

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*...

"Your Voice"

UDM Student Senate

September &
October
Newsletter

2010

A message from the President...

Hello UDM Students!

My name is Laura Hawatmeh and I am your Student Senate President. It is a great honor to be able to serve not only the students but also the UDM community as a whole. I am a senior majoring in Communications Studies, receiving a minor in History, and a certificate in Legal Studies. I have been on Student Senate for the past two years, and as President during my third year, I am excited for the many events, projects, and initiatives planned to make sure this is the most productive, memorable, and exciting year.

I am the chair of Presidents Council which is time when all the Presidents of UDM's organizations come together to provide a direct form of communication, collaborate on events, share ideas, gain insight, and deepen their understanding about what leadership really is. The main focus of this Council is to focus on the participation of students within organizations and events to ensure they are getting the most out of their experiences. Presidents Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 9:15 pm in Commerce and Finance 209. Our first meeting was held on October 4, 2010 and was centered on the rules and policies, getting familiar with who the other Presidents were, publicizing any announcements organizations, and making it known that collaboration is key. Associate Dean of Students, Ms. Dorothy Stewart, Assistant Vice President Information, Edward Tracy, and Assistant Director for Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, Eileen Kilcullen Pawlowski were all present to discuss certain area fields within their department.

As part of my job description I meet with the President of the University, Interim Michael Joseph and the Dean of Students, Monica Williams. These meetings are put into place to allow me to be a liaison between the faculty and the student body. I inform Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Williams of the things Senate is working on, report back what we are planning to do, and gain knowledge from them, advice and insight. As part of our goals we are creating a Commuter Council, planning to put on a Spring Concert, we are collaborating with UDM's Law School, the Faculty Advisory Board and are doing other great things for you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at hawatm1n@udmercy.edu or 586-292-5566. I look forward to hearing from you!

Laura Hawatmeh

University Ministry

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

Hello,

My name is Natalie DeBoer and I am junior communications studies pre-law major. I am also a part of Alpha Phi Omega the National Service Fraternity on campus and the Varsity News the university newspaper.

I am the University Ministry Representative on Student Senate. This past month was a very busy one for the Ministry office. We kicked off the school year with welcome back milk and cookies. Alternative Spring Break applications are already available along with applications for Alternative Winter Break, and an International Service Trip at the end of school. Weekly coffee hours will continue this year on Thursday's from 3:30-4:30. In the month of October the Busy person Retreat 24th-29th. Please do not hesitate to stop by anytime if you have any questions about events. We are located across from the bookstore.

Thanks,

Natalie DeBoer (Ministry Rep)

School of Architecture

Architecture Representative (Lauren Myrand –lmyrand@yahoo.com)
NOMAS Representative (Naomi Beasley- Naomi.beasley@hotmail.com)

The School of Architecture and its faculty and students could not be any busier this year. For over twenty years, the SOA has directed two study abroad programs. The SOA has formed the Volterra-Detroit Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public, non-profit organization, created as an educational partner to the University of Detroit Mercy to fund the renovation and adaptation of Residential College. The Volterra-Detroit Foundation is set up to be a self-sustaining organization, and because of this, it will one day be able to offer students scholarships to attend school in Volterra.

Thus, fundraising for this cause has been underway for months. On September 25th, the Volterra-Detroit Foundation hosted a large benefit dinner at the Detroit Yatch Club. Our faculty and the Alumni Volterra Task force continue to push forward with the fundraising. Another networking event is already in the making for Chicago based alumni. The goal is to raise half the money needed to restore the building by Christmas. If you would like to know more about the Volterra International Residential College, please visit their website at <http://www.volterra-detroit.org> or check out the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/VolterraDetroit!>

In September, we started off the school year by introducing Mentors to Mentees. Our Mentoring Program, founded just last year, pairs upperclassmen with freshmen and sophomores to share advice, funny stories, or answer any questions the Mentee might have. Over 50 architecture students signed up to be Mentors this year. The program has completely changed the atmosphere of the school; giving freshmen someone to rely on helped reduce the drop-out rate of first-year students to the lowest it has been in years. It is a program that has received national recognition and is being adopted across the country by other schools.

