

LSA SG Regular Meeting

February 17, 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 (E)
- f. Colvin, Anna ()
- g. McKillop, Mary ()
- h. Torres, Gabriela ()
- i. Fivecoat, Chayton ()
- j. Goodsell, Allison (E)
- k. Farah, Zackariah ()
- l. Manikandan, Divya ()
- m. Cohen, Jacob ()
- n. Theuerkauf, Caroline ()
- o. Nelson, Erica ()
- 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 ()
- ee. Jonaitis, Cody ()
- ff. Stoneman, Max ()
- gg. Rifkin, Cameron ()
- hh. Orleans, Louis (E)
- ii. Simmons, Natalie ()
- jj. Wojtara, Magda (E)
- kk. Tedrick, Vincenzo ()
- ll. Hwang, Tae Won (Danny) ()
- mm. Diaz, Danae (A)
- nn. Crespo, Maleny (E)
- oo. Farmer, Adrianna (A)
- pp. Pierangeli, Cody (A)
- qq. Donahue, Thomas ()
- 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. McCaughey: There are a few openings on the DPSS Student Advisory Board. Please reach out to me if you are interested, and I will send you the application.
- b. Rich: Check out the Appointments Committee Report, for all voting members. Appointments Hash, aka Candidates Selection Meeting is on Sunday.

4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. *Motion: Gunaskaraen*
 - b. *Second: McLean*
 - i. *Motion: Approved*

5. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. *Motion: Ngyuen*
 - b. *Second: Cohen*
 - i. *Motion: Approved*

6. Constituents' Time
 - a. Frank Ferrari: I am a senior studying MCDB. I was the former STAAR chair.

7. Guest Speaker(s)
 - a.

8. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. [President-Selena Bazzi](#)
 - b. [Vice President-Josiah Walker](#)
 - c. [Treasurer-Kathryn McCaughey](#)
 - d. [Counsel-Tyler R. Watt](#)
 - i. I'll be a little late today because of Ash Wednesday, but I hope the meeting goes smoothly!
 - ii. Reminder; Candidates Selection meeting is this Sunday from 4:00-6:00 over [Zoom](#) for Elected Reps and Executive Board members.
 - e. [Academic Relations Officer-Gabriela Torres](#)
 - f. External Relations Officer-[Mary McKillop](#)
 - g. [Student Life Relations Officer-Anna Colvin](#)
 - h. [Secretary-Chayton Fivecoat](#)

9. Committee Reports (in alphabetical order)

- 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](#)

10. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports

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

11. [Individual Representative Reports](#)

- a. Altimemy, Zahraa
 - i. I am a junior, and it is my first semester in SG, so I am excited but nervous. I hope to get involved in a committee in the coming weeks, especially DAC to deal with the anti-Asian violence occurring and women's issues.
- b. Farah, Zackariah
 - i. I am also the TREES chair. I feel like we have engaged in a lot of interesting projects recently. We have many guest speakers, including to general, talking about the manipulation of Ann Arbor. We are planning sustainability cooking events. Please let me know if you would be interested in being a star chef and make ingredient packets for those that want to attend. There was a CSG meeting last night, where CSG officially called for an investigation for Ron Wiser's conflict of interest with his company. I am following up on some issues with houslessness in Ann Arbor and getting the University to help out with the shelters this year.
- c. Gunasekaran, Gaurie
 - i. I am a sophomore majoring in Biology, and chair of the Health subcommittee. I want to talk about our completed items and current projects. We are working on some COVID related videos, studying for finals, etc. We had more than 60 people complete the Gratitude Challenge. We also had a bylaw amendment to add more types of health in our bylaws, including emotional wellbein . I have been in contact with many doctors with UHS to purchase pulse oximeters for those in Q and I Housing. We are working on creating a lesion position between

us and UHS. We have made a lot of great, positive relationships with doctors at UHS. Creating a position would allow future leadership to continue these relationships. We are hoping to reimburse students that are looking to engage in private therapy, CAPS is backed up. We are collaborating with other committees, such as our student talk series with CATNIS and DAC. Also, we are working with DAC to ensure that professors are mindful of wellness days. I am happy that we are dealing with the pandemic as a team and working very hard together.

