

“Your Voice”

Welcome UDM Students to “Your Voice”, the Student Senate Newsletter. As Student Senate strives to create positive change on UDM’s campus, we hope to share with you what we have worked on in the past, what is currently being done, and what plans we have for the future so you can see the progress that is being made. As leaders that serve this community of students, we hope that you also feel the need to share your opinions, thoughts, and ideas to improve upon anything at UDM, whether it is regarding student life, campus life or anything else. Just as Student Senate representatives do on a daily basis, we hope that you too raise **your voice**...

UDM Student Senate November Newsletter 2009

A message from the President...

Hello Fellow Students,

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and I would like to thank all students, faculty, and administrators for all the help that they have given to Student Senate and its sub-committees.

The meeting of Presidents Council for the month of November was held on November 2nd. During this meeting, the Council was informed about new location of Student Organization mail and the University calendar of events. They were also informed about upcoming events of Student Senate and its sub-committees, and about other upcoming events that UDM student organizations are hosting. UDM Minister, Mr. Drew Peters was present at the meeting. Mr. Peters informed the Council about a project that is going to help the hunger and homeless people in our communities. The Council completed a survey and gave feedback regarding the project. Many organizations liked the idea and were very interested into helping with the project.

Also, Director of UDM Leadership Development Institute, Mr. David Nantais was present at the meeting. Mr. Nantais is the new

Director of LDI and he informed the members of the Council about LDI’s plan and projects. Mr. Nantais talked about leadership development opportunities within UDM community and what it means to be a student leader. Members were able to network with other student leaders and discuss certain issues and concerns within their organizations and the University. Some topics discussed were: increasing student involvement, leadership development, collaboration between student organizations, SENSOG funding, etc.

During the month of November, I have had meetings with the Dean of Students, Ms. Monica Williams, the President of The University of Detroit Mercy, Fr. Gerard L. Stockhausen, SJ, and other administrators regarding concerns and suggestions that UDM students have. Some of the suggestions and concerns were regarding Public Safety, Dining Services, Residence Halls, Financial Aid, Registration, Internet, etc. In this November issue of the newsletter, we are featuring some of the more than 20 reports from senators who have collected information from various departments and colleges across the university.

Enjoy this issue and as always, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or feedback please do not hesitate to contact me at my email famaer@udmercy.edu or 313-993-1493. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Ervis S. Fama
UDM Student Senate President



University Ministry

University Ministry Representative (Natalie Deboer – deboernc@udmercy.edu)

My name is Natalie DeBoer. I am a sophomore Communications Studies major and I am also taking Pre-Law classes. I am involved with the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and the Peace and Social Justice floor, 4 west. I am the Ministry Representative on Student Senate.

This past month University Ministry participated in nightly mass, a bake sale for Alternative Spring Break, and a weekly coffee hour on Thursdays from 3-4pm. They were also part of the events for Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week. At the end of H&H week there was a bus of approximately 50 students and chaperones to Fort Benning Georgia to protest the School of the Americas.

For this month we will continue accepting applications for Alternative Spring Break and continuing the Coffee Hour. Mass will be held Monday thru Friday at 12:00pm in the St. Ignatius chapel in C&F and in the Young Martyrs Chapel @ 10pm Shiple Monday thru Thursday so please feel free to join us.

Thanks,

Natalie DeBoer (Ministry Rep)



College of Health Professions (CHP)

CHP Representative (Angie Yono – yonoar@udmercy.edu)

Hi, my name is Angie Yono and I'm a senior in the undergraduate nursing program at UDM. I'm president of the student nurse association, a McAuley School of Nursing student representative, in sigma theta tau (nursing honor society), a psi chi member (psychology honor society), a presidential ambassador, learning center tutor, a member of the Chaldean-American Student Association, and as a member of Student Senate I'm also on the president's council committee.

Unfortunately, I was unable to meet with the Dean of CHP because the College of Health Professions is currently holding interviews for this position. The candidates are Dr. Patricia Thomas, Dr. Deborah Garrison, and Dr. Christine Pacini. CHP students were invited to meet the candidates throughout November. Meetings were held in the Maureen Fay Center on November 16, 23, and 30.

