

LSA SG Virtual Meeting November 18, 2020

1) Call to Order

2) Opening Roll Call () - Present, E - Excused, A- Absent

- i) Those with voting rights (minus the person acting as chair)
- ii) Those without voting rights
- b) Bazzi, Selena ()
- c) Walker, Josiah ()
- d) McCaughey, Kathryn ()
- e) Watt, Tyler ()
- f) Colvin, Anna ()
- g) McKillop, Mary ()
- h) Torres, Gabriela (E)
- i) Fivecoat, Chayton ()
- j) Dalrymple, Timothy ()
- k) McLean, Claudia ()
- l) Hwang, Tae Won (Danny) ()
- m) Rich, Sophia ()
- n) Salino, Sarah ()
- o) Farah, Zackariah ()
- p) Goodsell, Allison ()
- q) Manikandan, Divya ()
- r) Cohen, Jacob (E)
- s) Theuerkauf, Caroline (E)
- t) Nelson, Erica (E)
- u) Zhao, Suki ()
- v) Gunasekaran, Gaurie (E)
- w) Lobodzinski, Joseph ()
- x) Crespo, Maleny ()
- y) Fioritto, Tyler (E)
- z) Kernis, Jacob (A)
- aa) Hamamy, Salma ()
- bb) Pierangeli, Cody (E)
- cc) Farmer, Adrianna ()
- dd) Williams, Erik ()
- ee) Donahue, Thomas (A)
- ff) Pratapa, Pranavi ()
- gg) Browdy, Wyatt (A)
- hh) Sommerfeld, Elizabeth ()
- ii) Stoneman, Max ()
- jj) Rothstein, Kayla ()



- kk) Diaz, Danae ()
- ll) List, Matthew ()
- mm) Prasad, Ajay (E)
- nn) Simmons, Natalie (E)
- oo) Wojtara, Magda (A)
- pp) Tedrick, Vincenzo ()
- 3) Announcements
 - a) Watt: There are multiple elections tonight and tomorrow, including ours and CSG!
 - b) Farah: I would like to echo the previous speakers sentiments. I think we all need to give blood right, as they are having a shortage. Please go sign up to donate blood at the Red Cross. Shout out Gaby for donating blood.
 - c) Bazzi: We will be hearing from three guest speakers today, including the LSA SG Election Director and Computing Education Task Force.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda
 - a) Motion to move matters arising to before Appointment, Elections, and Nominations.
 i) Motions: Pass
 - b) Motion to move old business to before Appointments, Election, and Nominations.
 i) Motion: Pass
 - c) Motion: Watt
 - d) Second: Goodsell
 - *i) Motion PASS*
- 5) Approval of <u>Previous Minutes</u>
 - a) Motion to amend previous minutes to reflect the ballot question changes based on word limit in the polling location.
 - i) Motion PASSES
 - b) *Motion: Dalyrmple*
 - c) Second: McKillop
 - i) Motion PASSES
- 6) Constituents' Time
 - a) Olivia Coleman
 - b) Louie Orleans
- 7) Guest Speaker(s)
 - a) Computing Education Task Force Professor Guzdial; Professor Evrard
 - b) LSA SG Election Director Riya Gupta
- 8) Executive Officer Reports
 - a) President- Selena Bazzi (<u>bazzisn@umich.edu</u>)
 - i) I want to thank all of the guest speakers for coming tonight. I think we had such great conversations tonight. I want to thank everyone for putting in such hard work to get the academic changes that have been recently made. Please go vote at vote.umich.edu tonight or tomorrow!
 - b) Vice President- Josiah Walker (jhwalker@umich.edu)
 - i) I watned to clarify the MDHHS order. All student organizations are no longer allowed to have inperson meetings or event. Any questions, please feel free to



email me or send me a group message.

