the student body and move away from a student government stereotype of bureaucracy. Through the course of the year they lived up to this promise.



**The Social Government Campaign** aimed to make CSG less bureaucratic, and more approachable, fun and social.

**Eliminating Bureaucracy** through 12-hour personal responses to all student questions, comments and suggestions was instituted to improve the relationship between CSG and students.

**The CSG Interns Program** was created and codified to give highly motivated freshmen the leadership and execution skills required to effect great change at the University of Michigan.

**A Handbook for Future Administrations** was created to preserve institutional memory for generations of CSG elected officials.

**CSG Advisory Boards** through new legislation introduced by this Administration CSG will now have an Advisory Board of students, faculty and community experts who can lend the organization their broad expertise and advice as required.

**Making Community Concerns** student centric enabled plenty of student leaders to candidly and openly address our Assembly at our Tuesday night meetings.

**Improving the CSG Office** was another important aspect of the Executive Board's goal to make CSG more welcoming to students.

**The Fair Play Pledge** was initiated by the President, Student General Counsel and Chief Justice to hold candidates in the March election extra accountable and encourage them to run clean, fair and sincere campaigns.

**The Election Code** was revised in order to ensure that all future CSG elections are more fair and equitable.

**The Michigan Daily Mid Year & End Year Report** enabled the CSG President to have a frank conversation with the Michigan Daily Editorial Board about this Administration's biggest successes and failures.

**The Michigan Daily Blog** "From The President's Desk" enabled the CSG President to address current issues and connect directly with the Student Body

through a series of weekly blogs for the Michigan Daily.

## Inclusive UM

With a student body that represents so many diverse communities and more than 120 countries, this year CSG has placed an important emphasis on better representation for minority communities and international students through a series of initiatives and projects.

**The Michigan International Students Society** is the first pan-international organization CSG helped start on campus, and already has members from 30 different countries.

**Cultural Calendar** was created to celebrate and recognize holidays to make all students feel more welcome and appreciated on campus.



**Take U-M Abroad** gave five grants to students studying abroad across the globe to cause impact in the global community through taking an aspect of the University of Michigan abroad with them.





The Coalition for Tuition Equality an initiative that champions in-state tuition for undocumented students was supported and endorsed through the course of the entire year.



**LGBTQ Community Inclusiveness** the LGBT Issues Commission hosted over 10 events including the Gayz Craze event, and championed new initiatives to make members of our LGBTQ community feel more welcome, secure and at home here in Ann Arbor.

## Graduate Students

This year CSG has initiated several innovative projects to focus exclusively on graduate students who make up a large and important part of our Student Body.

**Graduate Student Innovation Fund** was a special pilot grant launched to fund project

ideas, aimed at improving life for all graduate students on campus. It was based on a similar initiative launched by the Office of the Provost at the University of Chicago.

**The Graduate Student Special Committee** was created by Executive Order and led by Wonwoo Lee to establish the basis for developing a better connection between CSG and graduate students.

**The Graduate Student Cross-Disciplinary Conference** was established in order to help better connect graduate students to one another on campus.

## United Student Government

This year CSG has initiated greater and long lasting connections with the other the 16 student governments on campus, the Administration, our Dearborn and Flint campuses, and the close to 1400 student organizations on campus.

**The University Council Chat with President Coleman** in February invited the presidents of all 16-student governments to have a special fireside chat with President Coleman.

**Regent Bernstein** attended the March 19th Assembly meeting, making history in being the first regent to ever discuss campus issues with CSG directly.

**Regent Bernstein Twitter Town Hall** was organized by CSG to give student leaders and wolverines across campus an opportunity engage with Regent Mark Bernstein via twitter questions.

**Shared Governance** Our Dearborn and Flint Student Governments have for a long time lobbied U-M for an equal opportunity to share their work with our Board of Regents. CSG worked hard to ensure that both our sister student governments were granted this opportunity to present a report to Regents alongside our own report on a monthly basis starting as part of our shared governance initiative.

**Strengthening cross Student Government Ties** by treating leaders of all student governments on campus as our equal partners for change has enabled us to improve and build more lasting ties with all student governments on campus.

