

LSA SG Regular Meeting

September 1, 2021

8:00 PM EST

Venue: 1427 Mason Hall

Zoom: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/94060913035>

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Roll Call () - Present, E - Excused, A- Absent

i.	Watt, Tyler		xxiv.	Nelson, Erica	E
ii.	Farah, Zackariah		xxv.	Tam, Peter	
iii.	Rifkin, Cameron		xxvi.	Chakraborti, Aditya	A
iv.	Cohen, Jacob	E	xxvii.	Addison, William	
v.	Theuerkauf, Caroline		xxviii.	Tedrick, Vincenzo (Vince)	
vi.	Rich, Sophia		xxix.	Neff, Ethan	
vii.	Salino, Sarah		xxx.	Burgaj, Roland (Ron)	
viii.	Goodsell, Alli		xxxi.	Vidhya-Ponraj, Mithun	
ix.	Hamamy, Salma		xxxii.	Juliao, Jordan	
x.	McLean, Claudia		xxxiii.	Ramos, Lissette	A
xi.	Rothstein, Kayla		xxxiv.	Smith, Lauren	A
xii.	Williams, Erik		xxxv.	Crews, Tiffany	E
xiii.	Dai, Carol		xxxvi.	Berglund, Mollie	
xiv.	Fioritto, Tyler	E	xxxvii.	Crespo, Maleny	E
xv.	Nguyen, Alex		xxxviii.	Mulliken, Ryan	A
xvi.	Altimemy, Zahraa	A	xxxix.	Pierangeli, Cody	E
xvii.	List, M. Riley	E	xl.	Sommerfeld, Elizabeth	A
xviii.	Jonaitis, Cody		xli.	Wojtara, Magda	
xix.	Stoneman, Max		xlii.	Colvin, Anna	
xx.	Slack, Caroline		xliii.	Orleans, Louis	
xxi.	Gunasekaran, Gaurie				
xxii.	Zhao, Suki				
xxiii.	Kado, Lydia				

3. Announcements
 - a. [LSA SG Feedback Form](#) (Rothstein)

- i. Anonymous form for anyone in the government to use anytime. Please put any concerns, suggestions, etc.
 - b. Watt: Good evening everyone. I'm Tyler Watt. Thanks for being here - first time since Feb 2020. Thanks for following the mask guidelines. Great to see you all.
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. *Motion: Farah*
 - b. *Second: Rich*
 - c. *consent*
5. Approval of Previous Minutes (from [6/2/21 General](#))
 - a. *Motion: Tedrick*
 - b. *Second: Rifkin*
 - c. *consent*
6. Constituents' Time
 - a. Maria - photographing for the Daily today. My first SG meeting.
 - b. Nirali - also working with the Daily.
7. Guest Speaker(s)
 - a. Nora Krinitzky, LEO (Lecturer's Union) Ann Arbor Campus Co-Chair and RC Lecturer
 - i. [Presentation](#)
8. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. [President](#) – Tyler R. Watt (trwatt@umich.edu)
 - i. Most big take aways in report. I'm thrilled to be with you all. Here we are - 1427 Mason. We're keeping the Zoom component for the next couple weeks. Lots of events going on. I'm proud of you all., and we're all capable of great things. I'm always a resource for you and to help you thrive.
 1. Berglund: I don't have access to Tyler or Zack's reports.
 - a. I will reshare the reports.
 2. Kado: I didn't the general agenda email.
 - a. We'll fix that!
 - b. [Vice President](#) - Zackariah Farah (zfarah@umich.edu)
 - i. So happy to see you all. Not joking. I'm looking forward to what we can

accomplish this semester. I think we must try to solve as many problems on campus as possible. We're gonna be working with Sarah, Sophia, and we want to make sure that renters know their rights in their community.

