

LSA SG Regular Meeting

February 10, 2021

1. Call to Order

2. Opening Roll Call ( ) - Present, E - Excused, A- Absent

- i. Those with voting rights (minus the person acting as chair)
- ii. Those without voting rights

- b. Bazzi, Selena ( )
- c. Walker, Josiah ( )
- d. McCaughey, Kathryn ( )
- e. Watt, Tyler ( )
- f. Colvin, Anna ( )
- g. McKillop, Mary ( )
- h. Torres, Gabriela ( )
- i. Fivecoat, Chayton (E)
- j. Goodsell, Allison (E)
- k. Farah, Zackariah ( )
- l. Manikandan, Divya (E)
- m. Cohen, Jacob (E)
- n. Theuerkauf, Caroline ( )
- o. Nelson, Erica (E)
- p. Zhao, Suki ( )
- q. Gunasekaran, Gaurie ( )
- r. Lobodzinski, Joseph ( )
- s. Hamamy, Salma ( )
- t. Rich, Sophia ( )
- u. Salino, Sarah ( )
- v. Stevens, Major White ( )
- w. McLean, Claudia ( )
- x. Rothstein, Kayla ( )

- y. Williams, Erik ()
  - z. Dai, Carol ()
  - aa. Fioritto, Tyler (E)
  - bb. Nguyen, Alex ()
  - cc. Altimemy, Zahraa ()
  - dd. List, Riley (E)
  - ee. Jonaitis, Cody ()
  - ff. Stoneman, Max ()
  - gg. Rifkin, Cameron ()
  - hh. Orleans, Louis (E)
  - ii. Simmons, Natalie (A)
  - jj. Wojtara, Magda (E)
  - kk. Tedrick, Vincenzo ()
  - ll. Hwang, Tae Won (Danny) ()
  - mm. Diaz, Danae (A)
  - nn. Crespo, Maleny ()
  - oo. Farmer, Adrianna (A)
  - pp. Pierangeli, Cody (A)
  - qq. Donahue, Thomas (A)
  - rr. Pratapa, Pranavi (A)
  - ss. Browdy, Wyatt (A)
  - tt. Kernis, Jacob (A)
  - uu. Sommerfeld, Elizabeth (A)
  - vv. Mulliken, Ryan (A)
  - ww. Dalrymple, Timothy (A)
3. Announcements
- a. [Notice of Minor Bylaw Edits](#)
4. Approval of the Agenda
- a. *Motion: Rothstein*



- a. [Budget Allocations Committee-Cameron Rifkin](#)
- b. [Committee Advocating for Transfer, Non Traditional, and International Students-Caroline Theuerkauf](#)
- c. [Diversity Affairs Committee-Tae Won \(Danny\) Hwang](#)

#### 11. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports

- a. [Appointments Subcommittee-Sophia Rich](#)
- b. [Judiciary Establishment and Election Amendment Task Force-Jacob Cohen](#)
- c. [Health Subcommittee Report-Gaurie Gunasekaran](#)
- d. [Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources-Jacob Cohen](#)
- e. [Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee-Zackariah Farah](#)

#### 12. [Individual Representative Reports](#)

- a. Cohen, Jacob
  - i. Excused Absence
- b. Dai, Carol
  - i. What I have been working on so far: For the SLC committee, we are working on making the course guid more synchronous for class meetings. We are looking to make an app for Wolverine Access. I know a lot of students do not know about Winter Fest or student organizations, and there are low attendance to student orgs. We are looking to make mass emails more personal for student organizations. Also, there are many people that want to get involved, without knowing how to get involved. Furthermore, we are looking for LSASG to make more personal email. Given this semester and COVID, and that many freshman/students are spread out around campus, we are looking for a way to spread information on busing. Also, we are looking for a way to make counselors more accessible. We should create a general review for the whole semester, in addition to the review at the end of the semester for courses.
    - 1. Motion to extend time by 2 mins: Walker
      - a. Second: Watt
  - ii. Also, encourage professors to hold more coffee hours to get to know their students on a more personal level.
    - 1. Watt: How are you doing?
      - a. Dai: Well.
    - 2. Watt: What committees do you frequent?
      - a. DAC, Health, SLC and AAC. I am looking to get more involved

with COMM, but time might conflict.