- ii) Steering Committee
- c) Treasurer- Kathryn McCaughey (<u>kdmccaug@umich.edu</u>)
 - Thank you to everyone who came to the trivia night! We lost \$19.50 from our SOAS, due to disenrollment. This will be reflected in our general fund. If you have any future expenses for this semester, please inform me as soon as possible. Also, be thinking about next semester funding. Also, if you have not received a reimbursement and should have, please reach out to me.
 - (1) Crespo: How would I get funding through LSA SG for a project through Barger Leadership Institute?
 - (a) McCaughey: There are a couple of things that we could potentially do. Please send me an email about the details of the project and we can work together to work something out.
 - (2) Crespo: What are the limitations of the funding?
 - (a) McCaughey: All of our funding is through BAC for external allocations. If it would not go through BAC we would need unanimous consent for a budget amendment for the expense.
- d) Counsel- Tyler R. Watt (<u>trwatt@umich.edu</u>)
 - i) TOnight we are starting out interal election process for the next semester. Every semester, we elected new committee leadership for each of our committees and task forces. Anyone can be nominated, despite some exceptions. If you would like to be nominated, please dont hesitate to reach out to me. If you have edits to the website, please let me know as well. Also, publicly, I am the trivia master of LSA SG, which means I won't be giving away my Counsel position at this time.
- e) Academic Relations Officer- Gabriela Torres (gctorres@umich.edu)
 - i) I want to thank those who went to our focus group (Kalya)! We got some valuable feedback for ONSP. Multiple deans are insupport of our support of IB/AP removal from registration. If any AAC project sounds interesting to you, please let me know. We are always looking for new members. Obviously you are aware that our only AAC ballot question was not included, but was added to a supplemental election. I am sad about the potential loss of student data. I would like to work to ensure that in the future, making sure that this does not happen again.
- f) External Relations Officer- Mary McKillop (marykmck@umich.edu)
 - Appearl order form is coming this week. Underground printing made the logo too small on the hoodie, and they are working on fixing it. Apparel will be coming! We are working on an infographic on the Winter 2021 semester, to answer some of the tough questions. We are looking forward to a Comm/SLC collaboration. We talked about what students need for next semester to feel connected to campus. We are trying to address those needs in our newly coming guide. I actually answered more questions than Tyler in trivia, he just happens to be faster than me.
- g) Student Life Relations Officer- Anna Colvin (ancolvin@umich.edu)



- i) We talked about our resoultion that we will be talking about today, that I will introduce later. We also talked about promoting speakers virtually, on campus. We thought that this university gets a lot of cool people to come talk, and often we don't know about it. I want to thank everyone who came to trivia tonight. Congratulations to Mary, Joe, and Tyler for winning. Internal elections are tonight. All of the SLC bloc positions are available, except mine. I would love to nominate you. I know this is a really tough week. I would love to offer myself to help you move out or lifting things or anything that you need. This government is meant to help our constituents and our members.
- h) Secretary- Chayton Fivecoat (cgfiveco@umich.edu)
- i) Turn in your rmintues, check attendance, go blue.
- 9) Committee Reports (in alphabetical order)
 - a) Appointments Committee- Sophia Rich (sserich@umich.edu)
 - i) There isn't anything brand new to appointments. Riley and I are working on planning a virtual movie/social night. We are also working on a feedback form for newly appointed members for how they are settling into LSA SG. They will be open for two weeks!
 - b) Budget Allocations Committee- Ajay Prasad (ajprasad@umich.edu)
 - i) Rifikin: BAC received two applications this week. We could not fund either of them due to them occurring in the next semester because it is against our bylaws to do.
 - c) Committee Advocating for Transfer Students- Caroline Theuerkauf (theuerkc@umich.edu)
 - i) We brainstormed ideas for a variety of projects. We made a list of recommendations for the transfer student orientation on their canvas page. We have a bylaw amendment coming up!
 - d) Diversity Affairs Committee- Tae Won (Danny) Hwang (wonh@umich.edu)
 - i) We aminly talked about the 5 year project atht we have toing. There needs to be better working conditions, food, and eating conditions for dining next year. We are also encouraging professors to be more aware of different time zones for synchronous courses. We also talked about defunding the police. We talked about mental health. We talked about how UHS needs to provide more resources and be more available to students. There needs to be an online system for appointments next semester. This was talked about in DAC and SLC a bylaw amendment, to talk about more inclusive language in the bylaws to increase the inclusivity of SG.
 - (1) Crespo: I was wondering if there was a way to include he/him/she/her/they/them in the bylaws?
 - (2) Hwang: We are always looking for feedback and creating an inclusive language. We can take a look at this with the whole government with the amendment.
- 10) Task Force and Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Election Code Review and Amendment Formation Task Force Jacob Cohen



