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A Resolution in Support of Adding the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) Crisis Lines to the LSA Direct Constituents Email

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, mental health and sexual assault and misconduct are incredibly important issues on campus; and,

Whereas, 22.5% of undergraduate females and 6.8% of undergraduate males were survivors of some form of sexual assault on University of Michigan’s campus²; and,

Whereas, according to data from both the American University and College Counseling Center Directors’ (hereafter AUCCCD) survey and CAPS annual reports, depression and anxiety are the biggest mental health concerns impacting students, with the University of Michigan experiencing levels higher than the national average³; and,

Whereas, the Counseling and Psychological Services (hereafter CAPS) and its After Hours Phone line are valuable support resources for students seeking assistance with their mental health, as well as all University of Michigan students, that should be made more easily and readily available; and,

Whereas, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (hereafter SAPAC) and its crisis line are valuable educational and support resources for survivors of sexual assault and misconduct, as well as all University of Michigan students, that should be made more easily and readily available; and,

Whereas, Central Student Government (hereafter CSG) passed a resolution last year supporting the printing of CAPS After Hours Phone Line on the back of student MCards⁴; and,

Whereas, on November 9, 2016, LSA SG proposed a resolution supporting the printing of the SAPAC Crisis Line on the back of student MCards⁵; and,

Whereas, LSA SG has a Direct Constituents (hereafter DC) Email which allows it to reach out to all undergraduate students in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; 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

³ AUCCCD Survey 2014 <http://www.aucccd.org/assets/documents/2014%20aucccd%20monograph%20-%20public%20pdf.pdf>

⁴ Central Student Government Resolution, A.R. 5-045

⁵ R. F2016.11 A Resolution in Support of Printing SAPAC’s Crisis Line on the Back of Student MCards

Whereas, the professional staff and the student co-coordinators of SAPAC have shown support for the addition of SAPAC's Crisis Line to the LSA SG DC Emails.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG formally supports adding the CAPS After Hours and the SAPAC crisis hotline numbers to all DC Emails; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG shall continue to work with CAPS and SAPAC to aid in publicizing their resources, as well as hold joint collaborative events; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG shall reach out to other student governments, as well as College and University departments and programs, to see if they will also do the same.