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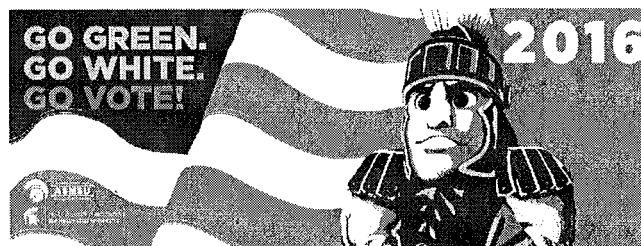
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ASMSU 2016 Fall Report

Office of the President



PRESIDENT

LORENZO SANTAVICCA - FALL 2016

Spartans, our fall semester is coming to a close! It is incredible to think about how fast the time has come and gone this season. Here at ASMSU, we've been busy, as you will find in this newsletter, with plenty of initiatives and engagement opportunities for our peers. We've had a number of challenges this semester, but I am optimistic of the opportunities that have come forward this year for us to continually improve ourselves as student leaders each day at Michigan State University.

Campus climate has been at the forefront of many of our discussions this semester. Our campus is more divided than ever, and it is a commitment of mine to help bridge better connections and help unify our campus over the course of the spring semester. Here at ASMSU, we've been more consciously aware of the processes that need to be followed when making decisions as a result of a mistake that was made earlier this fall in inviting the Presidential Candidates to campus. Moreover, we've been more committed to creating a transparent policy that allows us to think more intentionally about our actions on social media in the 21st century. We've been more proactive in reaching out to more communities about open staff positions at ASMSU to diversify our organization. Lastly, we've been proactive in many of the discussions in the General Assembly, as well as with CORES and COPS in follow-up around how we can help aide the current climate as it relates to post-election stress and anxiety.

On the front of **health and wellness**, we've been involved from the start of the semester with the re-structuring and re-building of the counseling center and its services provided to students. We will continue to be at the front of these areas with the committee that is heading this initiative. We have been actively promoting active mental health conversations with partnerships this semester with on-campus events and student organizations. We are looking at the beginning of a **"Spartan Support Network"** in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week to be established next semester in collaboration with several on- and off-campus partners to bring healthier conversation around mental health at MSU. We will also be looking to our partners within IM and Rec Sports to learn more about how we can make MSU a more fit and active campus.

On the area of **sexual assault**, we've been working avidly with the Title IX office on campus to bring It's On US as a campus wide initiative for the first time. Our fall week of action brought significant attention to the work that still needs to be done at Michigan State alone to bring better awareness to this important area of concern. We will continue to advocate for the best interest of students on the student conduct process and the relationship violence and sexual misconduct (RVSM) policy, and will establish a working group next semester for students to be a part of this group.

In **Higher-Ed financing and college affordability**, we have been actively involved with discussions around Spartan Advocacy at the Capital for more funding that should be provided to our student body. Next semester we'll be taking a closer look at the "nickels and dimes" of college fees. Within East Lansing, ASMSU has been actively involved in promoting the student voice for concerns around the **Financial Health Team's** "cost of MSU" and acknowledging the value we bring to this city. At MSU, we've helped in register hundreds of new voters and brought more awareness to the importance of the 2016 election. We also held our first-ever forum on transportation and mobility.

As far as **student engagement**, I am excited to see how well-received our rebranding of our "Engagement Office" and "Student Rights Advocates" has been across campus. Our graphing calculator rentals have been a hit for their first semester. We are looking to our students to help re-brand our image with a new logo, and we have been more intentional than ever with our budget to aide services that students need on campus. Our class councils have been incredibly active in advocacy and hosting events to bring more awareness to ASMSU. Next semester, I am excited to see the work our RSO consultation re-vamp will produce and engage more students with our staff each day.

As a collective, I am proud of the work my team has done to make our campus an even better one each day for our 40,000+ undergraduate students. I am thankful for our General Assembly for their energy and commitment to serve their peers. I hope you will find this newsletter to be insightful on where we've been this semester, and where we plan to go. I hope you will find ways to become involved with the wide array of initiatives at ASMSU. Best of luck on final exams, and cheers to a wonderful Spring Semester ahead! GO GREEN!

ASMSU OFFICE OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Fall Report 2016

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OVERVIEW

1. General Fund

General Fund Item	Balance
General Fund Allocation	\$56,908.28
Rollover FY 2016	\$86,000.00
Starting General Fund Balance	\$142,908.28
Bill 53-04 Greek Fall Welcome 2016	(\$1,000.00)
Bill 53-12 Voter Registration Competition: Women in Computing	(\$500.00)
Bill 53-14 Race for Ele's Place	(\$1,000.00)
Bill 53-15 It's On Us Greek Pledge Drive	(\$2,000.00)
Bill 53-16 Spartans Global Day of Service	(\$2,500.00)
Bill 53-24 Textbook Exchange	(\$500.00)
Bill 53-28 Spring Entertainment Event	(\$85,000.00)
Amount Allocated to Date	\$92,500.00 (65% of General Fund)
Ending Balance Fall 2016	\$50,408.28
Actual Spent to Date	\$1,750.00 (1.2% of General Fund)

**Note: Ending balance reflects the total monetary amount of bills passed through the General Assembly in the fall of 2016. The amount spent may be lower than the amount allocated. For example, while there has been \$85,000 allocated to a Spring Entertainment Event, no contract has been created and no money has been spent.*

2. ASMSU Services Statistics

iClickers

- 1,180 rented throughout fall 2016
- 100 purchased to be available for spring 2017
- Anticipating 880 iClickers to be renewed for spring 2017 leaving 400 available for rental on the first day of the spring semester

