

# “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 January/February Newsletter 2010

### *A message from the President...*

Hello UDM Students,

I hope that everyone is having a great term. This winter semester has been extremely busy with Homecoming, and the new changes that are happening on campus but with the help of all the Student Senate members, faculty, and administrators everything has been running smoothly, and for that, I thank you all.

The upcoming Presidents’ Council Meeting will be April 12th at 9:15 pm in C&F 209. I look forward to seeing all of the Presidents of UDM’s organizations there.

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](mailto:famaer@udmercy.edu) or 313-993-1493.



### *VP of Public Relations – Anjalee Shah*

Vice President of Public Relations (Anjalee Shah – [shahan@udmercy.edu](mailto:shahan@udmercy.edu))

The fall of 2009 was a great semester for Student Senate. From the significant increase in participation with Senate, to the new and emerging changes on campus, Student Senate has been working diligently to bring change to UDM’s campus. The Public Relations committee and Student Senate have finally decided on our new Student Senate Logo. I would like take this opportunity to introduce to you our logo and what it signifies. This logo represents Senate through the symbolism of the tree. This tree represents stable foundation of Senate in the trunk and the branching out of the various committees and tasks of Senate. Senate reaches out to the entire university and continues to grow as a leadership-based organization. We hope to share knowledge, and provide helping hands to the rest of the university, especially to the many organizations that reside on this campus. The solid color represents unity within the members of Senate and the dedication to the University of Detroit Mercy.



# University Ministry

Ministry Representative (Natalie C. Deboer – [deboernc@udmercy.edu](mailto:deboernc@udmercy.edu))

For the month of January the University Ministry office held a bake sale during Homecoming Week and was very busy working on finalizing the dates for Alternative Spring Break (ASB) and the fundraisers for ASB as well. The month of February was busy with many events and there are still many more to come so lookout for flyers and emails.



# College of Health Professions (CHP)

CHP Representative (Angie Yono – [yonoar@udmercy.edu](mailto:yonoar@udmercy.edu))

Student Nurse Association meetings are continuing this semester on the first Monday of every month at 1pm. The Maureen Faye Room in the CHP building is currently being remodeled for the new SIM lab, so new the new meeting location is TBA. This semester, SNA events held the UDM Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 19 from 10am to 7pm in the Fountain Lounge. On February 15th, SNA participated in the Heart Healthy Foods Showcase Health Fair. A goal for this semester is to elect a new and successful SNA board for next year. Elections will take place in March, so that the new board may host the final meeting of the year in April. We hope to help the sophomore students find healthcare system-related jobs for their co-ops this summer, as well as assist the seniors in transitioning from full-time nursing students to successful Registered Nurses post-graduation in May.



# ITS

ITS Representative (Kiana Sledge – [sledgek@udmercy.edu](mailto:sledgek@udmercy.edu))

The official date has been set to end the marrying of email accounts. After March 12th, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. they will no longer be [@students.udmercy.edu](mailto:students.udmercy.edu), all systems will now be in the TitanConnect network. Around that date Titan Connect will also be upgrading its current portal to make information even more accessible. Interested in getting involved? ITS is planning on making videos about getting involved for students and would like volunteers to be in them. The filming will begin after spring break and all official organizations on campus are encouraged to promote their activities and encourage other students to get involved. ITS will also be doing a video for senior "words of wisdom" that anyone would like to pass down to future Titans. Anyone interested should send all emails to [ITS@udmercy.edu](mailto:ITS@udmercy.edu) stating that they would like to volunteer for a video and leave a valid email and number where they can be reached.



## MARCH EVENTS:



### Important SENSOG Dates

SENSOG  
Forms due **Wednesday,  
April 7th**

SENSOG  
Committee Meeting  
**Thursday, April 8th**

SENSOG Notifications  
**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

### 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

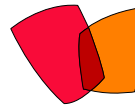
# School of Architecture

Architecture Representative (Chris Petzak – [petzakcj@udmercy.edu](mailto:petzakcj@udmercy.edu))

I met with the dean of the School of Architecture, Stephen Vogel, on February 3, 2010. With AIAS (American Institute of Architecture Students), February is a month of fundraising and social events in preparation for the annual Beaux Arts Ball. On Wednesday, February 10th at 5:00 PM the AIAS held a Valentine's Day date auction fundraiser, where eight students and two architecture faculty were auctioned for a group dinner. In addition, the AIAS held a Noodles & Company fundraiser on Tuesday, February 16 at the downtown Royal Oak location. All proceeds from both events went towards the Beaux Arts Ball. Other events that took place include a lecture series that hosted Evan Webber from HOK Toronto on February 10th. The lecture was at 6:00 PM in the exhibition space in the School of Architecture. Currently, the school is working towards an implementation of three new programs based in the School of Architecture. These programs are Interior Architecture (likely to start in fall term 2010), Architectural Engineering (likely to start in fall term 2010), and an Urbanism program (possibly fall term 2011). These programs will integrate with the existing Architecture, Digital Media Studies, and Community Development programs already housed in the school. Other curriculum changes include the architectural co-op requirement's operations moving from the Career Education Center to the school itself, in an attempt to make the process further integrated with the school. Finally, on Friday, February 19, AIAS will take a group to the Detroit Institute of Arts for a guided tour, with all Detroit residents (including students who live on campus) getting in free.