1. Watt: I am very impressed by all of the work that you and health have done? If they do multiple sessions, can they get multiple \$25?
 - a. Gunasekaran: Yes, if they get a hold of Jim and CSG with a proper application, they should be able to.
- ii. Farah: If students can receive the \$25 multiple times, what is the overall max for a student?
 1. Gunasekaran: There is no max currently, it will just be until the funds run out. However, they will have to submit a separate application each time they attend a private therapy session.

12. Appointments, Elections, and Nominations

- a. LAST Force Standing Member Nominations
 - i. Alexandra Vena
 1. Motion to Discuss: Walker
 - a. Second: Stoneman
 2. Motion to call the Question: McCaughey
 - a. Second: Walker
 - i. Results: APPROVED
 - b. Assistant Election Director Nomination
 - i. Danielle DiFranco
 1. Motion to Discuss: Cohen
 - a. Second: Stevens
 2. Motion to Call the Question: Salino
 - a. Results: Stevens
 - i. Results: Approved

13. Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations

- a. Korean Student Association - \$340.00
 - i. Rifkin: We are asking approval for this organization for their Korean Culture show, \$300, and their murder mystery game night, \$40.
 1. Lobodzinski: Are they playing Clue?
 - a. Rifkin: I believe they are playing a murder mystery game set.
 2. Rifkin: Could you go over some of the expenditures of the Korean Culture

Night, and when it would take place?

- a. Rifkin: From their application, their event already happened, and they are paying for videographers.
3. Walker: Did they not have the funding already, or what happened?
 - a. Rifkin: Yes.
4. Watt: Could you explain the necessity for the videographer expense?
 - a. Rifkin: Given the COVID times, BAC made a legal exception to state the videographer was integral to the event, for members that could not attend to see and for the public.
5. Motion to vote by Acclamation: McCaughey
 - a. Second: Cohen
 - i. Results: APPROVED

14. Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)

- a. [R W2021.08 A Resolution Condemning Regent Ronald Weiser](#)
 - i. Motion to Bring to the floor: Watt
 1. Second: Stevens
 - ii. Watt: This improved since last week. It didn't have the statement last time, it now does. It deals with Regent Wiser's emails that he sent, as uncovered by the Daily. This makes it specifically about his University business, not about his political or personal business. We do applaud CSG for their resolution. This follows inline with our non-partisan limits, and we think that this a good resolution to be passed.
 - iii. Stevens: This is not partisan at all, it is about civility. If you cannot show civility, you deserve to be called out for it.
 - iv. Farah: Friendly Amendment added into the document via suggestion mode.
 - v. Motion to Call the Question: Watt
 1. Second: Stevens
 - a. Results: Motion PASSED Unanimously
- b. [B W2021.10 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Bylaws Clarifying Debate Procedures](#)
 - i. Motion to Bring to the Floor: Cohen
 1. Second: Bazzi
 - ii. Watt: I am happy to reintroduce this. This talks about how the way debate is customarily done in the bylaws. This talks about what should be done if there is an excess of speakers for one side or the other to the end. This also allows for yielding time to others or back to the chair. This also explicitly states Robert's Rules in closing debate and calling the question