**The Outreach Team**, one of the teams of the Interns Program, launched an ambitious campaign to meet with the presidents of all student organizations on campus to discuss their problems and help with solutions.

**Keeping our student body unified** by averting secession of the graduate student body, through a series of dialogues and good-will-building initiatives was an important accomplishment of this administration.

**The Student Organization Solutions Commission (SOSC)**, fully launching in the fall of 2013, will work to improve campus for all 1400 student organizations on campus.

## Sustainability, Social Justice & Service

Under the leadership of the Vice President, this Administration has placed a renewed emphasis on environmental sustainability,

social justice and service to the larger community.

**Responsible Investment** was an initiative championed by the current Administration through the Environmental Issues Commission and Peace & Justice Commission of the Executive branch.

**The Divest and Invest Campaign** through the Environmental Issues Commission has worked this year to encourage the university to disclose all of the \$1 billion invested in the fossil fuel industry.

**Reviews of the Statement of Students' Rights and Responsibilities** have made big changes, including provisions that supplement the Medical Amnesty Law and helping University Administration to draft a new Sexual Assault policy.



**Medical Amnesty Awareness** is an issue that CSG funded and championed through campus wide events and campaigns.

**The Farmer's Market** hosted this year by the Health Issues Commission to provide students with healthy, sustainable produce options on campus was the largest one yet for CSG.

**White House Roundtable**, CSG partnered with the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to host a roundtable on fuel efficiency at the CSG Chambers. The event was attended by senior officials from the White House and Congressman John Dingell.

### Campus Wide Events

The CSG Executive initiated a series of campus-wide traditions and events that celebrate our student body and bring all of us together.

**International Night** celebrated our rich international community on campus, through a cultural show, and performances that displayed U-M's rich international community.



**U-M Heroes** was an award ceremony initiated to commemorate ten outstanding members of our student body who've

created an impact at Michigan and in the world.

**The Town Hall Debate** for the CSG Presidential Election was the first of its kind, and it allowed students to ask questions directly to the presidential candidates; it is a tradition that will continue down the road.



**The St. Patrick's Day Tailgate** provided students with an alcohol free environment in order to encourage campus safety while still offering entertainment.

**The One Big Thank You A2** allowed students an opportunity to volunteer and aid Ann Arbor residents in order to thank the Ann Arbor community for hosting our campus and being such wonderful neighbors.

# Executive Commissions

## Top Accomplishments of each of the Executive Commissions

### Academic Affairs Commission

Aya Mimura

The Academic Affairs Commission worked as a team to improve the academic lives of all students at the University of Michigan.

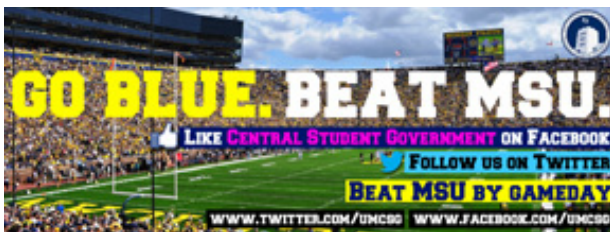
- Creating a UM class/professor rating system
- Adding the requirements for many UM majors to the course guide
- Simplifying the financial aid process

### Campus Improvement Commission

Domenic Rizzolo

The Campus Improvement Commission strived to improve all facets of campus life for students at the University of Michigan.

- Working to institute a syllabi database for all students on campus
- Fixing the bussing maps
- Supporting initiatives to increase hours of the dining halls



### Communications Commission

Somya Gupta

The Communications Commission publicized CSG's actions to the campus community and informed students of the

services it provides.

- The Social Government Campaign
- Updating and improving the CSG Website
- Facebook "Likes Battle" with Michigan State Student Government

### Disability Affairs Commission

Andrew Clark

The Disability Affairs Commission helped create a more accepting and accessible campus for all university students with disabilities.

- Community service events like snow shoveling and clearing accessibility ramps
- Meeting with the administration to maintain all campus regulations in regards to disabilities affairs

### Diversity Affairs Commission

Daniel Morales

The Diversity Affairs Commission strived to enhance campus life by sustaining an inclusive campus through administrative policy and lobbying.

