

University of Michigan Must Fulfill its Promise to Detroit School of Arts High School

Whereas: DSA is run by a “Governance Committee” made up entirely of UofM administrators, which holds no regularly scheduled public meetings.

Whereas: DSA’s “Governance Committee” has complete control over funding, all curriculum and staffing, making UofM wholly responsible for the quality of education at DSA.

Therefore: We the undersigned demand the following changes be enacted before students return from break on Monday, January 4th, 2016:

Admit Top 10%

UM must Restore on-site admissions in Detroit schools & guarantee admission to all Detroit seniors earning GPA’s in the top 10% of their high school’s graduating class, starting with UM’s own charter high school- DSA.

Restore Majors

UM has chipped away at or cut completely many arts programs since it took over DSA; this must be reversed. Several English & science classes have had substitutes all year. UM must hire fully certified teachers to fill all vacancies immediately.

Access to Art for All

No reserving art classes exclusively for 3.0 students. End these transparent excuses for forcing students out (GPA, attendance, “poor work ethic”), in order to lay-off their teachers. DSA is Detroit School of Arts!
Re-enroll all students in their fine & performing arts courses in accordance with their major & year. Hire as much staff as needed.

End the Witch-Hunt

No retaliation against Markeith Jones & all student organizers. UM violated the 1st Amendment by targeting Markeith (false arrest, felony charges, removal from dance classes & majorette team) to frighten other students. Drop all charges, return Markeith to dance & majorette team & stop threatening his co-leaders with removal from dance or other classes.

Stop Physical Abuse

Fire Attendance Officer Drake-Howard!
Drake-Howard hits students with a yard-stick. Last year a successful campaign was waged against her abuse of students, and the yard-stick was put away. Starting Nov. 22nd students captured video & pictures evidence that Drake-Howard has resumed threatening students with the yard-stick. No physical abuse of students by staff is acceptable. Drake-Howard has demonstrated she won’t stop, so must be fired immediately.

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