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**A Resolution Allocating the End of Year Surpluses to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home Laptop Loaner Program**

*A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government*

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Sponsors: Alli Goodsell, Claudia McLean, Kathryn McCaughey, Mary McKillop, Joseph Lobodzinski, Caroline Theuerkauf, Jacob Cohen, Thomas Donahue, Gaby Torres, Divya Manikandan, Maleny Crespo, Major White Stevens, Jordan Juliao, Alex Nguyen, Sophia Rich, Kayla Rothstein, Max Stoneman, Anna Colvin, Riley List

**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**, LSA SG receives \$1.50 per LSA student per semester to use to fund its operations, from which LSA SG creates a semesterly budget to split and manage the use of these funds between committees, the general assembly, the executive board, funds for the purpose of allocating to student organizations, and other expenses; and,

**Whereas**, the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has limited the number of LSA students on campus as well as increased the barrier to education by requiring technologies such as laptops; and,

**Whereas**, many students are forced to make accommodations related to the pandemic in their educational lives, which may include personal costs related to improving technology to be able to access their classes; and,

**Whereas**, LSA SG has a large end of year surplus, in part due to limited operations brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**Whereas**, Information and Technology Services has a program that seeks to combat the “technology barrier created by the pandemic” by offering computer loans to students so they may access their courses safely;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, a laptop package this year costs \$1,483.00, which includes a MacBook Air, four-year Safeware warranty, and a protective sleeve; 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> <https://its.umich.edu/computing/computers-software/sites-at-home>

**Whereas,** LSA SG would like to allocate end of year surplus of the (1) Communication Committee, (2) Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources, (3) Committee Advocating for Transfer, Non-traditional, and International Students, (3) LSA Annual Scholarship Task Force, and (4) COVID-19 Fund as well as \$1,000 from the Special Projects Fund to Technology Services for their Sites @ Home laptop loaner program to help LSA and other students during this time of hybrid learning.

**Be it therefore resolved,** the sponsors shall see that the money will be utilized only to promote and support students who have struggled to find access to technology throughout the course of their education and especially during virtual classes; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG approves a \$750.00 donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program from LSA SG Communications Committee Budget; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG approves a \$100.00 donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program from the LSA SG Subcommittee on Technology, Advising and Academic Resources Budget; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG approves a \$100.00 donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program from the LSA SG Committee Advocating for Transfer, Non-traditional, and International Students Budget; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG approves a donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program from the LSA Annual Scholarship Task Force Budget; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG approves a \$2,000.00 donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program from the LSA SG COVID-19 Fund; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG approves a \$1,000.00 donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program from the LSA SG Special Projects Fund; and,

**Be it further resolved,** the Treasurer of LSA SG will immediately move to transfer the funds to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program once all end of year balances are settled; and,

**Be it finally resolved,** the Treasurer of LSA SG will report the total donation to Technology Services for the Sites @ Home laptop loaner program at the end of the fiscal year in the closing financial report.