- We further dove into the discussion of the demerit system and creating a codifyied position in the election directors position. We are bringing two more amendments to the floor today. We are simply looking for feedback on them and working on them again in ECRAFTF. We will be discussing these in both IRC and ECRAFTF on the Sunday coming back before break. We are trying to find a way to treat groupme, text messages, facebook, etc. as equal to listservs.
- a) Health Subcommittee Gaurie Gunasekaran (gaurie@umich.edu)
 - i) There was too much to discuss in Health this week. We wrapped up the care package project, just waiting on a couple of backlogged packages to complete the project. We are working on two video projects right. We are working on the gratitude challenge that we are rolling out soon. We completely open for new ideas, as most of our current projects are wrapping up for this semester.
- b) Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources (STAAR) Jacob Cohen (jaccohen@umich.edu)
 - i) First, Sarah brought an idea to pilot an LSA SG peer advising program for new students/underclassmen. Upperclassmen and people that know more about the university can help them schedule their classes. This could patch up some problems with not having an orientation and just general problems that come up. LSA Opportunity Hub also offers appointments on professional development. There are many problems with their current set up, and we wish to create a UI to make this process go more smoothly. We are working on building a more inclusive peer advising system with Newnan. We are talking to SSD to start a fund for testing accommodation.
 - (1) Crespo: Could you clarify your last question
 - (2) Cohen: Divya and I will be coming to SSD to talk about syllabi statements to ensure that we have a more inclusive environment. If people wanted to take a look at the questions for our conversation to ensure that everyones voices are taken into consideration.
 - (3) Crespo: What resoucres are available to students on campus for expansion for workers rights?
 - (4) Cohen: This project is not for work on campus, just for testing accommodations, like exams in classes.
 - (5) Salino: DId you know that the project I brought up was hatched less than 24 and I am looking forward to having more help on that?
 - (6) Cohen: Yes, I did know that I also want more help on this project.
 - (7) Salino: Did you know taht we are looking for LSA SG to be peer advisors?
 - (8) Cohen: Yes, I did know that. I would remind people that we would be sending an email/groupme about that coming up soon.
- c) Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee- Tim Dalrymple (tjamesd@umich.edu).
 - i) We talked about the BAC amendment about sustainability insensitives. This will be introduced after thanksgiving break. We talked about ways to approach



projects with incoming ballot questions. I was disheartened knowing that a mistake was made regarding the ballot question. This was very important for the AAC/TREES collaboration to ensure that this fix gets made. We have already lost potentially 600 responses from people, which is hard. I felt as a subcommittee chair, I should not be giving information like that to the assembly. I wish that something was done to ensure that the general assembly. I should not have to beg for an apology from the assembly. It seemed that it hoped it wouldn't be notice. I felt that when I reached out to the VP, I felt disrespected. This is not the first time this occurred. This is the first time, in my 3rd year working with an LSA SG exec, and I have never felt this way before. This is very unfortunate and dishartenting.