- The Dream Big Dream Blue Program
- Supporting and funding the Coalition For Tuition Equality movement
- Yearly race, ethnicity and identity conference for students, professors and administrators

### Entrepreneurship Commission

Scott Christopher

The Entrepreneurship Commission's primary goal was to make UM the #1 school for student-driven entrepreneurship in the nation.

- The 1st ever University-wide Month of

- Entrepreneurship (March & April )
- Creating the Student Entrepreneur Funding Vehicle (SEFV) in partnership with CFE
- Launching Venture Showcase (VEX) in partnership with M-Powered- an entrepreneurship hub in the Michigan Union
- Creating @UMEntrepreneurs twitter handle
- Let's Change U-M Campaign in partnership with M-Powered
- Supporting Flipped Semester



### Environmental Issues Commission Dana Rollison

The Environmental Issues Commission promoted a sustainable University community and encouraged environmental awareness on campus.

- Campaigning for Proposal 3, which passed in Ann Arbor
- Mock Oil Spill
- Divest & Invest Campaign
- Attending climate rallies in Washington, D.C.
- Earth Week (March 31-April 6)

### External Relations Commission

Tanner Waterstreet

This commission continued relations with external organizations and stakeholders in order to increase the quality of life for all students.

- Attending the Student Association of Michigan and Big Ten on the Hill Conferences
- One Big Thank You A2 event in Ann Arbor

### Graduate Student Affairs Commission

Zeid El-Kilani

The Graduate Student Affairs Commission promoted the graduate students' collaboration on issues pertaining to their areas of study.

- Conducting research on potential graduate student secession
- Conducting research on the benefits and costs of a united student government
- Working closely with Administration and campus leaders to ensure a unified Central Student Government

### Greek Relations Commission

Tommy Wydra

The Greek Relations Commission was responsible for strengthening the relationship between CSG and the Greek community at Michigan.

- Creating an MCard App for smartphones was proposed
- Developing a late night bus route for 10:00 pm to 2:00 am was proposed
- Starting a Greek Life Blood Drive





### Health Issues Commission

Parisa Soraya

The Health Issues Commission focused on promoting the health of all students on campus and educating students on health issues.

- Bringing the MFarmers' Market to North Campus
- MHappy month with a Diag Pillow Fight (April)
- Puppies in the libraries during finals



### International Student Affairs Commission

Jeff Kong

The International Student Affairs Commission represents the international student body at the University of Michigan.

- The International Movie Week which included an International Food Fair
- International Night (March)

### LGBTQ Issues Commission

Aubree Sepler

This commission worked to help improve campus life for those who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

- Gayz Craze
- The National Coming Out Week Rally
- Breaking Binaries Event

### Minority Affairs Commission

Julia Papiyants

Minority Affairs Commission worked diligently to cultivate a more inclusive campus environment for all minority communities.

- Cultural Calendar which represents all religious holidays on campus
- Celebrating important holidays with minority communities

### North Campus Affairs Commission

Nicholas Skardarasy

The goals of this commission were to improve life for North Campus students and organizations.

- Museum Theater Project
- Multiple presentations by speakers in fields such as politics, sustainability and more

### Peace and Justice Commission

Abigail Williams

The Peace and Justice Commission served as a catalyst for awareness, social justice, diversity and cultural understanding on campus.

- Organizer Bootcamp

- The Adidas Campaign which spread awareness about Adidas' violation to the University's Investment Code

### Student Organization Funding Commission

Eric Kibler

The Student Organization Funding Commission expended its entire budget in funding student organizations on campus.



### Student Safety Commission

Rebecca Liebschutz

The Campus Safety Commission was responsible for promoting safety procedures, programs, and information throughout the University, both on and off campus.

- Increasing SafeRide's breadth
- Working with Beyond The Diag to host a Personal Safety Education Workshop with speaker Katy Mattingly

### Transfer Student Affairs Commission

Tyler Mesman

The Transfer Student Affairs Commission worked to eliminate institutional barriers that hinder transfer students from fully acclimating to the university.

