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An Amendment to the Ninth Chapter of the Bylaws to Create a Liaison Position between STAAR and the Center for Academic Innovation

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, LSA SG utilizes its Bylaws to structure and facilitate official business, and recognizes the need for amendments to the Bylaws to improve its function and reflect current practices; and,

Whereas, “the purpose of the Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources (hereafter STAAR) shall be to improve the general quality of learning environments, technology, advising services, and academic resources for LSA students”;² and,

Whereas, building strong relationship with academic departments is an important focus of STAAR; and,

Whereas, the STAAR committee possesses a long-standing relationship with the Center for Academic Innovation (hereafter CAI), a University body aiming to improve the accessibility, equity, inclusion, and affordability of education in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts;³ and,

Whereas, it is the joint interest of CAI and STAAR leadership to establish an official liaison position between them; and,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws be amended per the language attached in Appendix A; and,

Be it further resolved, that the STAAR committee take action to appoint an individual to serve in this position for the 2020-21 academic year; and,

Be it finally resolved, that this amendment take immediate effect.

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

² The Bylaws of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government, 9.02.00 “Purpose”.

³ Center for Academic Innovation. <https://ai.umich.edu/our-mission-and-principles/>

Appendix A

Chapter 9

Academic Affairs Committee Block

Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources

9.02.03 Center for Academic Innovation Liaison. The Chair of STAAR shall be empowered to appoint an individual to act as a liaison between STAAR and LSA SG at large, and the Center for Academic Innovation (hereafter CAI). This individual must have attended STAAR regularly and be able to attend meetings at the invitation of the CAI. In the event that there are no individuals eligible or interested in serving as the liaison, the STAAR chair or vice-chair may act as liaison until the position is appointed. Should the position of STAAR chair be vacant, the Academic Relations Officer may appoint an individual to fill the liaison position under the same criteria as is stated above.