Safety Street was a success and a lot of fun for all who attended! Big thanks to those who came and helped to build the facade and pass out candy to the children. There are pictures posted on the SNA Facebook group - check them out!

The SNA Halloween Bake Sale this past month was also a great success. We raised more than we expected, and we hope to be able to have several more fundraisers throughout the year. Thanks again to all who donated baked goods - we really appreciate it!!!

Our first American Red Cross Blood Drive of the year on November 3rd went very well - thank you to those who helped set up, take appointments, and save 3 lives! SNA will be hosting another Blood Drive next semester.

The Student Nurse Association is now on the Blackboard site for MSON students. All meeting minutes and other information throughout the year are posted.

SNA t-shirt orders are officially in. Take a look at MSON students on campus with them on! SNA is also working with Student Senate and showing their support in the "Giving Tree" campaign on campus. Nursing students are encouraged to volunteer their time and effort.



DECEMBER EVENTS:

UNIVERSITY
OF DETROIT
MERCY

Important SENSOG Dates

SENSOG
Forms due Wednesday,
December 9th

SENSOG
Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 10th

SENSOG Notifications
Wednesday,
December 16th

Presidents Council Meeting

Monday, December 7th @
9:15pm in C & F 209

University Ministry

Evening Mass every
Sunday @ 10pm in the St.
Ignatius Chapel in C&F

Daily Mass Monday –
Friday 12pm and 4:30pm
in the St. Ignatius Chapel
in C&F

Evening Mass Monday –
Thursday @ 10pm in the
Young Martyrs Chapel in
Shiple Hall

School of Architecture

Architecture Representative (Chris Petzak – petzakcj@udmercy.edu)

My name is Christopher Petzak and I am a fourth-year architecture student. I am the School of Architecture Representative for Student Senate. Additionally, I am serving as the Vice President for the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), which is an organization on campus that serves all students within the School of Architecture and those interested in architecture and design.

We are currently fundraising for the School's materials library which is a living reference of materials housed in the school for architecture students. This is an ongoing effort, and AIAS plans to hold several fundraisers and our annual Beaux Arts Ball next semester in an effort to raise funds. Additionally, students have discussed with Dean Vogel the possibility of a curriculum change to better reflect the time spent on class work and skills architecture students have gained from the current curriculum. This is also ongoing and will coincide with the university-wide curriculum change.

Upcoming events this semester include:

- Alumni Breakfast during architecture 'Hell Week', Sunday, December 6 at 9:00 AM in the Peter Pierce Room, School of Architecture
- AIAS National Forum leadership conference in Minneapolis, January, UDM AIAS plans to send a delegation
- Look for more events in January



Campus Commuter Council

Commuter Representative (Kristofer A. Hall – hallka@udmercy.edu)

Well hello students, faculty, and staff of UDM. My name is Kristofer Hall and I am the Commuter Representative, a Business Administration major and a member of SPB (Student Programming Board).

I met with other commuter students a few weeks ago to see what needs to be done so that commuter students can enjoy the campus as much as the residential students. We talked about how commuter students can eat on campus versus eating off campus and discussed creating a newsletter for the commuters to stay informed.

If you are a commuter, email me if you have any concerns, questions, suggestions, or feedback at hallka@udmercy.edu.



Mission & Values

VP of Mission & Values (Maria Ibarra – ibarramg@udmercy.edu)

Thank you to all the individual organizations that helped out during Hunger and Homelessness Week. We worked diligently to make sure everything ran as scheduled.

On Monday and Wednesday of H&H Week we had service opportunities and took a group of about 20 people to volunteer at Capuchin Soup Kitchen and at NOAH for a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless. We also raised awareness about the homelessness situation in Detroit through flyers and by signing letters sent to Detroit Mayor Bing that represent homeless people in the Detroit area. Toiletries, canned food, and winter clothing were also collected and will be donated to Detroit Covenant House in early December.

