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An Amendment to the Fifth Chapter of the Bylaws Prohibiting External Compensation of LSA Student Government Members

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 work done by LSA SG and its representatives, committees, and officers is an undertaking that is done on behalf of the students of the College of LSA; and,

Whereas, LSA SG has affirmed its position regarding compensation of officers and representatives in other student governments on campus, including Central Student Government² and the Residence Halls Association³; and,

Whereas, having members of the government receive compensation from external organizations creates a clear conflict of interest and loyalty on their part, and causes external organizations to unreasonably interfere with the business of the government.

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

Be it further resolved, that the restrictions set forth in this amendment be not construed to impact students receiving scholarships due to their involvement in LSA SG; and,

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

² Executive Statement on CSG Member Compensation.

<https://lsa.umich.edu/content/dam/lsasg-assets/lsasg-docs/WN-2018/LSA%20SG%20Eboard%20Statement%20Regarding%20AR%207-026.jpg>

³ Executive Statement on RHA Executive Board Compensation.

<https://lsa.umich.edu/content/dam/lsasg-assets/lsasg-docs/executive-statements/Executive%20Statement%20on%20RHA.png>

Be it further resolved, that this restriction be considered binding upon all members of the government going forward, including, but not limited to, officers and representatives; and,

Be it finally resolved, that this amendment take immediate effect.

Appendix A

Chapter 5

Special Provisions

5.03.05 Compensation. No member or appointee of the government may receive compensation from an outside organization for their work in LSA SG. Compensation is defined as payments in return for work completed in LSA SG by members acting in their capacity as a member or appointee of the government. This excludes compensatory funds disbursed to LSA SG members for LSA SG-related expenses, and compensation of LSA SG members by external organizations for non-LSA SG purposes (e.g. scholarships, Resident Advisor housing allowance, salaries earned for non-LSA SG work).