Graphing Calculators

- 40 calculators were purchased over summer 2016, all were rented for fall 2016
- 20 calculators will be purchased over winter break, bringing total inventory to 60
- \$7,660.40 left in graphing calculator restricted fund

ASMSU Loan Program

- 98 interest free loans given to students
- Loans given total \$27,650

ASMSU Print/Copy Service

- 2,290 pages printed throughout fall 2016

Blue Books

- 9,500 blue books given out throughout fall 2016

Student Legal Services

- 3,300 cases served throughout fall 2016

Student Rights Advocates

- Consulted 50 cases
- 27 cases went to hearing

Red Cedar Log

- Yearbook distribution:
 - 7,000 total yearbooks printed
 - 3,300 distributed
 - 3,700 in inventory for future distribution
- One time credit per contract due diligence of \$15,000.00
- Percentage of credit expected to return to General Fund
- For more information, please contact Eric Schwartz at rclcic@asmsu.msu.edu

3. Long Term Investments

1. All four \$75,000 quarterly liquidity transfers totaling the \$300,000 original commitment have been invested as of 10/1/2016.
2. ASMSU's Long Term Investments are managed by the Michigan State University Office of Investments
3. As of June 30th, ASMSU has experienced a return of **\$2,298.11** bringing the inception to date total up to **\$302,230.11**. Our most recent quarterly preliminary return sits at **1.2%**.
4. ASMSU continues to retain all earnings in the investment account rather than having a quarterly spending policy distribution. These funds will continue to accumulate and are available should ASMSU decide to use them for a project or initiative.
5. ASMSU will be meeting with the Office of Investments at the end of the fall semester to discuss options for changing the investment policy to increase the quarterly returns. Any changes in investment strategy will go through the finance committee.

Please reach out to vpfo@asmsu.msu.edu if you would like a copy of the complete ASMSU Liquidity and Investment Report

4. ASMSU Safe Ride Initiative

Throughout fall 2016, ASMSU has been working closely with MSU Risk Management and the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer of Michigan State University. As a group, we have been re-evaluating all options ASMSU has explored for the implementation of a safe ride program over the past five years. This academic year is vital for the future of the program as 2017 marks the only opportunity in the next three years to pass a tax.

- Mission of the ASMSU Safe Ride Program: The ASMSU Safe Ride program facilitates safe and reliable transportation options to and from campus for any undergraduate student at Michigan State University from anywhere within the program boundaries. These rides are free, convenient, non-judgmental, and confidential to promote a culture of health and safety at Michigan State University.
- ASMSU is looking to create a program that runs from 10:00pm to 3:00am seven days a week during the academic year when classes are in session.

While a proposal has been made to the ASMSU finance committee, we are still in the planning and negotiating stages of the initiative. At this time, there are many concerns from MSU Risk Management pertaining to program operations. The main concerns lie with the liability posed to the university and the ownership of vehicles. ASMSU is working diligently to implement a program that both mitigates risk on behalf of the university while making sense financially to take on the cost of working with third party services. Currently, we are evaluating three options:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outsource entire program to third party vendor• More costly than other options and does not allow for student involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership with rental car agency similar to Enterprise.• Student drivers are either paid employees of ASMSU or volunteers• Application based system that allows students to request rides from phone• Significant risk management concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership with local cab companies and RHS• Credit student's ID's via Sparty Cash to pay for rides• Currently holding initial conversations with RHS to determine feasibility

Please reach out to vpfo@asmsu.msu.edu if you would like a copy of the ASMSU Safe Ride proposed operations.

Safe Ride Moving Forward:

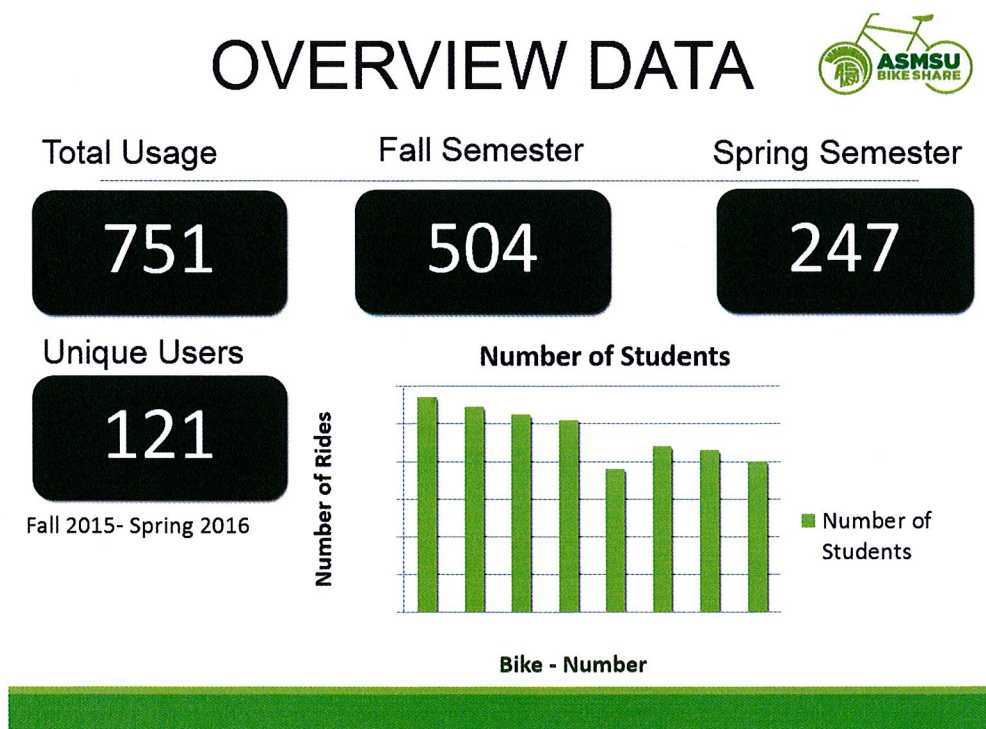
- Meeting with Enterprise Rent-A-Car: December 7th, 2016
- December-January: Work with MSU Purchasing to create new RFP for local cab companies
- February: Finalize option and present findings to General Assembly
- Pilot Program: March 13, 2017- May 5th, 2017
- Full Campus Integration: August 30th, 2017

