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## A Resolution Allocating Funds to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) Survivor Care Fund

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"; and,

**Whereas**, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) reports that a sexual assault occurs every 107 seconds in the United States;<sup>2</sup> 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 assault on University of Michigan's campus<sup>3</sup>; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (hereafter the University of Michigan) is not immune to sexual assault, apparent since the University of Michigan's inclusion on the Title IX watch list for sexual assault investigations as of February 1, 2014<sup>4</sup>; and,

Whereas, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (hereafter 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 nearly 30 years, despite its relatively low levels of funding; and,

Whereas, the SAPAC Survivor Care Fund is used to fund resources for survivors of sexual assault to feel more secure on and off campus, ensuring their peace of mind, and making the survivor feel safe from possible retaliation; and,

Whereas, SAPAC's 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, 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, emphasizing that such cases will not be tolerated on University of Michigan's campus.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG approves a \$1,500 donation to the SAPAC Survivor Care Fund; and,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://rainn.org/statistics

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> U-M 2015 Campus Climate Surveys Regarding Sexual Misconduct

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/07/barnard-college-title-ix-investigations n 6432596.html

**Be it further resolved,** future LSA SGs are strongly encouraged to donate a portion of their General Funds to SAPAC's Survivor Care Fund; and

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG shall maintain a strong, collaborative relationship with SAPAC in the future, in the hopes of supporting a safer campus environment; and,

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