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A Resolution in Support of Including Pronouns on Class Rosters

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 University of Michigan has recently started to push for more inclusive policies regarding gender non-conforming individuals including use of expected pronouns in introductions in many university programs such as Relationship Remix, Change It Up, and others; and,

Whereas, many gender non-conforming students on campus have to inform their professors of their expected pronouns which can be a mentally and emotionally draining; and,

Whereas, other universities such as Harvard University have begun asking for preferred pronouns during registration; and,

Whereas, a recent change.org petition was launched by the Wolverines for Preferred Pronouns Initiative to add preferred pronouns to class rosters; and,

Whereas, Wolverine Access has a “Personal Information” module under the Student Center tab which already includes information such as name, phone number, and address; and,

Whereas, class rosters for the College of the Literature, Science, and Arts (hereafter LSA) for professors include photos and names of each student but not their expected pronouns; and,

Whereas, knowing a student’s expected pronouns is essential to fostering an inclusive environment where interaction and conversation between individuals are critical to the learning process.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG encourages the creation of a new section under the Personal Information tab on Wolverine Access which allows students to type in their expected pronouns should be introduced; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG supports sending an email to each student in LSA informing them of this function and encouraging them to update their expected pronouns; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG encourages class rosters made available to all LSA professors and Graduate Student Instructors shall include each students expected pronouns; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG will work with Central Student Government and any other student government that passes a similar resolution; and,

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

Be it finally resolved, the executive board in conjunction with the sponsors will send a letter and a copy of this resolution to LSA Dean Andrew Martin and LSA Associate Dean Angela Dillard.