- (1) Crespo: How do you feel that the assembly could address your concerns?
- (2) Dalyrmple: It is important that these ballot questions were voted on, discussed, and formulated. We have a right for those questions to apologize. I think there should be a 'my bad' stated for that. I think that this was handled a little bit differently. I should not have to pull the curtain back on a simple mistake. This was handled poorly, and it should not have been. It disrespected our work. We can't resolve this issue, without rescheduling the entire election. We are now missing a ton of information, and there is nothing to do at this point.
- (3) Cohen: I would like to ask if you want to finish your point as time expired?
- (4) Dalymple: Given the way that this situation has transpired, the way I feel and felt and the way others have been treated. I just wanted to make sure I make it known, I don't want to pursue an election for TREES chair next semester.
- (5) Walker: The election director, Riya, did come to apologize. I would like to share our exchange with the government. I shared that you should care about your concerns with the Election Director and the Counsel. I also shared that you could bring up your concerns through Steering. And I also shared that you could mention your concerns at the General meeting.
- (6) Crespo: Apologizes are always needed. I am not involved in this, but it would be helpful to have these conversations in private to prevent feelings of inclusion. I think this comes down to individuals to be heard. There was much work put into these questions, and for it to not be correct, and creates a sense of distrust.
- (7) Dalymple: I don't believe that the election director has any responsibility in veryifiying that our ballot questions are correct. She sent it back to verify what was correct. It was mistakenly verified. She is not culpable.
- (8) Fivecoat: Do you know what the process was to complete the checks and balances around the ballot questions? I am unsure, as an exec member, as to what the checks process was, but I have been on the understanding that the elections director does supply the questions to the polls.



- (9) Dalyrmple: No, I've never been an exec, nor know about the process at all. All I know is that I found out that mistake was made when I found out by filling out my ballot.
- (10) Colvin: I was in a position to be dealing with this last night. She had reached out and asked the question to talk about which bloc leader she should reach out to. She was given a list of the ballot questions, and the leaders who she reached out to.
- 11) Individual Representative Reports
 - a) Allison Goodsell
 - i) So I ran on 2020 elections on these platform points. First, was aiding CAPS. I met with CAPS at the end of last year to best aid them. They presented to challenge the stigmas, specifically around wait times. They asked for a representative from Health to meet with them semesterly. Also, with quarentine housing care packages, we got caught up with other items. Last semester I met with beyond the diag, we did not have concrete solutions to those problems. Caroline ended up taking over this project, and I am along for the ride. I have decided to hold off on my GSI projects until we understand the future of inperson/virutal learning. There should be something that checks executive members power. I have a meeting scheduled with Kelly at this point. I have been in the government for 2.5 years now, and I have never seen such an abuse of power. There have been multiple times this year that exec members have not done what they are supposed to do. I have had multiple occurrences this year. There have been times that they have treated their members like trash. There should be punishments for exec member utilizing their power. I dont want to talk about these events in person. I dont want to explain the events here.
 - (1) Crespo: What do you suppose would be beneficial, helpful for those things in this speech?
 - (2) Goodsell: Something like, going off the top of my head, like a probation. But this has never happened before. If you miss more than 4 meetings, you go down. There is nothing for exec.
 - (3) Fivecoat: Did you know what 05.01.03 says that exec board members can be demonted as well?
 - (4) Goodsell: I actually did not mean your absences. I mean being rude or something like that. I have never had to deal with this, nor having to deal with this in other student organizations. There or so many occurrences that have built up over and over and over again. There are little things of targeting that aren't in the bylaws, are you are a leader, and you are not meeting our expectations. I dont know what I can say for a welcoming environment, like a tone or smiling, or something.
 - (5) Crespo: For elected representatives and chairs, or any members of SG feel unheard or that there are mistakes that hinder inclusivity, what accountability is there for that?
 - (6) Watt: My understanding of the bylaws leads that there could be an



impeachment or removal from the office that they hold. Before that point, there is nothing official that can be done, minus holding personal conversations.