- Revamping the Transfer Year Experience Program
- Creating a CTools site for transfer students



### Voice Your Vote Commission

Todd Flynn

Voice Your Vote is the University's primary non-partisan group encouraging student voter participation.

- Registering thousands of students all over campus to vote in the presidential election
- Working with departments to discourage professors from having exams on election days

### Women's Issues Commission

Irene Suh

The primary responsibilities of the Women's Issues Commission were to redefine feminism on campus and change the negative connotation that goes along with feminism.

- Spreading awareness about Michigan's Medical Amnesty Law
- The UM Needs Feminism Campaign
- Safety Workshop for women at CSG Chambers



## The Central Student Government Interns Program

The 2012-2013 academic year marked the beginning of a tradition that will continue within CSG for years to come: the CSG Interns Program. Over one hundred of the University of Michigan's most talented and motivated freshmen applied for the inaugural CSG Interns Program. A group of twenty-six students were selected among those who applied and their contribution to CSG this year has been nothing short of monumental.

The Interns Program groomed and trained these highly talented students with the leadership and execution skills required to make a big impact here at the University.

The program was organized into special teams: Outreach, Research, Executive Assistants, Entrepreneurship, and Special Projects. These students were singularly responsible for some of our biggest accomplishments throughout the year including the Take U-M Abroad Program, UM Speaks, One Big Thank You A2, Month of Entrepreneurship, Student Organizations Solutions Commission, and even this End of Year Report, among a host of other initiatives.

This new program has opened up many doors for freshmen interested in making a difference on campus and it will continue for many years down the road.

Following is a list of the dynamic students who comprised the inaugural CSG Interns Program:

Abdelrahman Allam  
Abhi Satya  
Abir Azeem  
Aditya Shankar  
Alex Kaminetzky  
Alishah Chator  
Angel Wang  
Brendan Montgomery  
Bryan Frederick  
Ethan Michaeli  
Ibrahim Hamati  
Jacob Smith  
Juhyuk Lee  
Kevin Ziegler  
Madeline Hartlieb  
Madeline Salazzar  
Maria Buczkowski  
Natalie Silver  
Nick Swider  
Nicole Mott  
Sam Arsenault  
Shivani Barapatre  
Todd Maslyk  
Yeonjung Park  
Zach Boulanger  
Zein Zoulfikor



## Fellow Wolverines,

Made up of over 50 representatives elected from every school and college at the University of Michigan, the Assembly serves as the legislative branch of the Central Student Government. Your representatives have been hard at work over the past year to engage constituents and bring issues, projects, and initiatives to the wider attention of the University Community.

This year's Assembly made a conscious effort to help student organizations and student leaders bring their goals to fruition. For the first time ever, the Assembly allocated its entire budget in support of these projects. Central Student Government was proud to support huge events like the pep rally for the Michigan State football game, the largest college hack-a-thon ever, the OptiMize social entrepreneurship competition, and the MUSIC Matters Ben Folds Concert. But the Assembly also worked with smaller, less visible organizations. The Food Recovery Network, an organization that brings uneaten food from the dining halls to those in need in the Ann Arbor area, received funding to start a pilot program in the Markley dining hall. The "We Bleed Too" campaign, a blood drive that allowed donors to make an honorary donation on behalf of people excluded from donating blood, was partially funded by the Assembly. The Michigan Health Aid, which will put on a free medical clinic in Ann Arbor in September, received initial funding from the Assembly. And the Assembly made several important recommendations adopted by University administrators, including amendments to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, helping to draft a new Sexual Assault policy, and delaying the switch to Google software until it is compatible with screen readers used by those with vision impairments.

It has been an honor to lead such a dedicated group of individuals. The debates were robust, discussion was always thoughtful, and everyone stayed focused on their passion for helping the students of the University of Michigan.