Our biggest news, however, is this year's FORUM. FORUM is national AIAS conference held once a year in a different city over New Year's. This year, it is being hosted in Toronto. Thousands of students gather at this event for the opportunity of a lifetime, to collaborate, network, and focus on architectural education. This year, UDM AIAS has been focusing all of our fundraising efforts towards paying for the registration costs of over 30 students to go to FORUM, a \$200 fee for each AIAS member. The size and effort of this campaign has drawn in students from every year to help AIAS achieve this enormous fundraising goal. Having raised over a couple thousand dollars already, our AIAS Chapter is truly looking forward to being able to financially support its members to be able to attend this event in December.

Vice President of Public Relations

Chair of the Committee- Jennie Furgal (furgaljk@udmercy.edu)

My name is Jennie Furgal and I am the Vice president of Public Relations of Student Senate. My job entails that I create and distribute the "Your Voice" Newsletter. Which is the student body's access to information about organizations on campus. It is also a way to get information to students approximately four times a year. If there is any information that your organization wants to promote or reflect upon please contact me and we will try to include it in the next quarterly issue. Our goal is to keep the students informed about issues and what we are doing about them as a senate.

Vice President of Student Programming Board

Chair of the Committee- Alvin Ford

My name is Alvin Ford; I am the new chair of the Student Programming Board (SPB), and I, along with my board plan to present the best events and activities on campus. The Student Programming Board is a sub committee of Student Senate. We plan a lot on events on campus including Name Tag Party (Freshmen), Welcome week, Hypnotist, Latin Night, Casino Night, homecoming week, Safety Street, and many other events. Also, this school year we plan to have a spring concert with a well known artist on campus in Calihan Hall so make sure to look out for that well. SPB would like your help and participation with everything even if it's just ideas. We meet every Thursday @ 12:45pm in Grounds Coffeehaus and we hope to see you there.

**NOVEMBER
DECEMBER**

**UNIVERSITY
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MERCY**

Important SENSOG Dates

SENSOG
Forms due Wednesday,
November 10th

SENSOG
Forms due Wednesday
December 9th

Presidents Council Meeting

Monday, November 1st
@ 9:15pm in C & F 209

Monday, December 6th
@ 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

College of Health Professions (CHP)

CHP Representative (Maggie Leahy)

Fall 2010 is panning out to be a very busy and exciting term for the Student Nurse Association (SNA). A health fair is being hosted in the Fountain Lounge on October 24, 2010 from 10am-4pm stop by for health information as well as some goodies from the bake sale that is being sponsored by the SNA. We also have been busy planning for safety street, our theme for this year is Alice in Wonderland!

Some of our senior nursing students are doing their community clinicals at Haven, a domestic violence shelter that delivers counseling programs, prevention education, emergency shelters, and support to families escaping violence and abuse. These students are asking for your participation in donating a dollar or any sum that you deem fit to help Haven continue their services in our community. To donate contact Heather Dudek: dudekham@udmercy.edu Donations are being accepted until November 4, 2010 and we thank you in advance for your support!

Lastly, November 1, 2010 (12p-6p) and November 2, 2010 (10a-7p) SNA is sponsoring a blood drive with the Red Cross in the Fountain Lounge. If you are interesting in donating please follow the link to make an appointment:
www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code: UDM.

Maggie Leahy

Mission & Social Justice

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

Hi my name is Maria Ibarra and I'm the Vice President of Mission and Social Justice (formerly known as Mission and Values). The Mission and Social Justice Committee is in charge of promoting the Mission of the University through volunteering, community service, and social justice activism. We especially focus on poverty issues around the Detroit community.

Some of our events are the Annual Hunger and Homelessness Week, Fall and Spring service projects, Annual Interfaith Dinner, and an "Everything Drive." Hunger and Homelessness Week is our biggest event, this year is from November 15 through the 19th.

The calendar of events for Hunger and Homelessness Week Include:

Monday 15th: Donate a Dollar Day

Donate a dollar and get a button to support local homeless shelters

Tuesday 16th: Poetry Night 8:30pm at Grounds

Wednesday 17th: Dodgeball Tournament, 7pm at Calihan, Donate a can of food to enter

Thursday 18th: Candlelight Vigil at Detroit Covenant House 6pm

Covenant House Michigan
2959 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Detroit, MI. 48208

Friday 19th: Mercy Primary Care Center Volunteering, help serve lunch for the homeless

2shifts: 9-11am is setting up and 11am-1pm is cleaning up, only 15 spots available

All events are free and are open to all UDM students, as well as aim to provide service learning opportunities. We are excited to collaborate with other student organizations and have a fun and exciting year.

For more information contact me at ibarramg@udmercy.edu.