- b) Divya Manikandan
 - I am the Vice Chair of AAC, and I ran in the winter of 2020. For the sick notes, I was working with UHS to ask about students to get data on medical notes. UHS got really really busy when COVID came up. We are working to get data on that. We want to eliminate the need for medical notes for non-high stakes assignemtns. I am working with Jacob with SSD to talk about the project he mentioned earlier. Virtual orientation happened this year, and we are looking forward to that continuing for the following years to assist with accessibility for scheduling. We are working in diversity in language classes. I really appreciate this opportunity to be in the government, I wanted to close out by saying I echo and stand with what previous speakers have said.
 - ii) Tores: Did you know that at midnight, it's someone's birthday?
 - iii) Divya: Yes. Thank you for letting me know.
 - iv) Walker: What efforts do you think that you and previous speakers make that other government members are not making?
 - v) Divya: We had a level of informal vibe, and this is difficilt in a virtual semester. I would just at least see nods and people encouraging people to speak. I mostly feel that it has changed, and it is a little unsettling.
- c) Joseph Lobodzinski
 - i) I would like to apologize for the incomplete picture or sound, my internet is spotting. I ran a campaign for CSG and a write-in campaign for LSA SG. What I ran on in CSG was making life better for transfer students. The university really lacked resources to help students transition to the university. We have addressed these problems in CATS. We are working on the orientation to make this better. We want them to be happy and successful at the University. We are working with the Transfer Office to have more social events for transfer students. This was hard with an inperson semester, not just with a virtual semester. I am looking forward to advancing the transfer student cause. I also just want to thank you all for being super nice and super, I haven't had a single bad incident here, besides the issue that started earlier. I don't have a horse in this race. I want to resolve conflicts in a fair and equal manner. If you would like to confide in me, feel free to.
 - ii) Crespo: Thank you so much for sharing and being honest. How could other people be involved with the organization that you are affiliated with?
 - iii) Lobodzinski: If you are interested in joining that, please reach out to me. I am the recruiting chair. We are the only professional transfer student organization on campus, and we are trying to build a lot of these resources, as it is really lacking here.
- d) Natalie Simmons



- i) Excused Absence.
- e) Ryan Perry
 - i) My name is Ryan. I am on the anti-racism task force in LSA, I have less face to face with you. We've had about 6 meetings with faculty and administration and other student reps. Our first meetings involved discussing all avenues of anti-racism. We have moved beyond the planning stage and we are drafting our own legislation and changes we want to be made. We chose 2 or 3 sub topics to focus on. I am focusing on the carceral state policies at the University and the individual climate subcommittee. We are drafting what we want an anti-racist LSA to look like with respect to these two topics.
 - ii) Watt: Thank you for coming. I have a broad question: is there a set end goal or is it an ongoing cumulative process?
 - iii) Perry: We are planning to have a document to Anne Curzan by the end of this semester so that is our deliverable for right now. We are trying to put into words what the end goal should look like and the Dean will hopefully enact those changes.
- 12) Matters Arising
 - a) Tores: There has been comethings regarding absences. Due to everything going on, it is alot easier to go over the absences, that does not send a good look as to everything going on. I want to make clear that going over absences, this might have caused people to lose voting power. We should be extremely lenient. People were not aware of their absence total. I would like to get rid of their recent absences.
 - i) 11/8 11/1 Danae
 - ii) 11/1 Riley
 - iii) 11/1 10/25 Ryan
 - (1) Motion: Tores
 - (a) Second Salino
 - (2) Motion to divide the question: Fivecoat
 - (a) Second: Watt
 - (b) Motion to open a speakers list: Fivecoat
 - (i) Second: Tores
 - (ii) Tores: For those who have gotten only a couple of absences above the four. Since to my knowledge, there has not been a warning, I feel that there has not been a warning. I feel that those actions should have been discussed with the exec to make a point of these absences. I feel that there are some differences between the absences. Depending on the absences, I feel that we should be lenient. I would be strongly against dividing it by person. I feel that because there are people feeling a certain way. I feel like it could lead to the person itself. It could be a bit ridiculous to vote individually by person. I really hope that you see my point.



