

**A Resolution Allocating \$499.10 from the General Fund to Restock the YOUNiversity Beauty Vending Machine**

*A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government*

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**Whereas**, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”;<sup>1</sup> and,

**Whereas**, many students of color at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, experience difficulties finding basic hair, hygiene, and beauty products designed for their bodies and hair textures; and,

**Whereas**, the local unavailability of these products drives some students to drive to neighboring cities like Ypsilanti in order to buy them;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, in 2021, Mia Wilson and Rico Ozuna-Harrison received a \$10,000 grant from OptiMize to jumpstart a vending machine business called Innovending LLC which founded the YOUNiversity Beauty Vending Machine that sells these sought-after products, initially from a vending machine in the Michigan Union; and,

**Whereas**, \$7,000 of the OptiMize grant was used to purchase the vending machine and the remainder of the money was designated for purchasing products to stock the vending machine; and,

**Whereas**, a description of Innovending LLC’s mission can be found in Appendix B that was accessed on the Innovending website;<sup>3</sup> and,

**Whereas**, Mia Wilson and Rico Ozuna-Harrison are currently looking for more funding to restock the vending machine and continue this program and have supplied a list of products that they would like to buy to restock the vending machine (located in Appendices A & B); and,

**Whereas**, the remaining balance of the general budget is \$500.

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<sup>1</sup> The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

<sup>2</sup> Insider 2 Black students installed a vending machine selling beauty supplies after struggling to find haircare products near campus

<sup>3</sup> [Innovending.net](https://innovending.net)

**Be it therefore resolved,** LSA SG will purchase from YoungsGA.com<sup>4</sup> the products listed in Appendix A for the YOUNiversity Beauty Vending Machine using funds from the general budget; and,

**Be it further resolved,** the total cost (including shipping) for these products is \$499.10; and,

**Be it finally resolved,** LSA SG will continue to work with the managers of the YOUNiversity Beauty Vending Machine to help identify products that students want to have quick access to in the vending machine.

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<sup>4</sup> [YoungsGA.com](http://YoungsGA.com)

## Appendix A

| Order summary |                                                                                     | <a href="#">Hide ^</a> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6             | <b>Aunt Jackie's Don't Shrink Curling Gel 3oz Travel Size (PC)</b>                  | <b>\$19.74</b>         |
| 6             | <b>Creme of Nature Argan Oil Intensive Conditioning Treatment</b><br>1.75oz Packet  | <b>\$10.80</b>         |
| 6             | <b>#2000 Premium Velvet Du-rag / Assort (12PC)</b>                                  | <b>\$38.00</b>         |
| 6             | <b>Ruby Kisses Hydrating Lip Oil Gloss Treatment (48PC)</b>                         | <b>\$52.00</b>         |
| 4             | <b>Wholesale Wild Growth Light Oil Moisturizer 4oz</b><br>1 PIECE                   | <b>\$26.00</b>         |
| 7             | <b>1st Touchdown Edge Tamer / Cherry 2.82oz #TD031</b><br>1 PIECE                   | <b>\$19.25</b>         |
| 6             | <b>#Lev Lash Envy Express Volume Mascara (6Pc) - Multiple Colors</b><br>LEV02 BLACK | <b>\$12.72</b>         |
| 3             | <b>LA Colors Drama Lash Mascara #CMS524 (3PC)</b>                                   | <b>\$4.50</b>          |
| 24            | <b>VIA Natural Hair Scalp &amp; Body Treatment (24PC)</b><br>AVOCADO                | <b>\$22.50</b>         |
| 12            | <b>NickaK Selfie Light Set #NSL (12PC)</b><br>NSL02 BLACK                           | <b>\$52.80</b>         |