Michael Proppe  
Speaker of the Assembly, Central Student Government

# Assembly Resolutions

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-001

A Resolution Regarding Google Apps and Disability Accessibility

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-002

A Resolution to Update the Community Concerns Portion of the Operating Procedures

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-003

A Resolution to Support the University of Texas' Defense of Affirmative Action at the U.S Supreme Court

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-004

A Resolution to Allocate Funds in Support of the Beat MSU Pep Rally

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-005

A Resolution to Enact and Codify the Central Student Government Interns Program

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-007

A Resolution to Support Campus Wide Event Publicity/A campus Wide Calendar

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-008

A Resolution to Allocate Funds in Support of the Port Huron Statement 50th Anniversary Conference

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-009

A Resolution to Add an Election Code to the Compiled Code

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-010

A Resolution to Support the Inclusion of Bullying, Cyberbullying and Cyberharassment as a 2 Violation of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-011

A Resolution to Enhance the Central Student Government Chambers

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-012

A Resolution to Enhance the Wireless Connectivity Around Campus to Further Serve Student Needs

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-013

A Resolution to Amend the Operating Procedures to Update the Attendance Policy

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-014

A Resolution to Support the Placement of a Clause in the Statement of Student Rights Regarding Medical Amnesty Policy at The University of Michigan

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-015

A Resolution to Update the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities to Reflect the "Michigan Student Assembly's" Name Change to the "Central Student Government"

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-016

A Resolution to Honor Regent Olivia P. Maynard

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-017

A Resolution to Honor Regent S. Martin Taylor

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-018](#)

A Resolution to Create the Central Student Government Entrepreneurship Commission

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-019](#)

A Resolution to Amend and Update the Compiled Code

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-020](#)

A Resolution to Change the Operating Procedures to Improve Guest Speakers

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-021](#)

A Resolution to Officially Authorize Jeremy Keeney and Lukas Garske to Negotiate on Behalf of CSG and the Student Body Regarding Ann Arbor's Early Lease Signing Ordinance

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-022](#)

A Resolution to Support "Final Survival 101"

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-023](#)

A Resolution to Host a CSG Diag Day

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-024](#)

A Resolution to Recommend an Amendment to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-025](#)

A Resolution to Support the Food Recovery Network

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-026](#)

A Resolution to Allocate Funds in Support of Optimize and Social Entrepreneurship

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-027](#)

A Resolution to Amend the Operating Procedures to Include Contact and Campaign Information

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-028](#)

A Resolution to Do Enact the Winter 2013 Central Student Government Budget

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-030](#)

A Resolution to Provide Adequate Parking for MoPeds on Central Campus

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-031](#)

A Resolution to Amend the Compiled Code's Finance Section

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-032](#)

A Resolution to Update the Election Code

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-033](#)

A Resolution to Define "Task Force"

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-034](#)

A Resolution to Co-Sponsor the 2013 Music Matter Spring Concert and Festivities

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-035](#)

A Resolution in Support of Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-036](#)

A Resolution to Allocate Funds in Support of Additional Water Refill Stations Purchases

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-037](#)

A Resolution Regarding Lecturers' Employee Organization and Teaching Equality

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-038](#)

A Resolution Declaring Central Student Government's Support of Medical Amnesty Awareness

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-039](#)

A Resolution to Expend Funds for a CSG St. Patrick's Day Tailgate

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-040](#)

A Resolution to Support the We Bleed Too Campaign

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-041](#)

A Resolution to Create the Student Entrepreneurship Funding Vehicle

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-042](#)

A Resolution to Amend the Compiled Code to Give the Chair of the Disabilities Affairs Commission First Right of Refusal to Sit on the Services for Students with Disabilities Advisory Board and the Council for Disability Concerns.

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-043](#)

A Resolution to Officially Conclude Jeremy Keeney's and Lukas Garske's Lease Ordinance Negotiations on Behalf of CSG

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-044](#)

A Resolution to Update and Resolve Ambiguities that Exist in the Compiled Code

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-045](#)

A Resolution to Limit Access to Real-Time Election Results

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-046](#)

A Resolution to Amend and Update the Operating Procedures

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-047](#)

A Resolution to Allocate Funds for Students to Attend the March ON Washington on April 10th for Immigrant Rights

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-048](#)

A Resolution to Allocate Funds to Michigan Health Aid

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-049](#)

A Resolution to Transfer Funds to SOFC

[ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2-050](#)