- c. [Treasurer](mailto:crifkin@umich.edu) – Cameron Rifkin (crifkin@umich.edu)
 - i. Great to be here. I'm the midst of planning the budget for this semester. It will look different than that of the covid semester budget. Let me know what you're planning so I can help plan in the budget.
 - 1. Watt: When would you like this information by?
 - a. You guys have a lot of time to think about the projects. Think about it in the next two weeks, but isn't a rush.
- d. Counsel - [Jacob Cohen](mailto:jaccohen@umich.edu) (jaccohen@umich.edu)
- e. [Academic Relations Officer](mailto:theuerkc@umich.edu) - Caroline Theuerkauf (theuerkc@umich.edu)
 - i. So excited to see everyone. AAC bloc meetings are before general, and we are hosting those in a hybrid fashion. I listed a bunch of projects we're getting into this semester.
- f. [External Relations Officer](mailto:sserich@umich.edu) - [Sophia Rich](mailto:sserich@umich.edu) (sserich@umich.edu)
 - i. So excited to be back. Lots of dates and forms so please check out the report. Please sign up for festifall! The more people at the booth - more people want to join. Mass meeting next week.
- g. [Student Life Relations Officer](mailto:smsalino@umich.edu) - [Sarah Salino](mailto:smsalino@umich.edu) (smsalino@umich.edu)
 - i. I'm super excited for this year. Taste of Michigan is coming up this Sunday from 7-8:30. I encourage you all to come! I have the sign up sheet linked in my report. Event with Dean's office coming up in the next few weeks.
- h. [Secretary](mailto:goodsela@umich.edu) - Alli Goodsell (goodsela@umich.edu)
 - i. If you're a constituent and hope to work towards being an associate representative please come up to me after the meeting. Thanks!!
 - ii. If you have probs with absences, not being able to come to meetings, let me know! I will excuse a lot of absences unless you don't tell me. Anywho, see my note above about constituents. We can keep track of your attendance and get you a placard. Committee leadership- in the committee folder, please update

committee attendance on the spreadsheet. Check off the box next to people's names while you do attendance.

1. Burgaj: Are these our placards? What do the colors mean?

a. Goodsell: As long as you are a rep, it is 'yours'. You can take it home with you, but I take care of them after meetings. You can keep them at the end of the semester, The colors mean whether you have voting or speaking rights.

9. Committee Reports (in alphabetical order)

a. Budget Allocations Committee - Louis Orleans (lorleans@umich.edu)

i. Our cycle and appeals dates are posted on BAC's website, and our membership application for At-Large membership will be due on September 15th (this may be extended based on demand). Advertising efforts are also underway. Looking forward to a great semester and please reach out with any questions!

b. [Committee Advocating for Transfer, Nontraditional, and International Students](#) - Jordan Juliao (jjuliao@umich.edu)

i. I'm so excited to see everyone. We just had our first meeting today. We are sending out a transfer student housing survey this weekend, and doing multiple \$5-10 gift cards for respondents. Looking for international, transfer, and non-traditional liaisons - 2 spots open.

c. Diversity Affairs Committee - Gaurie Gunasekaran (gaurie@umich.edu)

i. I'm so excited to see you all in person. We meet Fridays 6-7pm; temporarily. We're trying to do outreach to other student organizations, a student talk series, etc.

10. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports

a. [Appointments Subcommittee](#) - Claudia McLean (mclaudia@umich.edu)

i. I am sososo excited to see you all. I'm seeing Kayla for the first time tonight. Appointments is very busy, and the timeline has been mapped out. The application is open right now, and closes the 19th. We are making flyers for festifall. We are holding interviews from 13th-24th. If you have voting rights you will have to come to one interview. Interviews will be held over Zoom. The

Appointment hash is the 26th.

1. List: What time do you think appointments hash is?
 - a. We don't have a specific time, but we can figure that out.
 2. Watt: Appointed reps right now should reapply if they would like to do it again.
- b. [Health Subcommittee](#) - Gaurie Gunasekaran (gaurie@umich.edu)
- i. We really focused on mental, emotional, and physical health. We did care packages last year. This year we're focusing on private therapy covered for students. Many students have been negatively impacted by covid. We also want to work on student health insurance.
 1. Addison: Is there any therapy on campus?
 - a. We have CAPS! We also have created liaison positions
 2. Rifkin: What is the format of the therapy reimbursement process? Will it be a flat rate of reimbursement for each student?
 - a. We can only reimburse people for a small amount of money. We realize the money spent is not sustainable.
 3. Watt: We will continue care packages this semester?
 - a. We haven't thought about that, but we can work on it if need be.
- c. Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force - Max Stoneman (maxstone@umich.edu)
- i. Very busy summer. I can't get into the details for the sake of your time. We have all our external forms together. I need everyone on board. It's a new branch of government. Sundays at 2:30. Please feel free to reach out. If we have a lot of people interested in being justices that's a really cool thing to have.
 1. Salino: Is there a timeline for when we will appoint justices?
 - a. Not yet, but we will get that started up soon.
 2. Watt: How many justices?
 - a. Up to 5. We can have 3, but the ideal number is 5.
 3. McLean: Is this gonna be done through the justice branch or the appointments branch?

