Michigan Daily meeting with MSC

Gary Krenz <gdkrenz@umich.edu> Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 11:19 AM
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Hi, Kim. I hope all is well with you, too.

I've given some answers below.

Best,

Gary

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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 10:11 AM, Kim Broekhuizen <kelger@umich.edu> wrote:

> Hi, Gary -
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> Hope this note finds you well.
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> President Coleman has her monthly meeting with the Daily on Monday morning. As you may recall, they submit their list of topics ahead of time and we work to provide her with a briefing packet.
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> This month they would like to talk about the bicentennial.
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> Here are the questions they submitted. Could you please help me draft the appropriate responses for her to the following questions? Or point me in the right direction?
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> Thanks!
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> 1. During your speech at the Leadership Breakfast Tuesday you mentioned that Gary Krenz will serve as the executive director of the bicentennial and will be assisted by a committee. What plans are in store for the bicentennial?

We're just beginning detailed planning. They can get a sense of what we're pursuing at this point by visiting the bicentennial website, http://bicentennial.umich.edu. Our overarching goal is to rediscover and celebrate our illustrious history, and use our heritage to reflect and act on how to become an even better institution in our third century. Universities and society face many challenges. Michigan has been at the forefront of meeting such

challenges in teh past, and we will be in the future.

The Bicentennial will be a combination of a wide range of activities: some celebratory events, a number of academic and intellectual events -- e.g., symposia, theme semesters, perhaps some first-year seminars and other courses -- artistic and creative events, and projects aimed at raising awareness of our history. We want to engage the entire University and connect to outside constituencies. An event in Detroit, where we were founded, will certainly be part of the mix.

> 2. How will students and faculty be involved in its celebration?

There will be many opportunities for student and faculty involvement in the celebration -- for instance, in all of the sorts of things just mentioned. Some events will be centrally organized by the Bicentennial Office, but we'll also be encouraging schools, departments, and organizations to develop their own plans for marking the University's 200th birthday.

> 3. Will there be any events leading up to the celebration to remember the University's history?

Rediscovering the story of Michigan's history will be an important part of the Bicentennial. Some exciting work is already underway, such as the University's new Heritage Project, http://heritage.umich.edu. Gary Krenz and Terry McDonald, the new director of the Bentley Historical Library, are developing plans for other ways to capture, document, and disseminate University history. Fran Blouin, the chair of the Bicentennial Advisory Committee, is developing a course that deals with UM and Michigan history; we anticipate that other courses, lectures, etc. will be offered, but details will come later.

> 4. Are there any specific goals that you hope to achieve during the rest of your presidency to contribute to the upcoming bicentennial celebration?

I'm not sure what Mary Sue will want to say here, but one thing she might consider is just to get people across the University thinking about how to use this important symbolic opportunity to build a better Michigan.

> 5. How will you remember Michigan when you leave? How will you remember it when you think back on it in 2017?

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