- iii. Stoneman: YOU can motion to set the rules of debate. While you have this standard laid out here, if a certain debate warrants different circumstances, you can make it a different way that fits the topic at hand.
- iv. Farah: In 2.01.07, the sponsors have mentioned that if there was an excess of speakers could go at the very end, do the sponsors would give an advantage to those who have a slight advantage, creating a sense of consensus when their might not be one?
 - 1. Watt: I could see it come up. However, if there are more people willing to speak in favor, more speakers would be speaking in general anyway. Where they would be put can be up to debate. However, there is a margin of debate, where an overwhelming number of people on one side would be encouraged not to have the debate. That number changes based on the number of people on both sides to make it overwhelming.
- v. Motion to Call the Question by Acclamation: Watt
 - 1. Second: Cohen
 - a. Results: Motion PASS
- c. [B W2021.12 An Amendment to the Ninth Chapter of the Bylaws to Improve Representation within CATNIS](#)
 - i. Motion to bring to the floor: Hwang
 - 1. Second: Stoneman
 - ii. Theuerkauf: This establishes three new liaison positions. Since we have these three specific entities, we are creating a lesion for each of the groups that we represent. There are also some minor edits included. We are open to adding in sponsors to the resolution!
 - iii. Lobodzinski: It is hard to achieve some of the things that CATNIS is set out to achieve if we do not have the representation that we need to achieve those things. The current leadership are transfer students, yet not part of the other communities that CATNIS represents. We hope that this lesion position helps add these voices to the committee where it was previously lacking.
 - iv. Watt: Friendly amendment made in the suggestions of the amendment.
 - v. Motion to Call the Question: Theurkauf
 - 1. Second: Torres
 - a. Results: PASS

15. New Business

- a. [R W2021.09 A Resolution to Establish a Subsidy System for Reimbursing Costs Associated with Private Therapy for Students](#)
 - i. Gunasekaran: This is the resolution that I talked about in my individual rep report. If you could take a few minutes to look at the details, please do. We are

working with CSG, as we need their manager to go through all of the applications. We are doing \$25 dollars per person right now. But we are working on getting this number up. We are matching CSG dollar for dollar for the fund. So this will transfer funds to CSG if this passes. We had a meeting with CAPS today, and they are 100% on board. We were worried that this could be seen as unfriendly to them, but they are behind this initiative and want to help us advertise!

- ii. Farah: I am very impressed with this resolution and impressed with it. Can you add that if there are leftover funds, could you add this to ensure that the excess is sent back 50/50.
 1. Gunasekaran: Yes it should, and I hope that we can add it to the Resolution.
 - iii. Watt: Are the sponsors aware that they should add the provision that Farah asked as an operative clause? Has CSG passed these funds already?
 1. Gunasekaran: Yes. Yes.
 - iv. Motion to amend to add the 50/50 clause to the resolution: Watt
 1. Second: Gunasekaran
 - a. Results: Motion PASS
 - v. Motion to Call the Question by Acclamation: Gunasekaran
 1. Second: Cohen
 - a. Objection: Watt
 2. Motion Rescinded
 - vi. Motion to Call the Question by Acclamation: Ngyuen
 1. Second: Gunasekaran
 - a. Results: Motion PASS
- b. [B W2021.11 An Amendment to the Eleventh Chapter of the Bylaws to Create a Liaison Position between SLC and the MDining Student Food Advisory Committee](#)
- i. Colvin: This is similar to the amendment that CATNIS just passed, to add an SLC liaison to the Student Food Advisory Committee. This committee meets to talk about all things student dining on campus. SLC has had a great relationship with MDining before, but this solidifies the relationship and adds a solidified position. This would need a second reading, however, I would be favorable to a suspension of the rules so we could pass it tonight so we could appoint this position soon.
 - ii. Motion to suspend the rules to vote on the resolution: Salino
 1. Second: Colvin
 - a. Results: PASS
 - iii. Motion to call the question: Watt
 1. Second: Colvin
 - a. Motion: PASS

c. [B W2021.13 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Addressing Parties in LSA Student Government Elections](#)

