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November 2010 Election: Proposal 1

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.

In 1850 the citizens of Michigan incorporated into their Constitution the precept that independent governing boards-not the legislative or executive branch-should oversee our public universities. They ratified that precept in Michigan's 1909 and 1963 Constitutions. Indeed, in each Constitution they extended the precept by applying it to more of Michigan's public universities. The Michigan courts have jealously guarded this precept for more than 150 years.

To learn more about Proposal 1, visit www.nomichiganconcon.com

Upcoming Dates

State Relations Officers Meeting
September 8, 2010

Career Services Directors Meeting
September 9, 2010

Public Information Officers Meeting
September 17, 2010

State Relations Officers Meeting
September 22, 2010

Career Services Directors Meeting
September 9, 2010

Deans Council Meeting
September 24, 2010

Financial Aid Directors Meeting

MiVote.org and the Great Debates 2010

MiVote.org serves to empower the citizens of Michigan with the political information they need to make the important decisions necessary during the important upcoming elections. MiVote.org is a non-partisan, interactive, video-based website that informs and engages both the citizens of Michigan and the candidates running for every major political office. MiVote.org allows Michigan citizens to connect directly with candidates, share their opinions, debate fellow voters and upload their own opinion videos.

MiVote.org was launched during the 2008 Presidential campaign as a partnership between the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Detroit Public Television, as a way for students and others in the community to express their views on issues important to them in the ongoing campaign.

Included in the videos are The Great Debates 2010, which is an in-depth, issues-oriented look at the candidates for governor and legislature.

The Presidents Council is one of 19 partners from across the state to provide:

- Three, one-hour gubernatorial debates
- 50, half-hour legislative debates

October 7, 2010

· Several multi-candidate legislative forums

Student Affairs Officers Meeting

October 15, 2010

House Bill 6387 - Nursing Education

State Representative [Barb Byrum](#) introduced HB 6387-Nursing Education on August 19, 2010. The bill requires accreditation by national nursing accreditation body for nursing education programs for licensure and specialty certification. The bill was written and supported by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

[Click here](#) to learn more about or track HB 6387.

PCSUM Welcomes New Interim President at Wayne State University



The Presidents Council welcomes Mr. Allan Gilmour as the Interim President at Wayne State University. Mr. Gilmour began his tenure on August 30. Mr. Gilmour, a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Michigan, is perhaps best known for his remarkable career at Ford Motor Company, where he had two stints in leadership positions. He retired as vice chairman from his first in 1995 after 35 years. In 2002 he was asked to rejoin the company as vice chairman, and retired again in 2005, having overseen Finance, the General Auditor's office, Human Resources, Corporate Affairs and Corporate Strategy. He also led Ford's financial services sector-Ford Motor Credit and Hertz Corporation.

Executive Order: P-20 Student Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council

On August 18, 2010 Governor Granholm issued Executive Order No. 2010-15 creating the P-20 Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council.

The new council is charged with developing and recommending policies for the Center for Educational Performance and Information on the implementation of a comprehensive longitudinal data reporting system in compliance with state and federal laws.

To learn more about the Executive Order, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-21975---,00.html>

Student Association of Michigan Update

The Student Association of Michigan (SAM) will be meeting at Michigan Technological University, September 17-19, for their first meeting of the year. It is expected that several resolutions will be presented to aid in the restructuring of the former SAM Standards Committee and to possibly add a public relations position to the executive board, among several other important tasks that the executive board feels necessary for the

advancement of the association. To keep updated on SAM's progress through the first month of the school year, be sure to check out our brand new website - same address, but with a fresher and more user-friendly look: www.mistudents.org!

Clean Energy Prize

The Clean Energy Prize encourages economic development in Michigan by harnessing the innovation and creativity of Michigan's university and college students and unleashing a business plan for innovations to commercial application's fast track.

The Clean Energy Prize awards \$100,000 in prizes and in-kind services to student-based team to drawn emerging technologies in the state of Michigan into the commercial space for cleaner, more sustainable energy options.

For more details, visit www.micleanenergyprize.com

PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Alumni Affairs Directors Meeting

The Alumni Affairs Directors met in July at the Presidents Council offices. The Directors talked about programming ideas for Young Alumni, collaborating with Development, and reaching out to the current student population.

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