5. Bike Share

The ASMSU Bike Share program is an effort to provide free, non-vehicular transportation options to students with a low cost, effective bike share rental service. After a successful pilot program in the 2014 and 2015 academic years, ASMSU has expanded the service to 40 bicycles operating out of Bailey Hall, Butterfield Hall, Snyder Hall, North Hubbard Hall and East Wilson Hall. Additionally, ASMSU has partnered with Recreation Sports and Fitness Services, the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, and Student Affairs and Services to add five hand-cycles to the program. This will allow all students, regardless of ability to take advantage of the program.

- ASMSU does not receive bike share statistics until the end of the semester. Once received, usage data will be shared widely with all members of ASMSU.

2015-16 Academic Year Data (9 bikes in operation):



Moving Forward:

- **The last day of the fall bike share program will be 12/16/2016**
- Data analysis: Gather data to determine direction of the program and drive expansion
 - There are no plans to purchase additional bikes at this time
- ASMSU will work to open up the program to all students who live on and off campus
- ASMSU is currently looking to partner with the School of Engineering or The Hatch to create a new ERP system for the program.
 - Allows for better management, data tracking and asset tracking

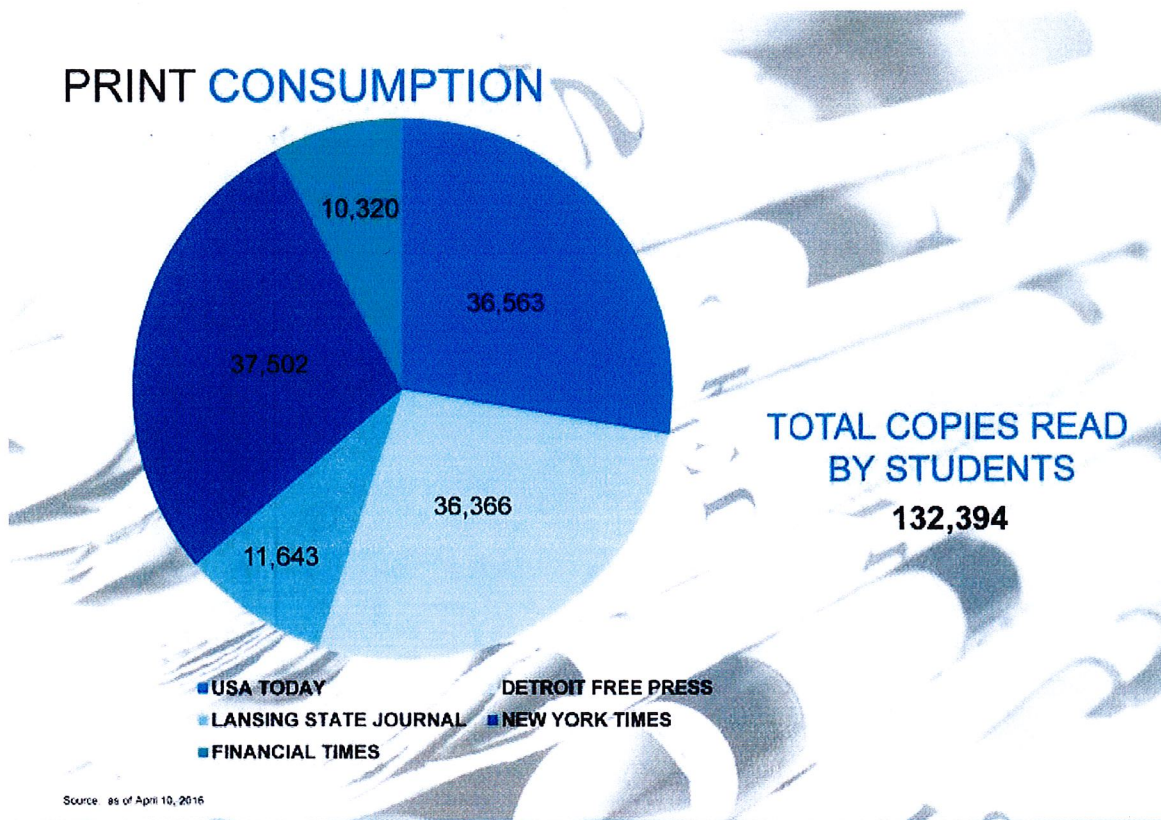
- Potential to automate program
- ASMSU continues to involve itself with the MSU Bikes community to further establish the program on campus
- Potential to expand checkout locations in the City of East Lansing

6. Readership Program

Print Newspapers:

- Provides free newspapers including the New York Times, USA Today, Detroit Free Press, Lansing State Journal and Financial Times to all undergraduate students.
- For locations, visit: <http://asmsu.msu.edu/services/readership-program/>
- Distribution Data:

PRINT CONSUMPTION



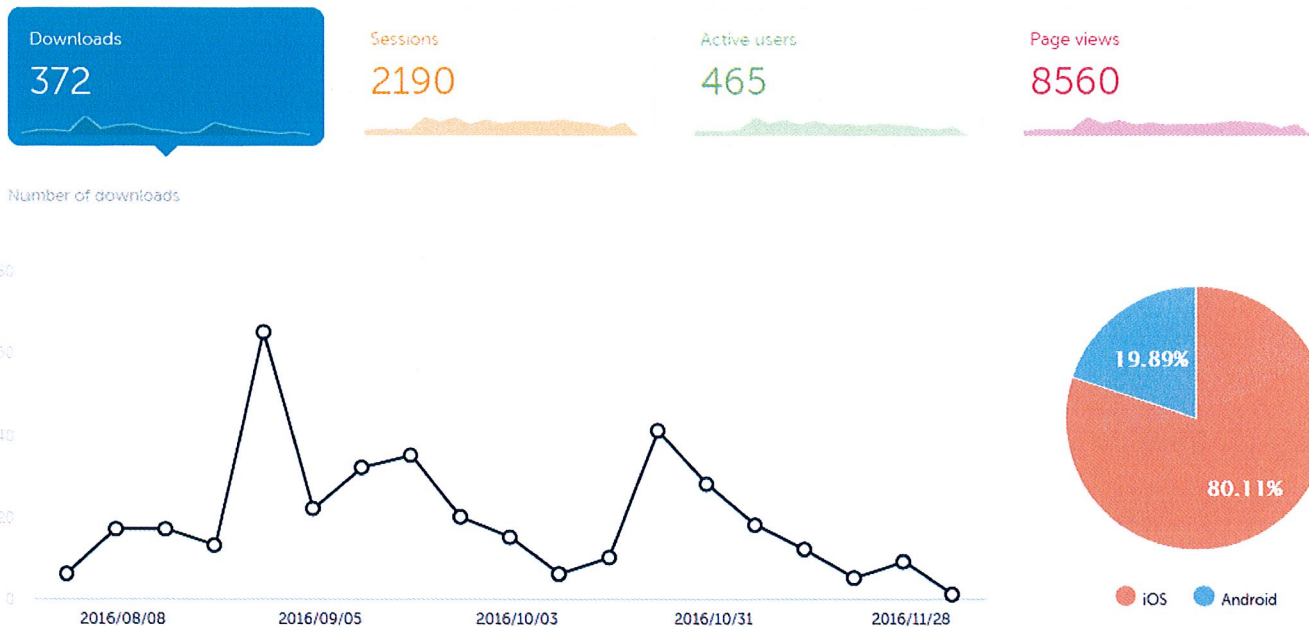
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USA TODAY NETWORK

Buzz Application:

- The Buzz is a customizable mobile application that combines coverage of the news and events happening at MSU with the power of the USA Today Network. Articles, videos, radio streams and podcasts are all part of a one-of-a-kind, real-time stream of vibrant, relevant information.
- Features:
 - Campus News: MSU Today, The Big Green, VIM Magazine and Voice Magazine
 - National News: USA Today
 - Local News: The Detroit Free Press and Lansing State Journal
 - ASMSU Events

- Maps
- Stream Impact 89FM, Michigan State's official student radio station
- Download Data:



Moving Forward:

- ASMSU will more heavily promote the Buzz Application to gain more downloads. While there was 372 downloads this semester, there have been 712 since March 2016.
- ASMSU will work closely with the Impact Radio and other organizations to improve and promote application usage and marketing opportunities for student groups.

7. Kaplan Test Prep

- Provides 20% off to all MSU students for any Kaplan course with the discount code: ASMSU20
- Student must call 1-800-KAPTEST to redeem code
- ASMSU in partnership with Kaplan offers:
 - Advantage Self-Paced courses: MCAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT, DAT, OAT and PCAT
 - Advantage Live Online courses: MCAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT, DAT, OAT and PCAT
 - Advantage In Person courses: MCAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT, DAT, OAT and PCAT

8. Engagement Office

Throughout the fall of 2016, ASMSU has been working to re-brand what was formerly known as the ASMSU Business Office. With the passing of bill 53-30, the Business Office is officially known as the Engagement Office. The Business Office, as it once was, has evolved over time to a service oriented hub for student engagement. As the face of ASMSU, the Engagement Office is the home of all ASMSU services and the individuals who work each day to deliver those services to students. The Engagement Office will be open Monday through Friday from 9am-4:30pm and will serve as one of the main points of contact between the student body and ASMSU. Students are encouraged to come meet with their elected leadership, obtain information on events and initiatives, receive guidance on ASMSU services, utilize the free ASMSU copy and print service, or simply learn more about their student government. The goal of the re-branding is to show ASMSU's commitment to enhancing the student experience at Michigan State. The office will always be staffed with an approachable student who is willing to assist with whatever is needed.

- Changes to job descriptions:
 - Effective immediately, the title Business Office Manager has been changed to Business Manager
 - The title Business Office Assistant has been changed to Engagement Office Assistant
 - Two job additions:
 - Business Manager Assistant
 - Programs Administrative Assistant

Moving Forward:

- The Engagement Office will be marketed widely to the student body
- Creation of Engagement Office logo
- Enhanced job responsibilities of Engagement Office Staff
- Partnership between Engagement Office and various ASMSU Departments
- **SAVE THE DATE: Finals Study Sessions @ ASMSU sponsored by the ASMSU Engagement Office**
 - Sunday-Tuesday from 5pm to Midnight

It has been a very productive semester at ASMSU for Finance and Operations. We look forward to hitting the ground running in the spring of 2017 to finalize and implement our work over the fall semester. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at vpfo@asmsu.msu.edu or the AVP for Finance and Operations, Rachel, at asstvpfo@asmsu.msu.edu.

