

An Amendment to the Eighth Chapter of the Bylaws Removing the Ban on Holding Representative Positions in both LSA Student Government and Central Student Government

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”;¹ and,

Whereas, LSA SG utilizes its Bylaws to structure and facilitate official business, and recognizes the need for amendments to the Bylaws to improve its function and reflect current practices; and,

Whereas, the practice of excluding an individual from membership in an organization as a result of their affiliation with another organization is in violation of the Statement of Student Rights as enshrined in the University of Michigan All-campus Constitution; and,

Whereas, as a student government, it is incumbent upon us to uphold the rights of all students, including members of this and other student governments; and,

Whereas, skilled leaders have represented constituents in both LSA SG and the Central Student Government (hereafter CSG) in the past while holding elected positions in both organizations; and,

Whereas, LSA SG respects that fact that our government and CSG play connected, complementary, though distinct roles on campus; and,

Whereas, the General meeting times of LSA SG and CSG typically do not conflict.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws be amended in accordance with Appendix A; and,

Be it further resolved, that these changes take effect August 30, 2021; and,

Be it finally resolved, that no action impacting the membership of representatives holding dual LSA SG-CSG roles may be taken on the grounds of their dual positions, effective immediately.

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

Appendix A:

Chapter 8

The Appointments Process

8.01.00 **Procedures.** The appointments process shall be governed according to the procedure outlined in 8.01.00-8.01.13.

8.01.01 **Eligibility Requirements.** All persons applying for appointment to a vacant representative seat must be currently enrolled in the College. ~~*No elected or appointed representative may be an elected or appointed representative in both LSA SG and Central Student Government. In the case in which a person is elected or appointed to a seat in both governments, they must immediately vacate one of the seats before assuming the other.*~~