- (iii) Fivecoat: ""
- (iv) Salino: I have not been up to date on submitting my minutes. I want to apologize for failing on my part. This whole issue is generalizable. I think we can just generalize this. I feel that we should be lenient to all members.
- (v) Walker: I agree that we should remove all of the absences for all of the members, and not select these people.
- (vi) Vote: 7-14-2 FAIL
- (3) Motion to absolve all of the absences: Fivecoat
 - (a) Second: Many members of the governing body
 - (i) Motion to absolve the absences: 18-5-0 PASS

- 13) Nominations
 - a) Budget Allocations Committee Chair
 - i) Cameron Rifkin Accepted
 - b) Budget Allocations Committee Vice-Chair
 - i) Louie Orleans
 - c) Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources Chair
 i) Jacob Cohen
 - d) Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources Vice-Chair
 - e) Academic Affairs Committee Vice-Chair
 - i) Divya Manikandan
- 14) Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)
 - a) <u>B F2020.19 Expanding CATS to Increase Representation in CATS and Student</u> <u>Government</u>
 - i) Motion to Bring to the Floor: Theuerkauf
 - (1) Second: Watt
 - ii) Theuerkauf: I wrote this amendment on behalf of the CATS committee. This would make our committee expand our role into international students and non-traditional students.
 - iii) Motion to call the question by unanimous consent: Fivecoat
 - (1) Second: Colvin
 - (a) Motion: PASS Unanimous Consent
- 15) Appointments, Elections, and Nominations
 - a) Internal Nominations for W2021 Semester
 - i) Internal Review Committee Vice-Chair
 - ii) External Relations and Communications Committee Vice-Chair
 - iii) Student Life Committee Vice-Chair
 - iv) Fundraising Committee Vice-Chair
 - v) Committee Advocating for Transfer Students Chair
 - vi) Committee Advocating for Transfer Students Vice-Chair



(1) If CATS is reformed as CATNIS, these nominations will carry over (since it is the same committee, but with a new name)

- vii) Diversity Affairs Committee Chair
- viii) Diversity Affairs Committee Vice-Chair
- ix) Appointments Subcommittee Chair
- x) Appointments Subcommittee Vice-Chair
- xi) Election Code Review and Amendment Formation Task Force Chair
- xii) Election Code Review and Amendment Formation Task Force Vice-Chair
- xiii) Health Subcommittee Chair
- xiv) Health Subcommittee Vice Chair
- xv) Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee Chair
- xvi) Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee Vice-Chair
- 16) Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations
- 17) New Business
 - a) <u>B F2020.21 A Bylaw Amendment to Clarify the Responsibilities of Appointees</u>
 - i) Tores: This clarifies the responsibilities of appointees. The ARO has been responsible to appoint representatives to the curriculum committee. Historically, the ARO will appoint them, and the give a report to the AAC committe. They report directly to the ARO. The ARO is the only person that would have to make contact with them. In Chapter 17, the chapter says that the appointments committee gives them their information. This doesn't make any sense for them to do so. This would only really affect the curriculum representation and the lesion in the STAAR bylaws. For reports, they report to the AAC committee. They must submit a report to the government once a month. There is a confusion of what the government means. This should be clarified that the curriculum committee appointees report to the ARO and not the General Body.
 - ii) Stoneman: This is streamlining some things. This makes a lot more sense to have it this way. The language needs to change, but overall this needs to change in principle.
 - iii) Walker: Is there a mechanism for the report to get to the general body?
 - iv) Tores: Are you trying to see if the proposed changes would do this?
 - Walker: We had a similar proposal from the BAC committee. The only difference was that there was a mechanism for the general assembly to still have their report. As written, there really isn't one at this point.
 - vi) Tores: My most basic response is to come to AAC. The committee is for this purpose. This would be most beneficial to have this there. For example, these conversations around the AP/IB resolution. This stems directly from AAC. It doesn't defeat the purpose. The way that it's been historically is coming to the AAC committee, either verbally or in writing. It is easily accessible.