-Jason Barnett



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

CASSANDRA SHAVRNOCH - FALL 2016

Professional Interview Policy

Initially introduced in 2013, Bill 50-36 advocates for a policy protecting students from being harmed academically due to missing class as a result of a professional interview. When reviewing past bills, this one in particular stood out to me. Although professors are generally flexible with students, I believe that having a policy in place is essential to ensure all students are given an equal opportunity, and that the opportunity is not hindered by leaving for a professional interview.

- Met with Dr. Chivukula, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, to begin initial conversations, guided me towards research and networking.
- Reached out to Career Services, identified a problem with missing class in College of Engineering, other math and science related departments.
- Contacted other B10 student governments and Administration, have heard back from most of them. No policy exists for respondents, but have noted that it has been a problem.
- Have begun to contacts Deans and Associate Deans of colleges, hope to schedule meetings for early Spring Semester

Academic Governance

As part of my duties as the Vice President for Academic Affairs, I am responsible for recruiting students for the university's academic governance committees. These committees include University Council, University Committee on Academic Governance, and several others.

- University Council (30 seats)
21 seat occupied; 9 vacant
- Steering Committee (2 seats)
2 seats occupied; 0 vacant
- University Committee on Academic Governance (4 seats)
1 seat occupied; 3 vacant
- University Committee on Undergraduate Education (4 seats)
2 seats occupied; 2 vacant
- University Committee on Curriculum (5 seats)
1 seat occupied; 4 vacant
- University Committee on Faculty Tenure (2 seats)
0 seats occupied; 2 vacant
- University Committee on Student Affairs (6 seats, 3 from AA)

- 6 seats occupied; 0 vacant
- University Committee on Honors Program (3 seats)
- 1 seat occupied; 2 vacant
- University Committee on international Studies and Programs (2 seats)
- 0 seats occupied; 2 vacant
- University Committee for the Library (2 seats)
- 0 seats occupied; 2 vacant
- University Military Education Advisory Committee (2 seats)
- 0 occupied; 2 vacant

ASMSU Academic Committee

One initiative we have seen come through Academic Committee this year was the Textbook Exchange, introduced by Rep. Donovan. In a partnership with the MSU Libraries, ASMSU will collect textbooks from students who no longer have use for them in their classes, and check them out to students who need them. With a collection box in the Student Engagement Office, ASMSU will gather and drop off the used textbooks to the library, where they will be cataloged and prepared for student use in the spring semester.

Looking Forward: Spring Semester 2017

Early next semester, I plan on scheduling all the meetings with the deans and associate deans for all of the undergraduate colleges. While meeting with the deans, I hope to introduce the most current information I have collected in regards to the Professional Interview Policy, as well as discuss with them any other matters pertaining to academic affairs. Once I have met with the deans and have identified the colleges where a policy like this would be most useful, I plan on bringing my report to the Steering Committee on February 14, 2017.

In work regarding Academic Governance, I hope to begin several recruitment methods to attract more students to these committees. I plan on tasking my intern with helping in this process. Together, we will collaborate on efforts to draw more students in, beginning first thing next semester. It is my desire to draw students who are especially affiliated with CORES & COPS groups, as these student organizations are always looking for ways to broaden their reach to other students as well as the administration.

Next semester, I believe it is very important for the Academic Committee to have stronger participation. This semester, we had a difficult time meeting quorum most days. I believe this issue can be easily resolved, and I look forward to working with the Vice President for Internal Administration to help fill my committee.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

ALEX NOFFSINGER - FALL 2016

This was an extremely busy semester for the Governmental Affairs Office. We worked on everything from voter registration and get out the vote (GOTV) to MIP decriminalization and the expansion of East Lansing's nonconforming ordinance. The Presidential Election seemed to overshadow a lot of our efforts in September and October, posing both opportunities and challenges. Perhaps the biggest challenge I faced was coordinating our voter registration efforts and planning voter registration events. At one point, I was essentially managing six different employees: State Liaison, Community Liaison, Videographer, two Grassroots Interns, and an Assistant. In order to properly handle this, I kept with a supervising philosophy I strongly believe in, and I allowed Cookie, Tyler, and Della a great deal of autonomy and freedom within their respective roles. I have no doubt that this management strategy has worked successfully.

When I review the work my office did this semester, I also think there was an improvement over last semester in our efforts to work more closely with the General Assembly, Staff, and Class Councils. In all of our voter registration and GOTV efforts, I made the events known to members of ASMSU and made sure to invite them. A number of the bills that passed Policy Committee this semester were either introduced or seconded by a member of the GA, and Policy has consistently had high turnouts and active discussion involving initiatives. Moreover, I strongly believe my Office specifically has done a great job engaging the larger student body, evidenced by the tabling we done in September and October, our Policy Forum, and now the Transportation Forum we will be holding this last week.