A Resolution to Ensure the Continuity of UM Heroes

# Letter From Our Chief Justice

## Fellow Wolverines,

The Central Student Judiciary (CSJ) is the judicial branch of the Central Student Government. CSJ is the highest adjudicating student body at the University of Michigan, often hearing cases involving election disputes, CSG constitutional issues, and reviews of decisions made by student groups on campus. While CSJ bases its decisions off of the CSG Constitution, the CSG Compiled Code, and some United States law, the Court also considers group regulations (e.g. student organization constitutions) and the Standards of Conduct for Recognized Student Organizations when making decisions. Although the applicable sources of law are varied, no legal training of any kind is required to bring a case before CSJ. Ensuring that the process and outcome is fair, rather than technically perfect, is the first priority. To ease the process, CSJ can appoint student counsel to represent a party, or they may retain their own representatives.

Any student who feels she has been wronged may bring her case to CSJ. Disputes between students or student organizations can also be brought to CSJ through the Center for Campus Involvement office in cases where the parties cannot reach an agreeable outcome, when all other channels have been exhausted, or it is not clear what the appropriate body for adjudication is. CSJ hears cases the entire school year and is accessible to answer any student's question.

The Courts docket this academic year focused on the role of the Central Student Government vis-à-vis other student governments and groups on campus. While all of our cases have revolved around Student Governments on campus, the implications of our decisions can have their effects felt around the entire campus. The proposed secession of the Rackham Student Government from the Central Student Government was by far the largest controversy to reach this Court and involved both private students and members of the Student Governments. The Court was also asked to issue a number of Advisory opinions on the roles and responsibilities of the executive officers of our Central Student Government.

Moving forward under my new leadership, my goals are to make students more aware of this Court and to work to ensure that students are better informed of their rights. This Court also is hoping to increase the use of mediation to resolve disputes and work with both parties to prevent adversarial Court proceedings in more instances. Should mediation fail, CSJ is always available to adjudicate cases in the traditional sense.

If you have any questions about CSJ, please feel free to reach out to me personally at [cksteven@umich.edu](mailto:cksteven@umich.edu).

Christopher Stevens  
Chief Justice, Central Student Judiciary

## 2012-2013 Academic Year Court Recap

NOTE: Cases involving student groups are generally not published and are not included in the recap here. The views expressed here are considered external analysis of decisions, and do not bind or represent the view of the Court in any way. All official opinions of the Court can be found at: <https://csg.umich.edu/judicial-branch/cases>

### F-12-001: CSG v. RSG Highlights:

1. First case heard under this constitution where two student governments were litigants against each other, where one student government was CSG.
2. CSG was requesting an injunction that RSG follow its own bylaws and remove a ballot question pertaining to secession from an upcoming ballot measure.

Outcome: RSG succeeded in both preventing an injunction, and succeeded in posing the question to students of Rackham.

### W-13-001: Liu v. RSG Highlights:

1. Petitioner Liu, a private student requested that the results of a referenda question surrounding secession be invalidated.

Outcome: The Court held that there was a lack of effective remedy since the results had already been widely published.

### W-13-002 CSG v. RSG Highlights:

1. Petitioner CSG requested that this Court order RSG to change its bylaws to accommodate CSG supremacy over department or college governments.
2. CSG also requested that this Court order RSG to change its bylaws that pertain to appointing students to University committees and commissions.

Outcome: The Court held that CSG was supreme over other student governments in the same manner as the federal government is supreme over the states, and was the only government that could effectively represent all the students on campus. The Court also held that only CSG could appoint students to University wide committees and commissions.

### W-13-003 (ADVISORY) Highlights:

1. Defined the roles of the various offices within the Executive Branch.
2. The Assembly can require an officer to consult with and share the workings of the budget with committees and commissions before a vote by the Assembly.



# Our Central Student Government



Image 1: Bert's Cafe- the 1st 24 hour cafe on campus



Image 3: Manish and Omar sharing a light moment over lunch



Image 2: The Take U-M Abroad Program conceptualized and created by CSG Intern Nicole Mott



Image 4: 1st meeting of Entrepreneurship Commission



Image 5: Regent Mark Bernstein addressing members of the CSG Assembly

