

**R F2017.03**

**A Resolution Concerning the Conditions of Mason Hall Restrooms**

*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 LSA students have voiced their concerns regarding the condition of the restrooms in Mason Hall, in particular the restrooms on the ground floor; and,

**Whereas**, the Student Life Committee of LSA SG has received various complaints via the constituent complaint forum, [thissucks@umich.edu](mailto:thissucks@umich.edu), in regards to the condition of Mason Hall restrooms; and,

**Whereas**, the collection of restroom utilities, including trash cans and feminine hygiene disposals, along with the cleanliness and function of sinks are often neglected; and,

**Whereas**, it is the responsibility of the University to provide sanitary and neat conditions throughout all facilities; and,

**Whereas**, 60% of LSA students polled in the recent ballot that the Mason Hall restrooms on the ground floor are “inadequate and unsanitary” and 32% responded that the restrooms are “clean enough but could be improved.”<sup>2</sup>

**Be it therefore resolved**, LSA SG calls upon Mason Hall Facilities to improve the overall conditions of the restrooms, in particular on the first floor; and,

**Be it finally resolved**, LSA SG will send a letter to Mason Hall Facilities and the Office of Student Life voicing the concerns stated previously in this resolution.

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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> Winter 2017 LSA Student Government Election Ballot Question, Number 2



To Whom It May Concern,

LSA Student Government recently passed a resolution regarding the current status of the restrooms in Mason Hall, in particular those near the Perlman Honors Commons on the ground floor. In recent years, LSA Student Government has received numerous complaints in regards to the status of these bathrooms, in particular through our email complaint forum, [thissucks@umich.edu](mailto:thissucks@umich.edu). Due to the influx of complaints, we felt it was necessary to address the conditions of these restrooms. We understand that these facilities are used a great deal by students, which leads to poorer conditions. On that same note, we believe that these restrooms are especially unkept in comparison to other facilities on campus. During the Winter 2017 Student Government elections, LSA Student Government conducted a poll asking students their opinions of these specific bathrooms. Our results showed that 60% of those that use the bathrooms answered that they are “inadequate and unsanitary,” and 32% said they are “clean but could be improved.”

We would like to point out a few specific concerns of the bathrooms that students have voiced their concerns about. Female students have voiced concerns in regards to feminine hygiene disposals. There have been complaints that these disposals overflow and are not emptied out regularly enough. Additionally, there have been complaints that the trash cans in both the male and female restrooms are not emptied out regularly, which leads to an excess amount of trash on the ground. The sinks frequently either do not dispense water or do so for only a very short time, while other sinks have been completely condemned by the facilities. Finally, the status of the stalls has been called into question by students due to the fact that they are heavily vandalized, do not always completely shut, and have very wide door gaps which compromises the privacy in the stalls.

This letter is intended to notify the facilities of Mason Hall of the poor conditions of the bathrooms. As a government, we completely understand that staff is limited, and there is only so much that can be done to prevent poor conditions in bathrooms that are as frequently used as these ones are. That being said, we do ask Mason Hall facilities to evaluate the situation more thoroughly, as we have frequently contacted staff in the past to consider the situation, and have been met with no real response or visible change. Frequently, the argument has been made that Mason Hall cannot afford additional cleaning staff, but we believe other large facilities, such as the Chemistry Building, have cleaner restrooms, despite their similar size and student inflow. We would be more than willing to meet with facilities in order to further work on this situation and develop a way in which the conditions of the bathrooms can be improved without adding undue inconvenience to the facilities of Mason Hall.

We thank you in advance for your consideration.

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