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The Great Debates 2010

[The Great Debates 2010](#) coalition will present a gubernatorial debate between Virg Bernero and Rick Snyder on Sunday, October 10. The one-hour debate will be held at Detroit Public Television studios at 7 p.m. It will be broadcast live on public television stations and also offered statewide to commercial broadcasters. The debate will be moderated by journalists from the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News. The main themes of the debate will be economic growth, education, and reform.

The Presidents Council is a member of [The Great Debates 2010 coalition](#).

November 2010 Election: Proposal 1 Reminder

The November ballot will include Proposal 2010-1 which reads "Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2011 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?"

Along with 30 other Michigan groups the Presidents Council has joined [Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution](#) to oppose Proposal 1, which is voted on by the citizens of Michigan every 16 years.

To learn more about Proposal 1, visit [Presidents Council Proposal 1 web page](#). We ask that you share the Presidents Council's stance on Proposal 1 along with the web site.

Upcoming Dates

Financial Aid Officers Meeting
October 7, 2010

Student Affairs Officers Meeting
October 15, 2010

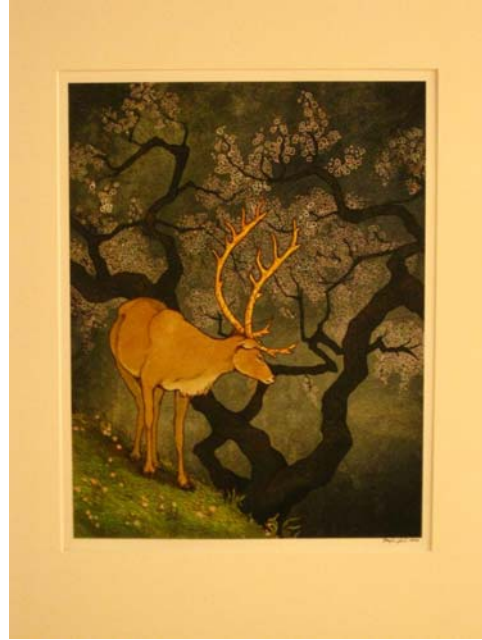
Academic Affairs Officers Meeting
Oakland University
October 21-22, 2010

Analytical Studies Committee Meeting
November 2, 2010

Board Retreat
November 3-4, 2010



2010-11 Student Art in the House



Please join us on Tuesday, October 12, for a reception honoring the students artists whose art has been chosen to hang in the Anderson House Office Building (October 2010-September 2011). The event will take place on the 5th floor of the House Office Building beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Pictured is BreeAnn Veenstra's artwork. She is a student at Grand Valley State University.

[Click here](#) for the invitation.

The 2010-11 students artists are:

- Courtney Hartnett, CMU
- Kyle Culps & Scot Ferguson, CMU
- Molly Nuzzo, EMU
- Alex Mandrilla, EMU
- Lacey Peacock, FSU/Kendall
- Tessa Mosher, FSU
- BreeAnn Veenstra, GVSU
- Victoria Wellman Teeple, LSSU
- Lisa Sommers, LSSU
- Jacob Varty, MSU
- Stephanie Bajema, NMU
- Rachel Caauwe, NMU
- Keith Menard, OU
- Richard Zyrd, OU
- Robin Karnes, SVSU
- Corey M. Gilbert, SVSU
- Michael Kent, UofM-Ann Arbor
- Yesung Park, UofM-Ann Arbor
- Jose Cabello, UofM-Dearborn
- Narcisa Diceanu, UofM-Dearborn
- Paulina Tlok, UofM-Dearborn
- Jeff Powell, UofM-Flint
- My Tran, UofM-Flint
- Anna Kazmarski, WMU
- Pat Thompson, WMU

Community College Baccalaureate Bill

On a 55-49 vote, HB 4837 passed the House on September 16 after the board was held open to allow supporters to drum up the minimum votes required for passage. Attached is the roll call vote [Role Call Vote on HB 4837](#). Of particular note five representatives who we counted on as no votes on the bill - Representatives Espinoza, Griffin, Hildenbrand, Slezak and Stamas. The [President Council's released a press release](#) following the vote.

The bill faces an uncertain future in the Senate.

While the vote was very disappointing, we owe a great deal of gratitude to Representative Kathy Angerer for her unyielding support for our position. We owe her a great deal of thanks.

Promoting the Publics

High school counselors and career center coordinators from around the nation attended the eighth annual *Promoting the Publics* conference on September 17. The conference was hosted on the campus of Michigan State University.

The event featured admission presentations from the 15 public universities in Michigan as well as a college/resource fair including Michigan College Access Network (MCAN). Registration was free and breakfast and lunch were included for the counselors.

Student Association of Michigan Update

The Student Association of Michigan had a successful meeting at Michigan Tech in September! The most noteworthy accomplishments include: The formation of the SAM Coalition; Restructuring the former SAM Standards Committee into the University Affairs Committee and the subsequent election of Justin Epstein from Michigan State University as its chairperson; The creation of a new executive board position for Public Relations, to which Sara Armstrong of the University of Michigan-Dearborn was elected; Lake Superior State University attended for the first time, becoming full voting members of SAM.

The next meeting will be held October 23 and 24 at UM-D, following a higher education rally in Lansing that is being hosted on October 22nd by the Associated Students of Michigan State University.

For full meeting minutes from the September meeting, as well as any up-to-date SAM news, visit our website at: www.mistudents.org

ASMSU's Higher Education Rally

The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) and the Student Association of Michigan (SAM) are holding a rally on October 22 at 1:00 p.m. on the front steps of the State Capitol.

The ASMSU's Higher Education Rally intends to highlight Michigan's need for making higher education funding a greater priority.

Merit Network, Inc. Receives Grant to Fund Faster Internet in Northern Michigan

Another \$70 million federal grant will allow [Merit Network, Inc.](#) to construct a 1,210-mile fiberoptic network offering an "interstate" of broadband Internet service across Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The project, titled REACH-3MC II (Rural, Education, Anchor, Community, Healthcare - Michigan Middle Mile Collaborative) is the second of its kind to earn Ann Arbor-based Merit Network federal funding to provide "middle-mile" broadband to the region. A \$33 million federal grant was awarded in January to provide similar connections across Michigan. Institutions including schools, hospitals and libraries will be connected as construction takes place next year.

PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Career Services Directors Meeting

The Career Services Directors met September 9 at the Presidents Council offices. The Directors talked about annual reports, Intern in Michigan, technology, entrepreneurship, and career fairs.

Public Information Officers

The Public Information Officers met on September 17 at the Presidents Council offices. John Finer, the editor of the Saginaw News, Flint Journal and Bay City Times provided insight into the future of the newspaper industry. They also talked about promoting collaborative arrangements amongst institutions and working with their student government association.

Continuing Education Directors

The Continuing Education Directors met on September 30 to review and strategize on the community college baccalaureate bill. They also talked about their 2011 professional development program.

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