We have expanded our network both in Lansing and East Lansing with policymakers and power players. For instance, we have met with five different state lawmakers: Rep. Chang, Rep. Singh, Rep. Webber, Rep. Cotter, and Senator Hertel Jr. This is an improvement as traditionally we have only met with the representative and senator from East Lansing. We also had meeting with Senate Fiscal Agency on the State Budgeting Process, and I testified in front of the Senate Local Government Committee. On the East Lansing side of things, my office met with four of the five City Council members this semester, including Susan Woods and Ruth Beier, who we traditionally have not regularly met with. Aside from our regular City Leaders/ASMSU Leadership Luncheon, my office met with City Planner Dempsey, University Housing Administrator Annette Irwin, and Police Chief Murphy among others. We also have expanded the relationships we have with lobbyists, as we have continued our partnership with Mark Fisk from Byrum & Fisk while opening new partnerships with Tabitha Zimny of Karoub Associates and Chris Iannuzzi of Governmental Consultant Services Inc. And, we have of course continued our close partnerships with MSU's Governmental Affairs Office on both community affairs and the state budgeting process.

As I look forward to next semester, I am going to continue our relationship building efforts at the campus, local, and state levels as they are important for our long-term success. Also, by the end of next semester, it is my goal to have accomplished one of our policy objectives or to have laid a solid foundation for a future success (the off-campus student conduct policy and restorative justice program could be this). The following is a brief overview of the advocacy initiatives we pursued this semester:

Local Advocacy Initiatives:

Bus Rapid Transit:

This issue came to the Office's attention over the summer, and it was Tyler who first followed up on it. The Capital Area Transportation Authority has proposed this new, innovative bus system to run from the Capitol to Meridian Township. After facing much criticism from the public, businesses, and government in Meridian Township, CATA has proposed four alternative plans that are centered around a "Capitol to Campus" route. My Office had Rory Neuner, the COEL's Liaison to the CATA Board of Directors, and Debbie Alexander, Executive Director of CATA, in for for full GA and Policy Committee presentations respectively. Bill 53-27, originally a GA bill to support the project, was amended and latter passed in a neutral form that still allows my Office to make recommendations on the plans.

Nonconforming Ordinance:

This was a legacy issue that my Office continued working on. Following the COEL's Nonconforming Committee's recommendations, the COEL introduced a package of legislation to make the nonconforming ordinance more liberal. My Office worked with Mark Fisk, Tabitha Zimny, and the Hagan's on advocating for this legislation. The result was Ordinance 1382 being passed unanimously by Council, the first change to the nonconforming policy since Ordinance 900 was passed more than 20 years ago. This is a very significant achievement for the Gov. Affairs Office as Mark Fisk believes that ASMSU played a central role in Council acting on this issue as it has over the past year. Moving forward, we will seek to expand the policy more, to allow landlords to make additions upon the elimination of basement bedrooms.

Greener Together Working Group:

Della has done almost all of the work in putting together this working group for the next semester. She has already set the time and dates for all 8 of the meetings that are to occur from early January until April. At each meeting there is a specific topic set that address sustainability issues on campus and in the community. For most of the meetings Della has already has confirmation on the speakers. She is working with Green Alliance, a group of environmental groups on campus, to draw their base to our meetings. Aside from that, Della has a membership list of 73 students, including members of the General Assembly, Staff, and Class Councils. The purpose of the group is to put together a list of recommendations to improve sustainability on campus, recommendations my Office can pursue as policy in the future.

Financial Health Team:

East Lansing is proactively ensuring it will have short term and long term financial stability and security by gathering recommendations from a group of experts on the subject. The FHT has been meeting since this past spring, and is about to issue all of its final recommendations on what the city should take action on in regards to revenue, infrastructure, pension legacy costs, and planning. One of the more notable recommendation the FHT will make is the implementation of an income tax in the COEL. I introduced a GA bill opposing such a proposal, but I decided to table the bill after talking with experts on the subject. My office is going to conduct further research on the subject and aid any ASMSU legislation decisions on the topic next semester.

Mental Health Mural

This is a legacy project that was handed down from Bryn when I took over the Community Liaison job from him, and it looks like it will finally be completed by ASMSU's Mental Health Awareness Week in the spring. We have commissioned a local artist by the name of Mila Theroux to paint six panels that will be hung on the side of Mackerel Sky, a business in East Lansing on the first block of M.A.C. Avenue. Because Mila was unable to finish the panels by the start of this winter, we are going to extent the project deadline to the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Week. It is my hope to bring Mila in sometime in January to give a presentation to the Assembly about her progress.

State Advocacy Initiatives:

SB 332 - MIP Decriminalization

We identified this as an issue that could directly impact the lives of students at Michigan State. If passed, this bill would decriminalize minor in possession charges on the first offense and allow those suspected of an MIP to refuse a breathalyzer test without facing the penalty of a civil infraction. While Tyler gathered information on this issue, I worked on and eventually got a bill passed by the General Assembly allowing us to take an official stance. After meeting with several lawmakers, we recognized the need to engage a broader range of students. So, we called on students to sign a letter urging the House of Representatives and the Governor to approve this. Tyler and I took this stack of letters to our meeting with Speaker Cotter's staff in early November. We were told that the Republicans still need to caucus on the issue while one of our lobbying contacts told us it should move, but that there are administrative hurdles to overcome. As of now, this legislation still needs to pass the House.

SB 1060 - Nonconforming Legislation

This bill was introduced in the Senate Local Government Committee in September by Senator Zorn. Working with Mark Fisk and Tabitha Zimny, we prepared and submitted written testimony to the Committee and I testified in a committee hearing. If passed, this bill would have allowed landlords to make all the same modifications and alterations to their properties that homeowners can currently make. After the hearing, Tyler continued to check in with Senator Zorn's staff as to when the bill could be expected to come up for a vote. It turns out that Senator Zorn probably introduced the bill in order to put more pressure on East Lansing's City Council to pass the proposed Ordinance 1382.