3. Watt: What is the biggest thing that was unclear or could be explained better for new members?
  - a. Dai: How to get more involved. Even the semester report was confusing. Also, in the committees and general, it is hard to follow sometimes to know what is going on.
4. Walker: I really appreciate the report. Especially how SG is functioning and all of the work that you are doing.

### 13. Appointments, Elections, and Nominations

#### a. The LAST Force Standing Members

##### i. Kathryn Monahan

1. McCaughey: Kathryn is here tonight, she has a great name. She is a junior studying Poly Sci. She reached out to me and Vince about the LAST Force. She is really interested in working on advertising and growing the Endowment Fund. I give her my full support for this position.
2. Monahan: I am a junior. I am looking forward to working with Alumni to work on the endowment fund. Kathryn said it all and I am really thrilled to be here.
  - a. Watt: Reaching out to Alumni is a lot of cold calling/emailing, do you have an experience or apprehension with that?
    - i. Monahan: I have not had specific experience in the University. But, I have had internships where professional emails and communications were required.
3. Tedrick: I am very happy to see people interested in joining the LAST Force. She would be a great addition to the team and we have another person interested in joining soon as well.
  - a. Walker: Motion to vote by acclamation
    - i. Second: Stonemen
      1. Results: APPROVED

#### b. Speaker of the Government (Nominations and Election)

##### i. Current Nominees:

1. *Kayla Rothstein (Accepted 2/3)*
  - a. *Confirmed*
2. *Gaurie Gunasekaran (Accepted 2/3)*
  - a. *Rescind Nomination 2/10*

### 14. Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations

- a. Michigan Dressage Team - \$245.00
- b. Rackham Student Government - \$2,000.00

- i. Rifkin: This week, I'd like to recommend the Michigan Dressage Team and Rackham Student Government.
  1. Watt: Do Rackham Students pay us any type of fees?
    - a. McCaughey: No, their fees go to Rackham Student Government. Part of our stipulation to them is that our bylaws (BACs) stipulate that if we are donating to a grant, LSASG needs to be labeled on the grant.
    - b. Rifkin: They are not changing the name of the grant, but will include our name and logo in names and descriptions of the gifts.
- ii. Watt: Motion to divide the question in two parts, 14a and 14b.
  1. Walker: Second
    - a. Results: APPROVED
- iii. Watt: Motion to vote on 14a by acclimation
  1. Gunasakaran: second
    - a. Results: APPROVED
- iv. Gunasekaran: Motion to vote on 14b by acclimation
  1. Second: Stoneman
    - a. Results: APPROVE

15. Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)

- a. [C W2020.02 An Amendment to the Third, Fourth, and Seventh Articles of the Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government to Create the Position of Speaker of the Government](#)
  - i. Watt: Motion to bring to the floor
    1. Second: Walker
      - a. Results: APPROVED
  - ii. Bazzi: You have all heard about this before. To recap, this is the creation of a speaker position. This gives me the opportunity to engage more in conversations that we are having and debates on resolutions as I would no longer have to be neutral on everything. This would add this into the constitution, pending student votes. Tyler did a great job putting this together.
  - iii. Watt: Motion to call to question by roll call vote
    1. Second: Gunasakaran
      - a. Roll call vote:
        - i. Bazzi, Selena (Y)

- ii. Walker, Josiah (Y)
- iii. McCaughey, Kathryn (E)
- iv. Watt, Tyler (Y)
- v. Colvin, Anna (Y)
- vi. McKillop, Mary (Y)
- vii. Torres, Gabriela (Y)
- viii. Fivecoat, Chayton (Y)
- ix. Goodsell, Allison (E)
- x. Farah, Zackariah (Y)
- xi. Manikandan, Divya (E)
- xii. Cohen, Jacob (E)
- xiii. Theuerkauf, Caroline (Y)
- xiv. Nelson, Erica (E)
- xv. Zhao, Suki (Y)
- xvi. Gunasekaran, Gaurie (Y)
- xvii. Lobodzinski, Joseph (Y)
- xviii. Hamamy, Salma (E)
- xix. Rich, Sophia (E)
- xx. Salino, Sarah (Y)
- xxi. Stevens, Major White (Y)
- xxii. McLean, Claudia (Y)
- xxiii. Rothstein, Kayla (A)
- xxiv. Williams, Erik (Y)
- xxv. Dai, Carol (Y)
- xxvi. Fioritto, Tyler (E)
- xxvii. Nguyen, Alex (Y)
- xxviii. Altimemy, Zahraa (A)
- xxix. List, Riley (E)
- xxx. Jonaitis, Cody (Y)
- xxx. Stoneman, Max (Y)

