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A Resolution Allocating Funds to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC)

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 ally-hood; and,

Whereas, The University of Michigan Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct found that 22.5% of undergraduate females and 6.8% of undergraduate males were survivors of some form of sexual assault²; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (hereafter the University of Michigan) is not immune to sexual assault, as noted by University of Michigan’s inclusion on the Title IX watch list for sexual assault investigations as of February 1, 2014³; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan 2018-2019 Annual Security Report & Annual Fire Safety Report, released in September, revealed that between 2016 and 2017 reports of sexual assault to SAPAC rose from 125 to 179, and intimate partner violence increased from 28 to 49;⁴ and,

Whereas, despite its relatively low levels of funding, SAPAC has worked tirelessly to prevent sexual assault, educate the student body, and provide the necessary resources for a safer campus at the University of Michigan for over 30 years; 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
<http://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu/key-issues/2015-campus-climate-surveys-regarding-sexual-misconduct/aau-campus-climate-survey/>

³U.S. Department of Education Releases List of Higher Education Institutions with Open Title IX Sexual Violence Investigations
<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-releases-list-higher-education-institutions-open-title-ix>

⁴ University of Michigan Annual Security Report & Annual Fire Safety Report 2018-2019
<https://storage.googleapis.com/dpss-wordpress-prod/2/2017/07/2018-19CleryReport.pdf>

Whereas, SAPAC, in order to accomplish its mission, has a variety of different programs focused on primary, secondary, and tertiary sexual assault prevention, including The Consent, Outreach, and Relationship Education (CORE) volunteer program, The Bystander Intervention & Community Engagement (BICE) volunteer program, and The Survivor Engagement and Ally Support (SEAS) volunteer program; and,

Whereas, CORE focuses on primary prevention of sexual assault, working to prevent sexual and gender-based violence before it happens in a community through workshops and events designed to educate the campus community on consent and healthy relationships; and,

Whereas, BICE focuses on secondary prevention of sexual misconduct or preventing harm right before it happens by educating communities on bystander intervention, equipping students with the necessary tools to intervene in potentially dangerous situations; and,

Whereas, SEAS focuses on tertiary prevention of sexual misconduct and violence by promoting awareness and empathy for the survivor experience, as well as educating the campus community on how to be supportive of survivors; and,

Whereas, LSA SG has allocated funds to SAPAC every semester since Winter 2016,⁵ and the continued allocation of a portion of LSA SG's funds to SAPAC shows a united student voice that takes a stance against sexual assault and misconduct of any kind.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG approves a \$1,000 donation to the SAPAC General Fund from the LSA SG General Discretionary Fund, to be allocated at SAPAC's discretion; and,

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

⁵ LSA Student Government Website. Resolutions Page
<https://lsa.umich.edu/lsasg/resolutions---governing-documents/resolutions.html>