Capitol Intern Network

I thought of this initiative this summer while I was out in D.C. The idea of this is to bring together college students interning in legislative offices for brown bag lunches and presentations on different aspects of policymaking from lobbyists and state legislators. Tyler has been working with staffers from the legislature to make this happen, and it looks like there is a very good chance it could move forward. The purpose of this initiative is to keep civically active students engaged in governmental affairs while building a network of people interested in governmental affairs who we can potentially utilize as volunteers or bring into the organization to serve on the Assembly, Councils, or on Staff.

HB 5949 - Textbook Tax Credit Bill

This piece of legislation was introduced by Representative Chatfield in late October, and I immediately recognized it as a piece of legislation that could lift a burden off of students' shoulders. This bill would allow taxpayers in Michigan to claim a tax credit against the amount of money they spent on textbooks that year. Tyler and I have reached out to Representative Chatfield's office numerous time via phone and email but have yet to make contact with his office. I don't expect this to move this semester, but I think ASMSU should ask Chatfield or another representative to re-introduce it after it dies at the end of this legislative session.

Yes Means Yes Legislation

A bill was passed in the 52nd Session that allows the Gov. Affairs Office to advocate for the passing of Senator Curtis Hertel's Yes Means Yes legislation which require high schools in the state of Michigan to teach affirmative consent in sex education classes. This is seen as an important piece of legislation in terms of addressing the sexual assault crisis at campuses around Michigan, but it faces Republican opposition. Hertel's office has worked with students at universities around the state to produce videos urging lawmakers to act on this important piece of legislation. Lorenzo represented ASMSU in the video shot at Michigan State. Moving forward, we will seek out new opportunities to aid Senator Hertel in passing this.



VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION

KATHERINE "COOKIE" RIFIOTIS - FALL 2016

1. General Assembly

- Worked heavily on interviews filling in seats especially for colleges of Engineering, Business, Nursing, Education and Communication Arts and Sciences.
- Efforts to making our website more transparent in terms of what the General Assembly does and what it pursues
 - Including the agenda and bills that will be discussed on website
 - Adding a sign-in for public comments, so that people know this is an option and means by which they can engage in the process of introducing policy here as ASMSU.
- Proposition to start using a digital platform Google Classroom, in order to save paper and provide a more centralized and easily accessible way of viewing the agendas and bills introduced. Both for committees and full GA meetings
- Seeking new means of making the College Reps more available and known within their constituent population. Such as having a tab on their college weekly newsletter as well as their website under "resources".
- Drafting up a mentoring program that will include and engage the entire organization, its intent is for individuals to form friendships and partnerships that will yield more participation and better solutions to serve the student body.

2. Class Council

- FCC
 - Gathered feedback regarding what they thought about ASMSU before and after they joined. Realized they want a stronger presence from their advisor and want things to start moving a little faster.
 - Had numerous departments make presentations about their work so that they get familiar and included in what is going out. Some presentations included: Gov Affairs – Greener Together, RCL and SAB
 - Pushed for a creation of a FCC GA liaison, a position that is rotating with all members interested, so that everyone gets a chance to interact with the governing part of ASMSU and possibly runs for their respective seat next year.
 - Distributing candy canes and motivational quotes at the Union Dec. 6th
 - Helped them form and function within committees.

- SoCC
 - Worked with them to prepare a finals week stress relief kit
 - Added a few members that were interested in interviewing for GA and referred them to this experience as well
 - Working closely with Jordan on a spring semester CCs summit, bring the class councils to work together.
 - Ordered Apparel in conjunction with FCC
- JCC
 - Trying to form a stronger relationship with the council and urging them to attract more people
 - Referring some who showed interest to Academic Governance specifically on the committee that oversees the library
 - Focused on partnering with Career Services for a resume buiding/applying for grad school workshop
- SCC
 - Working closely with the Alumni Association and Office of Giving
 - Held tabling event for fundraiser as well as sharing more information about ASMSU
 - Publicized event at Rick's where they held a fundraiser for Safe Place
 - Selected Outstanding Senior and Faculty Awards, which will be presented at the last GA meeting of the semester



VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ALLOCATIONS

LAUREN FISH - FALL 2016

Congratulations to the General Assembly on completing another semester here at Michigan State University. The 3rd Session of the Student Allocations Board has had an incredible four months. Below is information regarding updates on our current initiatives, event summaries of funded programs, and plans for the Spring Semester.

ELECTRONIC FUNDING APPLICATIONS

This semester we launched our electronic applications, in hopes to ease the application process for student leaders.

- ☐ Moved all RSO Applications and Research Fund applications to the ASMSU Website.
- ☐ Applications can be found at <http://asmsu.msu.edu/divisions/student-allocations-board/>.

RSO FUNDING

SAB has continued to support Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) through the General RSO Fund and the Start-Up Fund.

- ☐ This semester, we have funded 40 RSOs which is an increase from Fall 2015.
- ☐ Through our funding, we helped enable over 2,500 students express their talents, develop professionally, and enhance their personal Spartan experience. See the attachment for a complete list of RSOs funded.

CORES AND COPS FUNDING

The Council of Racial and Ethnic Students and Council of Progressive Students (CORES/COPS) had another amazing semester of programming.

- ☐ Funded 9 events through CORES and COPS Funding.
- ☐ We were able to fund a wide variety of events that all helped over 2,000 students better understand themselves and others through cultural and social activities.

RSO OUTREACH

- ☐ Continued the RSO Outreach program from last year where SAB Staff attend and present at RSO meetings after they are funded through SAB.
- ☐ To date, we have reached 817 students through this program. Our office plans on surpassing our goal of making impressions on 1,000 through the ASMSU RSO Outreach Program.