- vii) Walker: I take issue with many of the points to be made. In the previous resolution, these same points you raised, were shot down. The minutes of every single government interaction are available, and everyone can view them. I don't understand this point being made. The simple solution would be to add the requirement to attend the general meeting, or have a written report submitted to you and then submit that to the General Meeting.
- viii) Goodsell: Curriculum Committee is an external thing that we are kind of connected to. If it's not broken don't fix it. The Curriculum Committee is so AAC related. We can always add to the ARO report.
- Torres: I would like to second the comments made by the previous speakers. I don't feel like it's limiting transparency at all. I feel that submitting the reports to the general body is not needed. This has harmed my ability to work as an ARO. They have received multiple different emails from multiple different people. It just creates a conflict of communication. The responsibilities were made clear of them during the interview process, by me. Especially with everything going on, making more requirements, is causing more harm than good. We are not allowed to have their presences at their meetings.
- Walker: I don't think any of the responses were clear to any of the responses that I made. ARO are empowered to do this because they are interested in that power. The intent is far different than the impact
- xi) Torres: There were some members who decided that they liked the interpretation and would like that it would be best to present to AAC or those to present to the general meeting. There was a lot of confusion to this. They are very clearly an AAC topic. There was some harm that was caused by this. When I was selecting these people, they were under the assumption that they would be presenting to me only. They were told to report via email or in person (virtually). Based on the discovery that there were emails giving the contradictory information to what their job is.
- xii) Walker: My question is how is having the members of the curriculum committee present to the general assembly make your relationship difficult(?).
- xiii) Tores: I don't know how I didn't address your sentiment. I don't think that it's fair to go back to the people and tell them to do more. This was something clear across the interviews, and I'm not forcing these conversations.
- b) <u>B F2020.22 Codifying the Assistant Election Director Position</u>
- c) <u>B F2020.23 Usage of Digital Property During Campaigning</u>
- d) <u>R F2020.12 Fossil Fuel Divestment</u>
 - i) Williams: Hey everyone, my name is erik williams, I'm a junior studying political science and German. The main purpose of this resolution is of course to call for the divestment of university funds from fossil fuel companies. While many

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factors contributed to our decision to write this resolution, we were particularly inspired by a report published by the international panel on climate change which found that we have roughly ten years left to drastically reduce emissions in order to prevent significant and irreversible damage to the earth's climate. Despite overwhelming support from the scientific community acknowledging the threat of climate change, the University of Michigan continues to hold on to its investments in fossil fuel companies, the very same companies responsible for releasing vast amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere causing the current climate crisis. The nature of fossil fuel companies is fundamentally antithetical to the University's core value of sustainability, and the documented actions of fossil fuel companies in undermining the scientifically proven link between greenhouse gas emissions and climate change for the purpose of economic gain is antithetical to the University's core academic mission. We owe it not only to ourselves, but more importantly to the low-income and minority communities who are disproportionately affected by pollution and climate change, to stop providing the fossil fuel industry with capital to operate and expand their companies. As a large and influential University, we believe that it is the universities duty to set an example of what it means to be a sustainable university committed to avoiding the climate crisis, and as a University community, we must not allow ourselves to be stakeholders in the destruction of our own planet.