- a. We have an appointments commission for this.
4. Zhao: How are they chosen?
 - a. It's more like a liaison. The commission will select them. Then they will be brought to the government where they can be voted on and discussed.
- d. LSA Annual Scholarship Task Force - Vince Tedrick (vtedrick@umich.edu)
 - i. LAST force is young. We want to make an endowment for a scholarship by 2026 for those who could use the money to join the government. We started to send out alumni newsletters. We want to have a newsletter sent out within the next week or so with what we want to do with the government this year. We have very few members. If you know anyone outside of student government, refer them to us. We need the extra hands. We're working with Joe's Pizza. We made a poster! All the help is appreciated.
 1. Colvin: How much money has LAST force made?
 - a. We raised about \$2,000. But we need \$25,000 by the time the endowment is done.
 2. Watt: Will LAST Force make it a priority to find old alumni from our minutes?
 - a. Would love to get some older people in there.
- e. [Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources](#) - Jordan Juliao (jjuliao@umich.edu)
 - i. Everything is in the minutes. Looking for a CAI liaison - will send out the application. If you know anyone who would be interested let them know about us. We are looking at starting up the wolverine access app, and we will send out an email with a survey about whether or not students would use this. We are teaming up with CSG for calculator and iclicker rentals.
 1. Neff: Are those rentals just for LSA students or for everyone?
 - a. It will be for everyone. However everything we give them will have LSA SG on it.
 2. Rifkin: Are the calculators the ones that are currently available? Are you

expanding this?

a. Yes, they're in the office. Yes, in the future.

f. Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee - Erik Williams
(werik@umich.edu)

i. We'll have our first meeting on Thursday 7pm at the LSA building. We will talk about tabling for Earthfest and CCC.

11. Individual Representative Reports

12. Appointments, Elections, and Nominations

a. [Notice of Appointment of Zackariah Farah to CCCTF](#) (Watt)

i. *This notice requires no vote, and is meant to inform the assembly as a courtesy. See 13.05.05.*

ii. *Watt: Zack will be appointed to CCCTF for the next two weeks. Just wanted to let you all know.*

iii. *Burgaj: Thank you for the transparency.*

13. Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations

a. *None*

14. Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)

a. [B F2021.11 Resolution Structure](#)

i. Watt: This was worked on over the summer. The current way that we've formatted resolutions will change to include those beyond authors and sponsors. Happy to hear any questions you might have. Explaining the rules behind dealing with resolutions.

ii. Motion to table for two weeks (Salino)

1. Second: Rifkin

a. consent

b. [B F2021.12 Presidential Appointments](#)

i. Watt: Defines that if there are any appointed positions, the President would nominate and the government would vote on the person. If this is used, I will make sure to be transparent.

1. Burgaj: Will you obligate the transparency within the amendment?

a. Not an obligation, but I will gladly make a report.

2. Rich: May I be added as a sponsor?

a. Yes

ii. I don't care if this is tabled or passed tonight.

- iii. Burgaj: Would the sponsor add a courtesy line?
 - 1. The sponsor will type something up right now. The last line “They shall explain their rationale..”
- iv. Juliao: Change August 30th to September 1st.
 - 1. Yes, friendly.
- v. Watt: Motion to call by placard vote
 - 1. Second: Salino
 - a. 23-0; passed
- c. [B F2021.14 Appointments Clarifications](#)
 - i. Watt: I’ll have to update the take effect date. Remove the prohibition of having members in both CSG and LSA SG. This would remove the responsibility of the appointments to be “watchmen” over out appointees. 8.01.10 - change the way appointed representatives are approved by the government. The entire government can now vote.
 - 1. Tedrick: Is CSG compliant with this?
 - a. Yes
 - 2. Burgaj: This amendment is similar to one in the past.
 - a. That one talked more about appointees within the government. This one talks more about positions being held in both governments.
 - 3. Tedrick: Under conduct of appointees - change fails to fail.
 - a. Yes.
 - 4. Juliao: Change august 30th to september 1st.
 - a. That’s friendly
 - ii. Burgaj: Motion to table for two weeks.
 - 1. No second
 - iii. Addison: Motion to vote by acclamation
 - 1. Second: Farah
 - 2. Aye’s win - passes

15. New Business

- a. [Notice of Minor Bylaw Edits](#) (Watt)
 - i. *These edits are considered to be adopted without need of motion, though the Government may vote to overturn them. See 1.01.11.*
 - ii. Watt: These are automatically part of our bylaws. If you have no objections, we approve them and move on.
- b. [B F2021.15 Prohibition of Unmentioned Powers](#)
 - i. Watt: Currently we can sneak in little hidden meanings and powers in resolutions and get it approved by exec and IRC. I would not like to see this be exercised.
 - 1. Tedrick: The wording confuses me. Could you explain this?