- i. Cohen: This is one of the bigger things that JEECAT has put forth. This adds parties back into LSASG. We would prefer this not passed tonight, so we can look at it again this week. We are looking for as robust of a conversation as possible, so please give us feedback. If we brought our ban on parties to CSJ, it would get shot down due to freedom of association. This gives us some restraints that we can have to the creation of the party. This adds violations, registration, and all things relating to parties to the Election Code.
- ii. Stoneman: there is a lot going on here. It is important to remember that this is something that needs to be done. Our bans on parties would not hold up if it was challenged. I would like you to review how we define parties and how this system would work as well as our campaign finance regulations. We lay out how parties do not have a distinct financial advantage to keep a level playing field for everyone involved. This will not take affect for a little bit of time, and it is not our intention to pass tonight. We are open to thoughts and suggestions thatyou may have.
- iii. Cohen: It would not go into effect until March 26th. The first election this could come up would be the fall, if passed as is.
- iv. Fivecoat:
- v. Ngyuen: Is this similar to how CSG has parties?
 1. Cohen: The answer is sorta complicated, as CSG has changed their process. They have campaign teams, not parties, and are trying to limit massive parties to form. This is no means a direct model to how it is set up.
- vi. Ngyuen: I am worried about the polarization that could occur from this, like in CSG. I do hear in CSG that there is stalling and voting along party lines to get a W for parties. I just don't see a place for it in LSA SG. We are a productive group of people, and that is just one thing I don't want to stop. How are we going to limit this?
 1. Cohen: This is something that we have to do, not because we atnt to do. However, we are setting up the infrastructure to limit the reach of the party. The party will not be going on the ballot, so partisan politics in LSA SG. The best way that we could think of was to limit parties in as many way as possible. There is no incentive to join a party for pushing through the election. The only thing is to reach the advertisement in elections.
 2. Stoneman: Trying to separate it from the ballot that we are in control of. We are working with the first amendment of the US, a major kind of thing. We have to be considerate in the solutions that we come up with.

Our hands are kinda tied to a certain extent. Things are not as perfect as we want them to be, which probably led to their ban in the first place.

This is something that we don't have a choice about, but we can control the best of it. We are in violation of the US constitution and the All Campus Constitution. Also, this may improve voter turnout

- vii. Torres: I love the fact that you have links in their names, where you can find out interesting facts about JEECAT leadership. I am not a fan of parties, but I do respect that this needs to be done. Are you accepting parties and can I be one?
 - 1. Cohen: Yes and Yes.
- viii. Watt: I personally hate the idea of parties in LSA SG. I don't want to see parties, and I won't see this where parties will be entrenched. As the counsel, it would be impossible for me to defend this in CSJ should this come up. This amendment gives me hope that this would allow more students to get involved in LSA SG, and makes me more hopeful.
- ix. Farah: Having been a member of CSG assembly for a few months now, it is unclear to me to which members are a part of which parties. I am unsure of what parties even ran. This is not a divisive issue in CSG, in my experience. I think this is a necessary amendment. Would you be willing to meet with the sponsor of the CSG resolution which recently amended their election code, to ensure that we have a similar environment that was not divisive? This would be representative Glass.
 - 1. Cohen: I would be happy to meet with Representative Glass about this. One of Representative Glass's primary concerns is making parties non problematic and would be and has been very helpful to JEECAT.
- x. Motion to table for Two weeks: McCaughey
 - 1. Second: Cohen
 - a. Results: PASS
- d. [B W2021.14 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Seeking to Remove the Word "Demerit" from the Document](#)
 - i. Cohen: This is just removing additional mentions of demerits from the document.
 - ii. Motion to call to Question: Cohen
 - 1. Second: McCaughey
 - a. Results: PASS
 - b. This would be considered the second reading, and not in violation of any bylaws.
- e. [B W2021.15 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Seeking to Make Attendance Non-Mandatory for the Candidates' Meeting](#)
 - i. Cohen: This was sent out for a first meeting, along with the one that follows. We would like to get a census of what the body is thinking. The rationale is that the ED already sends out the information to the candidates that is in the election

director. We are hoping the ED could be a resource in the election process. We are eliminating the unnecessary violation as you are able to obtain the necessary information without the candidates meeting.