Important upcoming dates:

03.26.10 @ 7PM – 1AM AIAS Michigan Beaux Art Ball, Detroit Yacht Club



# Greek Council

Greek Council President – (Jonathon Lezotte - [lezottjw@udmercy.edu](mailto:lezottjw@udmercy.edu))

The Greek community representatives meet every other Thursday to discuss various concerns regarding Greek Week and other organizations not meeting the standards held by Greek Council. Our most immediate concern is Greek Week (April 5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>) and amending any rules that could raise concerns during the events. We are adding a service event to the week to promote philanthropy and service within the Greek Community. Our second issue being discussed is the attendance of the meetings by all Greek organizations. Currently, only six of the social Greek organizations attend the meetings and we are trying to include the other organizations and hold them to the Greek Council standards determined at our inception. We are looking for diplomatic solutions to this issue. On another note, we are always trying to improve our public relations and include more members in the Greek Community as well as devising ways to become more involved in campus life. We look forward to another year dedicated to serving the campus and improving our image.



## MARCH EVENTS:



### Tuesday Night Live

Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

@ 8:30pm featuring works from SIC in Grounds Coffeehaus

### Talent Show Auditions

#1

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

@ 8:30pm in Grounds Coffeehaus

### Talent Show Auditions

#2

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

@ 8:30pm in Grounds Coffeehaus

### SPB Meeting

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

@ 1:00pm in Grounds

### Phenomenal Women's Dinner

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

@ 5:30pm in Fountain Lounge

### Tuesday Night Live

Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

@ 8:30pm featuring works from SIC in Grounds Coffeehaus

### SPB Meeting

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

@ 1:00pm in Meeting Room B (Next to Student Senate Office)

# CLAE Advisory Board

CLAE President – (Juna Kotori - junakotori\_2008@yahoo.com)

The College of Liberal Arts and Education (CLAE) Advisory Board has just started up and the first official meeting was Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm. We had a small group meeting; however we would like to see more involvement and participation from anyone interested on campus (particularly those who are part of the Liberal Arts College). Currently the CLAE Advisory Board is working on Language Certificates (failure to mention target language) and Psychology B.A vs. B.S. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:15pm in Briggs 125. Join us!

## Sodhexo & Safety

Sodhexo & Safety Representative (Christien Numan – clnuman@gmail.com)

Sodexo is working hard to make the Students' dining experience wonderful at UDM. On January 27, 2010, the executive chef agreed to make changes to the breakfast meals including the quality and preparation of the breakfast sandwiches and meals, as many students have discussed issues of "difficult to eat" food. If you were having problems with "having it your way" omelets, that will no longer be an issue! Possible changes coming next year to the dining room include re-opening the Loft for breakfast. Also, new meal plans known as the "210 block plan" may be in effect next year. More marketing of the food menu will also be something that will be in effect promptly.

Within the Loft we bring great news! We suggested Sodexo to bring in a fruit smoothie machine and appreciated the action in them bringing it in. Fundraisers for Haiti relief efforts would also be something Sodexo would like to take part in with Student Senate. Café Ala Cart has had new improvements, and will continue to bring more snacks during peak times. Look out for these new changes! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

## Executive Secretary

Executive Secretary (Laura Hawatmeh – lhawatmeh@yahoo.com)

The start of our 2009 school year began great with about 30 students attending and participating in our meetings, discussions, and events. On behalf of senate I am glad to say that we have had many great events, successes, and look forward to a brighter and better 2010. In regard to the goals for the rest of the year, the Senate representatives will enact the "Your Voice" boxes that are placed in each academic building to voice the concerns of the student body. This will help the Senate get a better understanding of what is going on around campus to take further action and make the university a better place to live, learn, and enjoy their college experience. In addition, office hours in the Student Senate office are done each week to maintain and answer any questions that students or faculty have. If anyone has comments or concerns please feel free to contact me at lhawatmeh@yahoo.com.

**MARCH  
EVENTS:**



### Student Senate Meetings

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @  
12:45pm in ENG 239

Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @  
12:45pm in ENG 239

Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @  
12:45pm in ENG 239

### 2009-2010 Executive Board:

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