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A Resolution to Co-Sponsor SAPAC's Healthy Relationship Dialogues

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, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center's (hereafter SAPAC) mission is in line with LSA SG's mission of improving non-academic life for students, providing a strong basis for stable, continued partnerships and allyhood; and,

Whereas, The University of Michigan Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct found that 11.4% of students, 22.5% of undergraduate females and 6.8% of undergraduate males were survivors of some form of sexual assault on University of Michigan's campus²; and,

Whereas, the majority of the 11.4% of students who are impacted by sexual assault hold marginalized identities and social group membership, with underrepresented minorities being two times as likely to be impacted and individuals who identify as LGBTQ are 2.5 times as likely to be impacted, who have even less access to resources³; and,

Whereas, since students of marginalized groups and identities are at greater risk for sexual assault and have less resources, it is vital to provide full awareness and substantiate resources about healthy relationships targeted towards these communities; and,

Whereas, from March 15th to 30th, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, SAPAC is holding a series of dialogues with the Black Student Union, Sexperteam, Sigma Sigma Rho, Counseling and Psychological Services, Spectrum Center, Heads, Interfraternity Council, Yoni Ki Baat, Michigan in Color related to creating and maintaining healthy relationships; and,

Whereas, many of these dialogues will be designed in coordination with the other sponsor organizations to tailor the workshops to address different non-dominant narratives within at-risk communities; and,

Whereas, education on healthy relationships through the SAPAC Dialogues may help decrease the demand for resources from the SAPAC Survivor Care Fund; and,

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

² U-M 2015 Campus Climate Surveys Regarding Sexual Misconduct

³ *ibid*

Whereas, the purpose of the Budget Allocations Committee is to allocate, “funds to student initiatives and monitor the expenditure of these funds,”⁴ and,

Whereas, SAPAC is a state-funded, University- associated program and does not fall under the definition of a student organization nor do their events fall under the definition of a student initiative, and;

Whereas, since marginalized communities will be positively impacted by these dialogues, funding these dialogues through General Fund will show a unified voice from the voting members of the Winter 2017 General Assembly for support of their constituency.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG approves allocating \$2,500 for helping to hold the Healthy Relationship Dialogues from the General Fund; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG shall officially cosponsor the SAPAC Dialogues and shall appear as such on all advertising and publicity materials; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG shall assist in advertising for the event including, but not limited to, the inclusion of information regarding the SAPAC Dialogues in the Direct Constituents Email; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG and its Diversity Affairs Committee shall help facilitate one of the dialogues; and

Be it finally resolved, the Treasurer of LSA SG will immediately move to transfer the funds to SAPAC.

⁴ Chapter 13.00.01 of the Bylaws