

## R W2016.11

### **A Resolution in Support of Prioritizing Mental Health Services during 2018 Michigan Union Renovation**

*A resolution 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**, various studies across college campuses have proven mental health to be an essential component to the success and well-being of students, of the students who have left college as a result of mental health issues<sup>2</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, the majority of the mental health services the University of Michigan offers are within the Michigan Union in Counseling and Psychological Services (hereafter CAPS), which values a “proactive, renewed sense of engagement throughout the campus”<sup>3</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, students have stressed their dissatisfaction with the resources and education available to those handling mental issues; and,

**Whereas**, CAPS has seen a 17% increase in demand for services during the past year alone<sup>\*\*</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, LSA is planning on increasing the size of its first-year class over the next four years<sup>\*\*</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, the space currently allocated to CAPS is not sufficient to house the growing number of students who require its services; and,

**Whereas**, the University of Michigan Board of Regents has approved a \$173 million plan to renovate the Michigan Union among other buildings; and,

**Whereas**, Central Student Government (hereafter CSG) previously passed Assembly Resolution 5-040, which voices support for the expansion of mental health resources in the 2018 Michigan Union Renovations<sup>6</sup>.

**Be it therefore resolved**, LSA SG shall work with CSG to advocate for students in any future discussions regarding the necessity of adequate mental health resources on campus; and,

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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>[http://www2.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Find\\_Support/NAMI\\_on\\_Campus1/Learn\\_About\\_The\\_Issue/Learn\\_About\\_The\\_Issue.htm](http://www2.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Find_Support/NAMI_on_Campus1/Learn_About_The_Issue/Learn_About_The_Issue.htm)

<sup>3</sup><https://caps.umich.edu/>

<sup>6</sup><https://csg.umich.edu/files/2016/resolutions/A.R.%205-040.pdf>

**Be it finally resolved,** LSA SG will send a copy of this resolution and a signed letter of support, written by the LSA SG Executive Board, to the Michigan Union Board of Representatives, Students' Renovations Advisory Committee, and Vice President of Student Life Royster Harper.