- a. It just makes sure were not being vague and giving ourselves power.
 2. Burgaj: Wouldn't this make it so that we are given more unmentioned powers? Can you remove that limitation without replacing it? How will you go around this?
 - a. If there's no one to mention what unmentioned powers are happening. It hi **TYLER FINISH THIS**
 3. Neff: Motion to table for two weeks
 - a. Watt: second
 - c. [RF2021.07 Support for LEO](#)
 - i. Farah: LEO has very reasonable demands and the University isn't meeting them. They've been negotiating for eight months now, and there hasn't been any headway. The starting salary at Umich Flint and Dearborn isn't even a living wage in Michigan. If we pass this we will endorse their demands and support them if they decide to strike. I don't want a strike, but I don't want people to work under discriminatory policies. I would like to see this passed tonight. We will be standing in solidarity with one of the most important parts of our University.
 1. Tedrick: You just copy and pasted their points from their website?
 - a. It was a summary. Most is copy and pasted from CSG resolution.
 2. Salino: We don't need to suspend the rules to pass this?
 - a. No
 3. Slack: Are they advocating that the University take away the felony disclosure?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Slack: Including violent crimes as well?
 - c. Yes
 - d. Slack: If they're getting rid of this entirely, it may be harmful? Could they maybe change it?
 - e. You can reach out to them. Why should you be punished for the rest of your life.
 4. Neff: For Flint and Dearborn have their SG made any statements? Does this call for them to make similar statements?
 - a. Juliao: Flint has, we just had the DEI rally. Dearborn is also calling for this.
 5. Addison: I agree second chances are good, but maybe we need to be more specific about types of felonies? I don't know if people come and go with something like sexual assault? I would be hesitant to welcome this onto the campus.

- a. I understand the sentiment. I will point out the most violent crimes at the University have been those without past records. We had Dr. Anderson and he is not the only one. If you served your time you shouldn't be punished for it.
6. Burgaj: Does the sponsor realize he is comparing a median salary and a starting salary?
 - a. We're not doing that. We're comparing median salaries with other salaries.
 - i. Burgaj: It's the wording. I'd be happy to help you rewrite it.
 - ii. I disagree.
7. Stoneman: Do you believe it is essential that we vote on this tonight even if there are concerns? Does the sponsor feel comfortable working with this in the amendments section?
 - a. I don't think LEO will change their demand. Either we endorse their platform or we don't.
8. Neff: The presenter did say that they would like to see it passed tonight.
9. Burgaj: Were the bullet points copy and pasted from the website? The first bullet point can be seen as antagonizing.
 - a. It's from the original author. The person who wrote a lot of this resolution started talking early on with LEO about SG can help out.
10. Neff: Adding a section that we also stand in solidarity with the other student governments.
 - a. Farah: I'll see where that fits in.
11. Burgaj: Removing the aggressive line. Top bullet point, part 2.
 - a. I think what's happening right now is disrespectful. However I do understand where you're coming from. We can change the wording.
 - b. Burgaj: That part is not from LEO, that's from the author.
 - c. I'll propose an amendment.
12. Addison: If in the felony clause you can add excluding sexual assault. I fear a repeat offense on campus
 - a. That would not be a friendly amendment.
- ii. Addison: Add "excluding sexual assault" to the felony clause - unfriendly amendment
 1. Watt: "with the exception of the blanket repeal of the Felony Disclosure policy"
 - a. Can you explain blanket repeal

2. We can't change their demands
3. Addison: that's acceptable
 - a. Watt: second
4. Watt: motion to open a speakers list on the amendment
 - a. Salino: seconde
 - i. Consent
5. Speakers List for amendment:
 - a. Addison - for: I think this is very important in the long run. I do agree many felons are falsely represented as violent, I think they are great people. I do have preconceptions about past assaulters are great representation for the university.
 - b. Burgaj - against: You either believe in second chances or you don't. We should not pass judgement. They've served their time, they are not felons.
 - c. Watt - for: Being formally incarcerated does not mean there was a change in character. I want to support unions, but will this felony line that LEO has presented I don't know how willing I would be to support them.
 - d. Farah - against: Boiling someone down to a "felon" is unacceptable. Many are falsely convicted, and this is far more common in POC. We want diverse lecturers on campus. If we make exceptions, we will not be accepting the change in policy that will help our university the most. I think the best way to combat SA is to have good oversight and good support mechanisms. This is a discriminatory policy.
 - e. Slack - for: I am still including the blanket repeal. I don't know the Felony policy exactly. As the policy stands, would it be more helpful where those who apply for the university are given expungement help without removing the policy completely.
 - f. Vidhya-Ponraj - against: I still do think that someone who serves their time does not deserve to be marked as a felon. Even with those who commit a sexual assault are placed on a sex offenders registry and I'm sure the university will see this
 - g. Neff - against: We have to look at the data LEO has sent out, and I have personal experiences with this in my life. My foster brother, POC, was one of the nicest people and was on a great path. He was wrongly convicted of an armed assault. He now has a child, and he has had so many problems getting a job so he has trouble provide for his daughter. The burden is now on his wife. I

know we fear for our safety. The lives of them and their families are being put at risk. We need to put full support in for LEO. I came into this unsure, but now I think we need to be fully behind them.

