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**An Amendment to the Ninth Chapter of the Bylaws to Improve Representation within
CATNIS**

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,

Whereas, CATNIS aims to represent a multitude of specific entities (transfer, non traditional and international students) within the student body with differing individualized needs, which are best understood by those within the represented group; and,

Whereas, it is uncommon for constituents to overlap between these groups; and,

Whereas, CATNIS would greatly benefit from increased representation of each group and creating the position of a student representative for each group within CATNIS would accomplish this goal.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws be amended according to the language in Appendix A; and,

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

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

Committee Advocating for Transfer, Nontraditional, and International Students

9.04.00 **Purpose.** The purpose of the Committee Advocating for Transfer, Nontraditional, and International Students (hereafter CATNIS) shall be to improve the experience of transfer, nontraditional, and international students - both inside and outside of the classroom.

9.04.01 **Cooperation.** CATNIS shall work with the LSA Transfer Student Initiatives Manager, Undergraduate Admissions Office, the Office of New Student Programs (ONSP), the Central Student Government Transfer Student Resources Commission, UROP Changing Gears, Transfer Connections, the Student Veterans Association, International Center, English Language Institute and any other relevant bodies.

9.04.02 **AAC Representation.** The ARO or another member of AAC shall attend CATNIS. Likewise, the chair or any representative of CATNIS shall represent CATNIS in AAC.

9.04.03 **Duties.** CATNIS shall be responsible for the following:

- (a) **Transfer, Nontraditional, and International Student Orientation.** The committee shall work to improve the overall quality of transfer, nontraditional, and international student orientation.
- (b) **Transfer Credit.** The committee shall work to update and improve the process of transferring credits to the University and increase the ease of doing so.
- (c) **Transfer, Nontraditional and International Student Success.** The committee shall advocate for increased academic resources for transfer, *nontraditional and international* students and the availability and publicity of said resources. It shall also work to reduce transfer shock and the stigma surrounding transfer students.
- (d) **Recruitment.** The committee shall aid and advise LSA and the Office of Admissions in achieving their goals for increased diversity among transfer, nontraditional, and international students, and shall also advocate to ensure proper publicity of the ability and process to transfer to the University and the College of LSA to high-achieving students state and nationwide.
- (e) **Housing and On-Campus Community.** The committee shall work to better accommodate transfer, nontraditional, and international students' needs in finding on-campus living accommodations and building a community at the University of Michigan.
- (f) **Social Integration:** The committee shall work to ensure transfer, nontraditional, and international students feel a sense of belonging and community on campus by working with Transfer Connections and promoting events held for transfer students.

9.04.04 Representative Student Liaison. *The chair of CATNIS shall be empowered to appoint one individual to act as a representative liaison for each represented group within CATNIS (transfer, nontraditional and international), on a semesterly basis. These individuals must attend CATNIS regularly and be able to attend meetings at the invitation of their respective group of students, administration and organizations. In the event that there are no individuals eligible or interested in serving as representatives the chair or vice-chair will presume their duties until the position is filled. Should the position of CATNIS chair or vice-chair be vacant, the Academic Relations Officer may appoint an individual to fill the liaison position under the same criteria as is stated above.*