**DECEMBER
EVENTS:**



Student Programming Board

SPB Meeting

Thursdays, @ 12:45pm in Grounds

Giving Tree Campaign

Nov1-Dec6

Hunger Week

Nov15-19

Tuesday Night Live

Nov9

College Meetings

School of Architecture

Fridays @ 1pm in Architecture in the Peter Pierce room

College of Liberal Arts & Education (CLAE)

Thursdays @1:15pm in Briggs 136

ESSC

Every other Thursday @12:45pm Engineering 131



College of Liberal Arts and Education

President Juna Kotori (jkotori08@yahoo.com)

Vice President Alicia Colman (acoleman315@gmail.com)

CLAE Advisory Board, the Newest Student Organization at UDM

CLAE Advisory Board is the Dean's Student Advisory Board and the newest organization on campus. We would like to inform all faculty members and students of the College of Liberal Arts and Education about our organization. The purpose of CLAE Advisory Board is to facilitate the channel of communication between the student body, the faculty and the administration of the college. Our mission is working with faculty and students to better the student-professor relationship and strengthen communication ties. We are responsive to the needs of students, open to and express students' views to the faculty and administration of the college. In addition, we are willing to work with faculty members on issues they believe need to be addressed and/or improved. The goal of the organization is to work for the benefit of both the students and the faculty. This is why we strongly believe that having both the faculty and the students involved with CLAE Advisory Board will make our goal easier to be achieved and our mission more effective. CLAE Advisory Board is open to all CLAE students, enrolled in one or more credit hours, and who are maintaining a grade point average of no lower than 2.5.

The moderator of CLAE Advisory Board is the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education. The executive members are: Juna Kotori, President; Alicia Coleman, Vice President. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in Briggs 125. Meetings last from 1:15 PM until 1:45PM; food and refreshments are provided.

Two issues of great concern we are currently working on deal with Language Certificates in Language Studies and BA vs. BS in Psychology. Language Certificates fail to mention the target language. Students pursuing language studies feel that it is very important to have the language spelled out on the certificate. The BA vs. BS in Psychology is a concern for Psychology majors. Students feel that the university should offer a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, instead of a Bachelor of Arts, since the curriculum has changed over the years, and now Psychology students are required to take more Science classes. To see where the faculty stands on this issue, Psychology professors are being contacted.

As for future events, in addition to issues we will be constantly working on, we would like to know students' preferences, so that the events will correspond with their interests. We believe that student involvement is crucial, and that is why for every event there will be a committee organizing the event, where everyone will have a particular task.

We are looking forward to have both the students and the faculty involved with CLAE Advisory Board, and hope that together we will create a more unified community in the College of Liberal Arts and Education.

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College of Science and Engineering

ESSC Representative Johnice Littlejohn (littlejlf@udmercy.edu.)

My name is Johnice F. Littlejohn and I am the current president of the Engineering and Science Student Council (ESSC). Within the College of Engineering and Science, there is a plan for a renovation of the Chemistry building to take place in the next couple of years. The college is also looking for people to start an environmentalist group to get the campus involved in becoming more environmentally conscience. This group is open to all students regardless of major. On November 17th, 2010, the ESSC plans on collaborating with the Mission and Social Justice in hosting a Dodgeball Tournament. It will be held in Calihan Hall from 7-10pm. The Engineering and Science Student Council has meetings every other Thursday at 12:45 in the Engineering Building Room 131. Our Next Meeting is October 28th. This meeting is open to all Engineering and Science students. If there are any questions, feel free to email me at littlejlf@udmercy.edu.

Finance Committee

SENSOG Chair (Kiana Sledge – sledgek@udmercy.edu)

My name is Kiana Sledge and I am currently serving on the executive board of Student Senate as the Vice President of Finance. I am a junior in the 7-year dental program and majoring in biology. As chair of the finance committee, my goal is to encourage registered organizations to apply for SENSOG funding in order to promote student involvement on campus. The finance committee meets once a month to decide how the SENSOG funds will be allocated to organizations. The committee had already had one successful meeting which took place on October 7th, 2010. The following meetings for this semester will take place on November 11th, and December 9th, 2010. All information regarding SENSOG including, rules, regulations, and form can be found at www.udmercy.edu/slo/clubs/senate/sensog.index.htm.

For the remaining semester, SENSOG forms are due November 10th and December 9th

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Student Senate Meetings

Tuesdays @ 12:45pm
in C&F 139

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