- h. Kado - against: Thank you everyone. I do have to say that. I understand where people are coming from and as a female on campus it can be concerning, but I think it's important that we do include felons. If we were to add this amendment we would be further disadvantaged by those already disadvantaged.
- i. POI - Gunasekaran: Can we make a separate amendment for this clause? Vote on everything else today?
 - i. I think it's a bit complicated. We should see if this amendment passes or not.
- j. POI -Rich: The policy talks about all employees at the university? Is this for everyone or just LEO?
 - i. LEO can only bargain for lecturers. I don't think they can bargain for everyone.
- k. Rich: So this would still have a lasting impact for other groups?
 - i. Would start a larger question.
- l. Tedrick: Motion to vote by placard
 - i. Second: Watt
 - ii. Consent
 - iii. 6-13-2
 - 1. The amendment does not pass.

6. Watt: Motion to table for two weeks

- a. Burgaj: second
- b. Objections (a lot)
- c. Watt resends

7. Rifkin: Motion to call to question by placards

- a. Juliao: second
- b. Watt: objection
 - i. Ayes win - will vote by acclamation
- c. 19-0-1
 - i. Passes

Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow for small group [discussions](#) on the State of the Government

Watt: Table

Second: Salino

16. Matters Arising

- a. Rich: from 7-8 tomorrow please sign up to table festifall. Please please please.

- b. McLean: Tell all your friends to apply for appointed rep. It's not intimidating. It's really fun. I would like a big turnout this year.
- c. Salino: Come to taste of Michigan.
- d. Juliao: Liaisons for CATNIS and STAAR are open. CATNIS will have office hours 8-9am on Friday.
- e. Stoneman: I would like to emphasize, please please please, read the manual procedures. It's 50 pages. We have a very passionate government so you can do it. It's a massive project but it's worth your time to look at.
- f. Watt: Thank you Kayla and Alli
- g. Burgaj: Can we do the photo next week?
 - i. This week and next week we will take a nice picture
- h. Tedrick: We should have an outdoor meeting.
- i. Burgaj: I'm bringing my speaker to festifall.

17. Snaps

18. Closing Roll Call

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| i. Watt, Tyler | | xix. Stoneman, Max | |
| ii. Farah, Zackariah | | xx. Slack, Caroline | |
| iii. Rifkin, Cameron | | xxi. Gunasekaran, Gaurie | |
| iv. Cohen, Jacob | E | xxii. Zhao, Suki | |
| v. Theuerkauf, Caroline | | xxiii. Kado, Lydia | |
| vi. Rich, Sophia | | xxiv. Nelson, Erica | E |
| vii. Salino, Sarah | | xxv. Tam, Peter | |
| viii. Goodsell, Alli | | xxvi. Chakraborti, Aditya | A |
| ix. Hamamy, Salma | | xxvii. Addison, William | |
| x. McLean, Claudia | | xxviii. Tedrick, Vincenzo (Vince) | |
| xi. Rothstein, Kayla | | xxix. Neff, Ethan | |
| xii. Williams, Erik | E | xxx. Burgaj, Roland (Ron) | |
| xiii. Dai, Carol | | xxxi. Vidhya-Ponraj, Mithun | |
| xiv. Fioritto, Tyler | E | xxxii. Juliao, Jordan | |
| xv. Nguyen, Alex | | xxxiii. Ramos, Lissette | A |
| xvi. Altimemy, Zahraa | A | xxxiv. Smith, Lauren | A |
| xvii. List, M. Riley | | xxxv. Crews, Tiffany | E |
| xviii. Jonaitis, Cody | | xxxvi. Berglund, Mollie | |

xxxvii.	Crespo, Maleny	E	xli.	Wojtara, Magda
xxxviii.	Mulliken, Ryan	A	xlii.	Colvin, Anna
xxxix.	Pierangeli, Cody	E	xliii.	Orleans, Louis
xl.	Sommerfeld, Elizabeth	A		

19. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Watt
- b. *Second*: Burgaj