- ii. Stoneman: We are trying to make this as accessible as possible. This is not getting rid of it, we are still holding. This is us trying to ensure that the ED is resource and reduce the number of violations that could occur.
- iii. Farah: I am very supportive of this. I was expected to be out of the country during the last one, and I would have been penalized. This is a necessary change that I think would be beneficial.
- iv. Salino: I understand the intentions behind this, my one concern is that alot of people joining the government that have not been in government before. I feel like the candidates meeting is leveling the playing field. Removing this requirement could create a divide between new and old members. Do you know how this could work, to ensure that this does not happen?
 1. Cohen: This is not removing the candidates meeting. There can be a precedent that current members go to the meeting, to answer questions if there is any during the meeting. The ED is still there as a resource.
However, the culture that we set is going to be very important to ensure that people still attend the meetings.
- v. Motion to Call to Question by Roll Call: Watt
 1. Second: Farah
 - a. Bazzi, Selena (Y)
 - b. Walker, Josiah (Y)
 - c. McCaughey, Kathryn (N)
 - d. Watt, Tyler (A)
 - e. Colvin, Anna (Y)
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- dd. Jonaitis, Cody (Y)
- ee. Stoneman, Max (Y)

Results: 17-2-5 PASS

- f. [B W2021.16 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Seeking to Clarify the Maximum Length of Ballot Questions](#)
 - i. Stoneman: The ballot questions can only be put in for a certain length. We are just putting that into words so that the election director has a problem with the length of the question. The character limit is explicit now. If you have any pressing concerns, please let us know.
 - ii. Cohen: Stoneman covered it pretty well. If there are any concerns, we can leave it uncodified, but it has to be this way anyway.
 - iii. McCaughey: Does the character limit include the responses?
 - 1. Cohen: I would love to make this clear with vote.umich.edu. I would love to make this change in the next week after we get this clarified.
 - iv. McCaughey: I believe that we should figure this out, because I believe that this was a point of contention.
 - 1. Watt: There is a separate limit for the questions and the answers.
 - v. Motion to table for two weeks: Cohen
 - 1. Second: Stoneman
 - a. Motion: PASS

16. Matters Arising

- a. Torres: Give blood. The blood battle is going on, we are fighting MSU and we are losing. We should not be losing. They give you cookies and drinks. Please donate blood if you can.
- b. Colvin: The bylaw amendment passed. If anyone is interested in the position that it created, or know anyone, please let me know.
- c. Watt: I hope that everyone who is observing has a happy lenton season. Non-binding ballot questions need to be presented at the next meeting, and we will be voting on them March 10th. Candidates selection is on sunday from 4-6.
- d. Cohen: JEECAT brough a lot to new business today. Max and I would love to hear any thoughts that you may have. If you have any concerns, please address them to anything that we pass.
- e. Walker: Please donate blood. I went last week, and it is a win-win either way. If it is successful, you save a life. If it is not, it is still nice that you tried. There will be no meeting next week. I will see you all March 3rd.
- f. Farah: Blood Battle people. We are only 20 normal donations, and 10 power red donations behind. If you can't give blood, convince someone else to do so, or volunteer! As TREES chair, I would like to promote the cooking event. Please reachout if you want ot be the featured chef or have a recipe.
- g. Stoneman: I would like to encourage your attendance at the JEECAT force. It's time is ending soon. The judiciary stuff is coming, but the election is coming. JEECAT force is on Sunday. I put a lot of heart and sould in the emails that I send. I care a lot about it, and you all should too.
- h. Salino: Thank you Kayla, you are doing such a great job. Shoutout to Sophia and Riley, I have gotten a lot of people that want to join LSA SG! It's an amaing experience.
- i. McCaughey: I would like to remind you all of the special projects fund, where if your project does not fall into committee jurisdiction, you can get funding.
- j. McLean: I started a new official/unofficial club. It is called the UMich Sledding Club. We are planning something for this Friday. If you are looking to get involved, please follow our instagram.
- k. Theurakauf: If you are interested in filling the new CATNIS lesion positions, please

contact Joseph and I.

17. Snaps

18. Closing Roll Call

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- tt. Sommerfeld, Elizabeth (A)
- uu. Mulliken, Ryan (A)
- vv. Dalrymple, Timothy (A)

19. Adjournment

- a. Motion: McLean
- b. *Second*: Ngyuen