1. Motion: PASS 20-0-0

- b. [B W2021.08 An Amendment to the Election Code Seeking to Reform the Demerits System in LSA Student Government Elections](#)
  - i. Stoneman: It is something that we have seen before. We are cleaning up the way demerits are awarded. Instead now, we have violations, not demerits. Instead of having the points system that we had before, we now have a specific system knowing what will happen before if you commit a violation. We still have it ranked, with egregious violations and so on.
  - ii. Watt: I echo everything that he said. This will be applicable for the campaign season, if it is passed tonight, as there is no campaigning going on right now.
    - 1. Salino: Motion to end debate and call the question by acclamation.
      - a. Second: Stevens
        - i. Results: PASS
- c. [B W2021.09 An Amendment to the Eleventh Chapter of the Bylaws Expanding the Duties of the Health Subcommittee](#)
  - i. Bazzi: Motion to bring to the floor
    - 1. Ngyuen: Second
  - ii. Gunasakaran: This is a quick fix to add emotional and well being to Health bylaws in addition to physical health.
  - iii. Ngyuen: Motion to open debate
    - 1. Watt: Second
    - 2. Speakers List
      - a. Watt (proponent): I do want to note that I was very impressed by the Health committee initiative. I love their work in the past around these areas, and it is good that we notarize this in the bylaws.
  - iv. Crespo: Motion to end debate and call to question by acclamation
    - 1. Second: Salino
      - a. Motion: PASS
- d. [B W2021.10 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Bylaws Clarifying Debate Procedures](#)
  - i. Ngyuen: Motion to bring to the floor

1. Second: Gunasakaran
- ii. Watt: We discussed this previously. This would make this clear how debate is to be structured. I am happy to hear any questions. We are looking to clean something up, looking to see if speakers can yield their time to other speakers. I am looking forward to seeing this table for another week.
  1. Bazzi: Is it customary to see speakers yield their time to other speakers?
    - a. Watt: Yes, it is customary. In Robert's rules, speakers have time for 10 mins of speaking. But, I am looking to see how other governments do it on campus.
  2. Bazzi: I am curious to see your opinion on restricting debate to two mins as opposed to 3 mins.
    - a. Watt: I would agree with the question that speakers should be concise in their arguments. However, you are dropping their time by  $\frac{1}{3}$  and that is a lot of time. Most speakers do not use their time, but this is not the hill I would like to have this on.
- iii. Walker: Motion to table for one week
  1. Dai: Second
    - a. Motion: PASS

## 16. New Business

- a. [R W2021.08 A Resolution Condemning Regent Ronald Weiser](#)
  - i. Watt: Right now, it is just me sponsoring, and I would like more sponsors added. This resolution finds itself condemning Regent Weiser conduct over email. They are derogatory to workers at the University, and frankly, it is disgusting. Additionally, he sent his colleagues a naked photo of an unidentified woman, which is horrifying. To confine this to what he has done that was inappropriate as a Regent does not touch on his conduct over the January 6th riots, which could make this political. The CSG resolution does do that. I believe that this does lead this into the partisan category. This is something that should be done in our student government.
  - ii. Lobodzinski: I would have acted on this a little sooner, but I was physically incapable. I am looking forward to working on this this weekend and completing it with Tyler.

- iii. Farah: I am not sure if we want to enter in debate. I am very supportive of this resolution. CSG is doing the same thing. Many other student orgs are calling for his resignation and his recall. Given the Impeachment Trial going on at the Federal Level, this is something we need to do on a local level. To those that say that this too late, the Impeachment Trial is shown that it is clearly not and needs to be done. My last point is if you had this conduct, would you still be employed by the University? Regent Weiser's actions are deplorable and should be condemned.
- iv. Watt: I appreciate your advocacy on this resolution Zack, and I would love to add your name to the sponsors list.
- v. Ngyuen: This time I am very much in for condemning Ron Weiser, this time, as it is just not for the Capitol Riots. These actions are horrible. I have very strong feelings about this, and he needs to be condemned.
- vi. Watt: I would love to put your name down to be a sponsor.
- vii. Stevens: Motion to table fvor one week
  - 1. Stoneman: Second
    - a. Motion: PASS
- b. [B W2021.12 An Amendment to the Ninth Chapter of the Bylaws to Improve Representation within CATNIS](#)
  - i. Theuerkauf: We have found that most of us in the committee are transfer students, so we are looking to add more representatives from international and nontraditional students. This would add three lesions to these positions. The wording is a little rough at the moment, so we would like to see this tabled for one week.
  - ii. Lobodzinski: Motion to table for one week
    - 1. Second: Crespo

