

Board of Regents Update | March 17, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

The Board of Regents held its March 2017 meeting in Dearborn Thursday, and I had the chance to update the board members, executive officers and guests on President Schlissel's visit to the Flint campus last week.

While he was here, the president met with several key organizers of the Healthy Flint Coordinating Council, and learned about the work we are doing with U-M Ann Arbor, MSU and community organizations to coordinate public health research efforts in the aftermath of the water crisis.

He also talked with the team responsible for the Economic Development Administration's grant-funded project to create an entrepreneurship and innovation hub here in Flint, and came away impressed with both the level of academic strength and community engagement.

While President Schlissel was on campus, he had the chance to talk with Faculty Council leadership and had lunch with a group of our terrific students.

Yesterday I told the president that our community is always appreciative of his supportive approach to our campus, and thanked him for the visit.

During his opening remarks President Schlissel commented on the federal budget proposal. I share his concern about proposed cuts to federally funded research, the arts and the humanities. Those areas are key to our purpose and mission, and contribute to what distinguishes the University as one of the nation's top public universities. You can read his full remarks [here](#).

I invite you to view the full board agenda from yesterday's meeting [here](#).

Thank you and Go Blue!

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