- ii) Farah: I understand that this is a late meeting, however, this is 5 years too late. The university still has not budged from divesting all of their fossil fuel stocks. I want to take this time to gather student support once again. This is fundamentally immoral to give capital to these corporations that are destroying our future. We should not profit from the destruction of our future.
- iii) Colvin: Are you looking for more sponsors?
- iv) Farah: Yes. This would show the administration and the board of regents to show that many people are in support of those as well.
- v) Stoneman: I could not pass up the opportunity to talk about this, as the sponsors made clear, this a very important issue. This is very valuable that we get something down on paper. Taking this stance, as the list continues to grow, it is a very good indication of a starting point, taking a stance on this issue is the start of a greater movement on campus. I am excited to see where this goes from here.
- vi) Watt: I am curious if this sponsor list will break the ARO's record earlier this year.
- vii) Farah: No, it is not to my knowledge. LSA SG has not specifically endorsed this resolution in the past. Neither has CSG. CSG supported a resolution to create a committee that was never



- viii) Lobodzinski: This is starting to twist the University's arm to start to get this going. I wrote a paper about this last year, and if we continue on our current course, the future looks very grim and deadly. It is most important that the University takes up the 'leaders and the best' quote themselves.
 - ix) Motion to call the question: Fivecoat
 - (1) Second: Crespo
 - (a) Motion: PASS Unanimous Consent
- e) <u>R F2020.11 Condemning the Actions of the University Regarding the Cancelling of</u> <u>Student Housing Contracts</u>
 - Colvin: This is a resolution doing exactly what is reflected in the title. The students housing contracts are all cancelled for Winer 2021. This was the actions of the University which caused these actions to be a problem. They welcomed students back with a public health informed semester. There was a lack of transparency and heavy stress put on the students. I would love to pass this tonight, as it is timely. I would love as many sponsors as well, as it is a strong statement.
 - ii) Lobodzinski: Is University refunding students who are signing up for a full year of Housing?
 - iii) Colvin: Yes, they are charging for winter 2021.
 - iv) Lobodizinski: Are there any special considerations the University is making?
 - v) Fivecoat: Yes. There are 5 or so categories. Automatic confirmed are Resstaff and International Students. The ones that go to a committee if there is an exuberant amount of applications are safety, financials, and at home safety is one, another is academic concerns, and another is others.
 - vi) Lobodzinski: Thanks for clearing that up. Thank you for taking minutes tonight, this is a long process and you are doing very well.
 - (1) Motion to call the question by unanimous consent: Fivecoat
 - (a) Second: Crespo
 - (i) Motion: PASSES Unanimous Consent

18) Snaps

- 19) Closing Roll Call
 - a) Bazzi, Selena ()
 - b) Walker, Josiah ()
 - c) McCaughey, Kathryn (E)
 - d) Watt, Tyler ()
 - e) Colvin, Anna ()
 - f) McKillop, Mary (E)
 - g) Torres, Gabriela ()
 - h) Fivecoat, Chayton ()
 - i) Dalrymple, Timothy (A)



- j) McLean, Claudia ()
- k) Hwang, Tae Won (Danny) ()
- l) Rich, Sophia ()
- m) Salino, Sarah ()
- n) Farah, Zackariah ()
- o) Manikandan, Divya (E)
- p) Cohen, Jacob ()
- q) Theuerkauf, Caroline ()
- r) Nelson, Erica (E)
- s) Zhao, Suki ()
- t) Gunasekaran, Gaurie ()
- u) Lobodzinski, Joseph ()
- v) Goodsell, Allison
- w) Crespo, Maleny ()
- x) Fioritto, Tyler (E)
- y) Kernis, Jacob (A)
- z) Hamamy, Salma ()
- aa) Pierangeli, Cody (E)
- bb) Farmer, Adrianna (E)
- cc) Williams, Erik (E)
- dd) Donahue, Thomas (A)
- ee) Pratapa, Pranavi (E)
- ff) Browdy, Wyatt (A)
- gg) Sommerfeld, Elizabeth ()
- hh) Stoneman, Max ()
- ii) Rothstein, Kayla ()
- jj) Diaz, Danae ()
- kk) List, Riley Matthew ()
- ll) Prasad, Ajay (E)
- mm) Simmons, Natalie (E)
- nn) Wojtara, Magda ()
- oo) Tedrick, Vincenzo ()
- 20) Adjournment
 - a) Motion to ajourn: Rothstein
 - i) Second: Stoneman