RSO CONSULTING

We recognized that ASMSU should be focused on enhancing individual Spartan experiences by working constructively with RSOs to inspire change and aid student groups in achieving their full potential.

- ☐ The ASMSU Student Consulting Program will work constructively with student organizations to inspire change and aid student groups in achieving their full potential on campus.
- ☐ SAB Staff identified areas of improvement for RSOs which are budgeting, marketing, fundraising and event planning, membership retention and recruitment, risk management, and leadership.

RSO	Project Funded	Amount Allocated
Adventist Student Fellowship	Crave Tour	\$ 2,500.00
Alpha Epsilon Delta	Annual Dominican Republic Medical Service Trip	\$ 4,500.00
Alzheimer's Foundation of America	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	2016 Regional Conference	\$ 4,500.00
Broad China Business Society	2016 International Career & Resource Fair	\$ 1,300.00
Coalition of Packing Professionals (CoPPaC)	PAC Expo	\$ 4,500.00
Cozy Coverzz	Blankets for Pediatric Units of Local Hospitals	\$ 1,200.00
Cozy Coverzz	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Delta Sigma Pi	Chicago Professional Trip 2016	\$ 4,500.00
Delta Tau Lambda Sorority	Salute to Latinas	\$ 4,000.00
End7	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Honor's x2	Mentor Program at Local Elementary School	\$ 1,000.00
Indonesian Student Association	Indonesian Cultural Night 2016	\$ 3,800.00
Men's Water Polo Club	2016 Big Ten Championships	\$ 1,500.00
Michigan Indigena/Chicanx	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Michigan Indigena/Chicanx (MICCA)	2nd Annual Dia de Los Muertos	\$ 1,264.00
MSU Buddhist Mediation Club	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
MSU Club Gymnastics	Practices	\$ 4,500.00
MSU Crew Club	Head of The Grand Regatta	\$ 4,500.00
MSU Cycling	Cyclocross Series	\$ 4,500.00
MSU Global Brigades	Honduras Medical Trip	\$ 4,500.00
MSU Solar Car Team	Drive Component Upgrade	\$ 4,500.00
MSU Spartan Sur	Acapolooza	\$ 4,000.00
MSU Unicyclers	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
MSUwe54	Thanksgiving Event	\$ 900.00
Multicultural Business Students	Career Expo	\$ 4,500.00
NABA: National Conference	NABA Central Region Conference	\$ 4,500.00
Native American and Hispanic Business Students	Latino College Day	\$ 974.40
Pakistani Student Association	A Day in the Street of Pakistan	\$ 4,500.00
Phi Chi Theta	Fall Professional Trip	\$ 4,500.00
Pi Sigma Epsilon	Pi Sigma Epsilon's North Central Conference	\$ 2,179.00
Public Relations Student Society of America	PRSSA 2016 National Conference	\$ 4,500.00
Roller Hockey Club	Nationals	\$ 4,500.00
Spartan DJ Club	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Spartan Hackers	Local Hack Day	\$ 4,500.00
Students Organize for Syria	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Tea Club	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Water Ski Club	Water Ski Tournament	\$ 2,070.00
Women's Ice Hockey (D1)	Massachusetts Showcase	\$ 4,500.00
Young Americans for Liberty	Start-Up	\$ 300.00
Totals: 40 RSOs		\$ 106,187.40

RSO	Project Funded	Amount Allocated
Arab Cultural Society	Soccer Tournament	\$ 1,250.00
International Student Association	Leadership Retreat	\$ 17,973.00
North American Indigenous Student Organization	Heritage Month Round Dance	\$ 2,160.00
Black Student Alliance	Black Power Rally	\$ 34,392.09
Jewish Student Union	Israel Fest	\$ 19,300.00
Student Veterans of America	Veteran's Day Breakfast	\$ 6,138.25
Jewish Student Union	Destination Detroit (two trips)	\$ 6,228.00
Jewish Student Union	Sparty's Hanukkah Party	\$ 5,900.00
Student Veterans of America	National Conference	\$ 4,428.00
Totals: 9 CORES/COPS Events		\$ 97,769.34



CHIEF OF STAFF

SAM TERZICH - FALL 2016

- Assisted leadership in planning and executing the 2016 All ASMSU Retreat
- Worked with staff members to engage to students at numerous welcome week events, including Sparticulation, Student Services Fall-a-Plooza, and Neighborhood Open Houses
 - Created the Sock Monkey Award that gives staff members a platform to recognize everyone's accomplishments.
 - Bi-weekly staff meetings on Fridays
 - Bi-weekly Coffee Hours to bring together class councils, staff, and GA members
 - Enhanced staff engagement through Mega-kudos and holiday activities
- I met with directors and supervisors at the beginning of the semester to see what their goals for that semester were to hold them accountable and see how I can help them achieve those goals
 - These goals were used during the Mid-Semester and end of Semester evaluations
 - Worked throughout the semester and advise and help staff members on their projects
- Partnered with the Counseling Center and To Write Love on Her Arms for National Depression Screening Day
- Collaborated with UAB and RHA to bring Dan+Shay featuring Danielle Bradbery to campus on Dec 8th.
- Continued to serve in the Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Policy Board to ensure integrity for students through the current appeals process
- Served as the undergraduate representative on the Athletic Council
- Helped the Marketing Department to plan It's On Us National Week of Action. Additionally, a part of a University work group to expand awareness and engage a greater amount of students.
- Assisted on the phasing out of the 'old' ASMSU logo and continue to ensure the organization is placed in an optimal position