Executive Order 6-000

Establishing an Executive Taskforce to Investigate the Results of the Three Mental Health Surveys Administered by CSG and Active Minds in Regards to the Classroom Climate and University Resources Around Mental Health.

By the authority vested in me as President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Michigan Student Body by the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan,

I, David Schafer, Student Body President of the University of Michigan, hereby order the establishment of an Executive Taskforce to investigate the results of the three mental health surveys administered by CSG and Active Minds in regards to the classroom climate and university resources around mental health (Mental Health Climate and Resources Taskforce).

A. Establishment

a. Grace Nasr, Max Rothman, and Yumi Taguchi shall lead the Taskforce. The Student Body President may appoint any additional Taskforce members as deemed necessary in consultation with the current membership of the Taskforce.

b. The taskforce shall investigate the following three open questions surrounding the results of the three mental health surveys administered by CSG and Active Minds in regards to the classroom climate and resources around mental health.

i. Faculty:
   1. How may we best define a healthy classroom climate for both faculty and students?
   2. Do faculty find the need for there to be a healthy classroom climate surrounding mental health?
   3. What approaches do current faculty members take in creating a healthy classroom climate surrounding mental health?
   4. How comfortable do faculty members feel discussing and/or providing mental health accommodations with students?
   5. Do demographic differences between faculty members correlate to different viewpoints regarding mental health and the classroom?

ii. Students:
   1. Do students find the need for a healthy classroom climate surrounding mental health?
   2. Do students feel like mental health is adequately addressed in the classroom?
3. Do students find it difficult to approach teaching staff about mental health concerns or accommodations?
4. Is there a discrepancy between a student’s School or College and the classroom climate surrounding mental health?

iii. Resources:
1. Do students have an accurate understanding of the mental health resources available on campus?
2. Which resources have students expressed comfort utilizing on campus?
3. What barriers do students face in utilizing various mental health resources on campus?
4. Do students residing on North Campus find that they have equal access to utilize mental health resources at the University?
5. Would students be comfortable utilizing the resources listed in items 16 - 25 in the survey, including mental health peer-to-peer support network staff members in residence halls, a video chatting service to talk to a CAPS counselor, a texting service to talk to a CAPS counselor, and a Wellness Zone on North Campus?

c. The scope of the Taskforce’s investigation shall not necessarily be limited to the questions posed above.

d. The taskforce is authorized to request additional documentation, as it deems necessary, from the University of Michigan to answer the above questions.

e. The taskforce shall present its findings in a report to Central Student Government President David Schafer in the form of a report. The report shall be compliant with all FERPA laws.

B. General Provisions

a. The Mental Health Climate and Resources Taskforce shall be bound by the rules, policies, procedures, and other regulations of Commissions, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan and the Compiled Code.
b. No provision of this Order is meant to violate, or shall be valid if in violation of, the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan.
c. This order shall be effective immediately on November 1, 2016.

It is so ordered.
David Schafer
Student Body President