# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## 1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding outlines the expectations of the City of Ann Arbor ("City"), the University of Michigan ("UM"), and the Ann Arbor Public Schools ("AAPS") regarding the establishment and role of an independent Student Advisory Council. The purpose of the Student Advisory Council is to promote dialogue and increased collaboration among students and the City on policies, programs, and actions affecting all stakeholders.

#### 2. ROLE

- 2.1 The Student Advisory Council is expected to provide comments and recommendations to the City Council and City Administrator; the UM Central Student Government, Rackham Student Government, and the Dean of Students and Off-Campus Housing Office; and the Superintendent of AAPS on the following:
- (1) Initiatives focused on improving the quality of life for students;
- (2) Public safety, such as lighting and crosswalks;
- (3) Student-community relations;
- (4) Student access to local services:
- (5) City housing and homelessness;
- (6) Student engagement in local affairs and policymaking;
- (7) Policies relevant to students and the impact of proposed projects on students;
- (8) Priorities and budget allocations impacting students;
- (9) Promotion of a safe, inclusive, and integrated Ann Arbor community;
- 2.2 The Student Advisory Council is expected to report at least annually on its activities.

## 3. REPRESENTATION

- 3.1 The Student Advisory Council is expected to have the following representation:
- (1) One member of the Ann Arbor City Council;
- (2) The Ann Arbor City Administrator or designee;
- (3) The University of Michigan's Director of Community Relations or designee;
- (4) Two students appointed by the Central Student Government of the University of Michigan;
- (5) Two students appointed by the Rackham Student Government of the University of Michigan; and
- (6) Two students from the Ann Arbor Public School system appointed on a rotating basis among the different high schools by the Superintendent of the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

3.2 For continuity, it is expected that individual appointments will be for at least one year. The appointing entities will each have discretion to appoint or remove their appointed members at any time.

### 4. ORGANIZATION

- 4.1 The Student Advisory Council is expected to meet every other month or as determined appropriate by the Student Advisory Council. It is expected that meetings will be held in UM facilities.
- 4.2 The Student Advisory Council is expected to appoint officers, organize its meetings, and document its activities as determined appropriate by the Student Advisory Council. It is expected that officers will be appointed from among the student members.

**SIGNATURES** 

CITY OF ANN ARBOR	
	Date:
Christopher Taylor, Mayor	
	Date:
Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk	
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	
	Date:
ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
	Date:
Jeanice K. Swift, Superintendent	