Currently we're planning the first Senator Night and possibly an Interfaith Dinner that will happen in the winter term.



DECEMBER EVENTS:



SPB Meeting

Thursday, December 4th
@ 1:00pm in Meeting
Room B (Next to Student
Senate Office)

Tuesday Night Live
Tuesday, December 8th
@ 8:30pm in Grounds
Coffehaus

SPB Meeting

Thursday, December 10th
@ 1:00pm in
Meeting Room B (Next to
Student Senate Office)

Public Relations Committee Meetings

Thursday, December 4th
@ 1:00pm in the
Student Senate Office
(Meeting room A)

School of Architecture

Alumni Breakfast
Sunday, December 6th @
9:00am in the Peter Pierce
Room

College of Liberal Arts & Education (CLAE)

**Deans Advisory Council
Meeting**
Thursday, December 3rd @
1:00pm in Briggs 125

Executive Secretary

Executive Secretary (Laura Hawatmeh – hawatmln@udmercy.edu)

As we kicked off the school year with a large amount of members, the E-board is proud to say that we have a dedicated team who is staying on top of their game, attending events, doing office hours, and staying consistent with their job duties. Every week each member does one office hour by sitting in the Student Senate office to answer questions to those who walk in. Also, the mailboxes for all student organizations are in our office, so our members are there to ensure that everyone receives their own deliveries. We are looking forward to the rest of the semester and an even better one in the winter. Keep up the good work, and just so you know, Student Senate is always here to help and facilitate change. If anyone has questions or concerns, stop by or send me an email at hawatmln@udmercy.edu.



Information Technology Services

ITS Representative (Kiana Sledge – sledgek@udmercy.edu)

Hello my name is Kiana Sledge and I am sophomore member of the 7-year dental program currently a majoring in Biology. I am now the ITS representative for student senate and will be working hard to get important information out to the student body.

Currently, ITS is working on switching over the email system from the '@students.udmercy.edu' to the Titan Connect email '@udmercy.edu'. The switch will hopefully be carried out by the end of January. To make the process easier, a 'marrying' system will be used in order to allow students to redirect email being sent to the old account to go to the new account. In order to do this, students can go to the site <https://www.udmercy.edu/mailmap/> to link the two accounts. Students should check their student emails often in order to stay up to date with new information.

All students should be happy to know that the long awaited Academic History in Titan Connect should be up and running some time during the month of December and that the ITS department is offering free McAfee Virus protection to any student who needs protection for their computers. Also, certain software is being sold at a discounted student price; the software includes Adobe Creative Suite 4 Master Collection Student, Maple 13 Student Edition, Microsoft Office Enterprise 2007 Win32 English, Microsoft Visio Standard 2007 Win32 English for Windows, and Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac English, and adobe Creative Suite 3 Master Collection Student for Macintosh computers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding ITS feel free to ask questions at the ITS Helpdesk on the second floor of the Fisher Administration building, by submitting a ticket with the Online IT Helpdesk located on the IT website at <http://it.udmercy.edu/> or feel free to contact me at sledgek@students.udmercy.edu.



DECEMBER EVENTS:



Student Senate Meetings

Tuesday, December 1st @
12:45pm in ENG 239

Tuesday, December 8th @
12:45pm in ENG 239

2009-2010 Executive Board:

President:

Ervis Fama
famaer@udmercy.edu

VP of Finance:

Jennie Furgal
furgaljk@udmercy.edu

VP of Programming:

Ben Montgomery Jr.
montgobe@udmercy.edu

VP of Public Relations:

Anjalee Shah
shahan@udmercy.edu

VP of Mission & Values:

Maria Ibarra
ibarram@udmercy.edu

Executive Secretary:

Laura Hawatmeh
hawatmln@udmercy.edu

Contact Us:

The Student Senate Office
313-993-1493
(Student Center Basement –
Meeting Room A)

studentsenate@udmercy.edu

Check out the UDM Student
Senate Group on Facebook