

**R W2021.15**

**A Resolution Allocating \$2,000 from the General Fund to Students for Clean Energy**

*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”;<sup>1</sup> and,

**Whereas**, the Budget Allocations Committee (hereafter BAC) and the Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee (hereafter TREES) recognize the importance of promoting sustainability within student organizations at the University of Michigan;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, TREES “shall actively work to improve the lives of LSA students outside of the academic sphere by promoting a culture of sustainability, environmental justice, and environmental awareness”;<sup>3</sup> and,

**Whereas**, TREES “shall work to create a more sustainable campus climate by creating opportunities for students within the College to interact more cooperatively with each other surrounding issues of environmental awareness”;<sup>4</sup> and,

**Whereas**, Students for Clean Energy is seeking a total \$5,000 for the creation of a “Block ‘M’ solar array” at the entrance of North Campus on Bonisteel Boulevard to symbolize the University of Michigan’s commitment to carbon neutrality; and,

**Whereas**, the solar array will serve as an educational tool for sustainability to be used by university students, staff and faculty; and,

**Whereas**, the solar array will reduce carbon emissions produced by the University of Michigan; and,

**Whereas**, the Central Student Government and the Engineering Student Government have each pledged \$5,000 for the solar array; 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> The Official Bylaws of the LSA Student Government. 11.03.00

<sup>3</sup> The Official Bylaws of the LSA Student Government. 13.04.00

<sup>4</sup> The Official Bylaws of the LSA Student Government. 13.04.02

**Whereas,** BAC and LSA SG have recently allocated \$3,000, the maximum amount of funds permitted by the BAC Bylaws; and,

**Be it therefore resolved,** LSA SG will pledge an additional \$2,000 from the General Fund to sponsor the construction of the solar array on the condition that the project is approved by the University of Michigan; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG will be recognized on all printed and advertising materials related to the construction of the solar array; and,

**Be it further resolved,** In the case that Students for Clean Energy does not request the fund transfer for the \$2,000 pledged in this resolution and the allocated \$3,000 permitted by BAC and LSA SG during the 2020 - 2021 Academic School Year, LSA SG will hold the total \$5,000 sum in a new fund titled “Students for Clean Energy Pledge” through the 2021-2022 Academic School Year; and,

**Be it finally resolved,** the Treasurer of LSA SG will immediately move to transfer the funds to Students for Clean Energy upon the receipt of University approval.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The Official Bylaws of the LSA Student Government. 14.03.01