#### 17. Matters Arising

- a. Farah: First, I would just like to say, Blood battle is still ongoing, and we are losing. You should look into giving blood. It is a painless experience, and the give you cookies and juice. Also, it is chinese New Year coming up. Please learn about this holiday if you do not know about it. I am looking forward to celebrating this year with the Chinese Department. Please let me know if you want to come with.
- b. Salino: Thank you to our new speaker. She is doing an excellent job. This position can be difficult, but she is managing it with grace and poise.
- c. Watt: Echo what the previous speaker.
- d. Walker: Echo the previous speaker

- e. McLean: I am sorry that we are not impersonating so that I can give you all homemade valentines. Valentine's Day is my absolute favorite Holiday and I wanted to tell you all Happy Valentines Day! Love you all.
- f. Nguyen: Health is working on giving reimbursement for private therapy. We are hoping to pass this resolution as quickly as possible.
- g. Crespo: Very proud of Kayla, great job. I also wanted to shout out CATNIS. You all are doing a great job.
- h. Stoneman: Sunday is Valentines Day, and I would love to see you all at JEECAT. Everyone is excited to go, make it a little JEECAT date. JEECAT finishes, and then IRC starts to run it back for a whole little date. This is gonna be the best Valentines Day you've ever had.
- i. Watt: Please bring you SOs, pets, and friends to IRC this weekend.
- j. Crespo: Transfer Student Alliance Professional Fraternity and CATNIS are hosting a movie night. We are watching the Kissing Booth, if you are interested, please email me, Caroline, or Joe. Please invite Transfer, international, or nontraditional students that would like to come.
- k. Theuerkauf: Echo the previous speaker.

## 18. Snaps

## 19. Closing Roll Call

- a. Bazzi, Selena ()
- b. Walker, Josiah ()
- c. McCaughey, Kathryn (E)
- d. Watt, Tyler ()
- e. Colvin, Anna ()
- f. McKillop, Mary ()
- g. Torres, Gabriela ()
- h. Fivecoat, Chayton ()
- i. Goodsell, Allison (E)
- j. Farah, Zackariah ()

- k. Manikandan, Divya (E)
- l. Cohen, Jacob (E)
- m. Theuerkauf, Caroline ()
- n. Nelson, Erica (E)
- o. Zhao, Suki ()
- p. Gunasekaran, Gaurie ()
- q. Lobodzinski, Joseph ()
- r. Hamamy, Salma (E)
- s. Rich, Sophia (E)
- t. Salino, Sarah ()
- u. Stevens, Major White ()
- v. McLean, Claudia ()
- w. Rothstein, Kayla ()
- x. Williams, Erik ()
- y. Dai, Carol ()
- z. Fioritto, Tyler (E)
- aa. Nguyen, Alex ()
- bb. Altimemy, Zahraa (A)
- cc. List, Riley (E)
- dd. Jonaitis, Cody ()
- ee. Stoneman, Max ()
- ff. Rifkin, Cameron ()
- gg. Orleans, Louis (E)
- hh. Simmons, Natalie (A)
- ii. Wojtara, Magda (E)
- jj. Tedrick, Vincenzo ()
- kk. Hwang, Tae Won (Danny) ()
- ll. Diaz, Danae (A)
- mm. Crespo, Maleny ()
- nn. Farmer, Adrianna (A)
- oo. Pierangeli, Cody (A)

- pp. Donahue, Thomas (A)
- qq. Pratapa, Pranavi (A)
- rr. Browdy, Wyatt (A)
- ss. Kernis, Jacob (A)
- tt. Sommerfeld, Elizabeth (A)
- uu. Mulliken, Ryan (A)
- vv. Dalrymple, Timothy (A)

20. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Ngyuen
- b. *Second*: Bazzi
  - i. Motion: PASS