## Appendix A Cont.

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|    | <b>Titan Spandex Dreadlock Braids Band<br/>Black #22156 (12PC)</b>                                            | <b>\$16.40</b>      |
|    | <b>The Purity Coconut Oil</b><br>COCONUT OIL 2OZ                                                              | <b>\$15.00</b>      |
|    | <b>Okay Leave In Conditioner Packet (PC)</b><br>BLACK JAMAICAN CASTOR OIL & COCONUT /<br>COCONUT CURLS 1.25oz | <b>\$8.75</b>       |
|    | <b>Aunt Jackie's Quench Moisture Intensive<br/>Leave-In-Conditioner 3oz (PC)</b>                              | <b>\$20.58</b>      |
|    | <b>Kiss Glue Off Nail Remover #BK116 (2PC)</b>                                                                | <b>\$19.25</b>      |
|    | <b>Nature's Spirit Raw Shea Butter Soap 5oz<br/>(6PC)</b>                                                     | <b>\$11.50</b>      |
|    | <b>The Challenger Stocking Wave Cap<br/>Assorted #CH107C ASSORT (12PC)</b><br>1 Dozen                         | <b>\$2.50</b>       |
|   | <b>#861 Organic Deluxe Stocking Wave Cap /<br/>Black (12PC)</b>                                               | <b>\$6.75</b>       |
|  | <b>Outre X-Pression: 3X Ultra Pre-Stretched<br/>Kanekalon Braid 52"</b><br>1                                  | <b>\$54.00</b>      |
|  | <b>Bijoux 3X Ghana Pre Stretched Braid 50"</b><br>1B                                                          | <b>\$48.96</b>      |
|  | <b>LA Colors Mega Dramatilash Mascara<br/>#CMS523 (3PC)</b>                                                   | <b>\$4.50</b>       |
|  | <b>Nairobi Wrapp-It Shine Foaming Lotion<br/>8oz<br/>Piece (PC)</b>                                           | <b>\$32.60</b>      |
| <a href="#">Add a discount code or a gift card</a>                                  |                                                                                                               |                     |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                               | <b>\$499.10</b>     |
| <b>Shipping</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                               | <b>Free</b>         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                               | USD <b>\$499.10</b> |
| <a href="#">Pay now</a>                                                             |                                                                                                               |                     |

## **Appendix B**

Innovending LLC is a vending machine supplier that will supply minorities on the University of Michigan campus with beauty, hair, and skincare products through readily accessible vending machines on campus. We believe that diversity and inclusion is necessary on the University of Michigan's campus. Our vending machines will work to be a resource for minority students at the university.

Beauty products for minorities like us aren't available in Ann Arbor, but we believe that our business will aid this issue by providing vending machines within our campus buildings so students can conveniently use them.

When Ann Arbor doesn't supply under-represented students with products they need, they are forced to go to neighboring cities. Exerting time and energy that students need to excel academically. Especially at the University of Michigan. Sometimes, these students can feel displaced -- as if they don't belong in Ann Arbor. This feeling of displacement can result from not having beauty resources that cater to your culture (and ethnicity) at a predominately white institution. They can feel as though they don't belong here. Our vending machines will serve as an affirmation that they do belong here.

The time and energy that it takes for routine trips to these cities is costly-- economically and academically. And quite honestly, individuals from underrepresented communities need the most access to things all across the board. We think that one step in the right direction is providing readily accessible beauty products in vending machines to students of color on campus. This will save them money and time and will enable students to feel more comfortable and confident on our campus.

We want our vending machines to be a reminder to students that "yes, you DO belong here." They will not only serve as a resource and convenience but will also be an affirmation to minority communities that there is a place for them at the University of Michigan.

We realize how hard it is for minorities to get the beauty essentials we need. And we want our vending machines to make this as seamless as possible! Our beauty vending machine eliminates the need for students to travel far to obtain beauty products. Our vending machines will be right on campus for each student to use! It will be stocked with beauty, hair, and skincare products that the STUDENTS will choose themselves.

Students play a vital role in shaping the university. And the university prides itself on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Like many resources for minorities on campus, our vending machines will help students to look, feel, and do their best.