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A Resolution to Encourage the University to Identify Ways and/or Resources to Fund the Leadership Engagement Scholarship

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 Leadership Engagement Scholarship was created to reduce the implicit and explicit cost barriers to extracurricular involvement by providing students with “demonstrated need”² with scholarship funding to join and lead their respective student organizations; and,

Whereas, the Leadership Engagement Scholarship aligns with the University’s larger Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) strategic plan, as it will function as a “tool of equity,” providing the means for more emerging and established leaders with the resources to get involved in the extracurricular life of Michigan; and,

Whereas, the Leadership Engagement Scholarship has the potential to strengthen intra-organizational diversity, especially with regards to socioeconomic status (SES); and,

Whereas, the Leadership Engagement Scholarship aligns with the spirit of the University’s Bicentennial, embracing the storied history of student leadership at the University of Michigan; and,

Whereas, this scholarship fund will be available to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, of all schools, colleges, and majors at U-M; and,

Whereas, although initial donations to create the scholarship have been acquired, and will be further pursued, there is a need to increase its resources to provide more students with award funding; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan has created an \$85 million budget for the DEI plan on top of its average annual spending of \$40 million on DEI resources and programming;³ and,

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

² <https://studentlife.umich.edu/article/leadership-engagement-scholarship>.

³ <https://president.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/01/UM-Provost-Search-Position-Description-Final.pdf> (pg. 6)

Whereas, this scholarship has received support from various sectors of the University community, including the administration⁴ and the student body⁵; and,

Whereas, in order to increase fundraising efforts for the Leadership Engagement Scholarship, an avenue to aid in these efforts is through support of the University.

Be it finally resolved, that LSA SG encourages the University administration to work with LSA SG to help identify ways and/or resources at the University level to fund the Leadership Engagement Scholarship.

⁴ <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/administration/csg-announces-new-student-leadership-scholarship-regents-meeting>

⁵ <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/columns/victoria-noble-leadership-engagement-scholarship-financial-need-extra-curriculars>