

LSA SG Regular Meeting (Hybrid)

1427 Mason Hall / [Zoom Link](#)

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Sept 22, 2021

8:00 PM

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

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

3. Announcements
  - a. Zackariah: Addressing feedback



- i. Just a few updates. We reached out to Dani and Riya about the election because they did a fantastic job in the past. There's a ceremony on October 1st for the extension of the LSA Building from 10-11am. Check out my report.
  1. Addison: How do you get associate rep status?
    - a. Attend % consecutive general meetings. You get speaking rights - virtually everything except voting. It's a great way to get started in the government.
- b. [Vice President](#) - Zackariah Farah ([zfarah@umich.edu](mailto:zfarah@umich.edu))
  - i. Busy past week. Met with Kelly and had quite a few other meetings. Went to a second hand shop for some decorations for the office with Peter. Tabling tomorrow for Earthfest in diag starting at 10am. We now have a renters commission which is largely a result of student activism.
- c. [Treasurer](#) - Cameron Rifkin ([crifkin@umich.edu](mailto:crifkin@umich.edu))
  - i. Not a lot going on fiscally speaking. Everything's in my report.
- d. Counsel - Jacob Cohen ([jacohen@umich.edu](mailto:jacohen@umich.edu))
- e. [Academic Relations Officer](#) - Caroline Theuerkauf ([theuerkc@umich.edu](mailto:theuerkc@umich.edu))
  - i. Hi everyone. I oversee the AAC Bloc (STAAR, CATNIS, and AAC) - all meet on Wednesdays. If you are a senior, apply to graduate. If interested in anything AAC, join our groupme. Next semester everything is looking to be in person. We're working on an office hours resource guide for freshman and sophomores. Resolution asking professors to be more lenient about sick students coming to class in the works. And even more projects!
- f. [External Relations Officer](#) - Sophia Rich ([sserich@umich.edu](mailto:sserich@umich.edu))
  - i. Everything is in my report. Pay attention for: DC email on Thursday, Sept 30th - any content send to me by Tuesday, Sept 28th. If you have an upcoming event use the form and we can make you a flyer. We're going to do rep spotlights on our social media - will be voluntary and will have to fill out a form. There is an art exhibit at the Thayer building until mid October - we're hoping to spotlight this art on our social media.
- g. [Student Life Relations Officer](#) - Sarah Salino ([smsalino@umich.edu](mailto:smsalino@umich.edu))

- i. Hi everyone. We have LSAatPlay this Friday. Shout out to everyone who volunteered. If you care about me, please sign up. It's going to be a lot of fun. If you want to collect any info from constituents this would be the time to ask them questions (issues on campus, new project ideas, etc.)
    - h. Secretary - Alli Goodsell ([goodsela@umich.edu](mailto:goodsela@umich.edu))
      - i. Committee vcs, please share minutes in designated folders and update the committee attendance spreadsheet. If you are a constituent, and are interested, come up to me after the meeting. Everyone looks so spiffy!
- 9. Committee Reports (in alphabetical order)
  - a. Budget Allocations Committee - Louis Orleans ([lorleans@umich.edu](mailto:lorleans@umich.edu))
    - i. BAC (Louie) presented at the CCI Funding Org Basics Workshop today . Presentation went well. Let's hope for lots of funding applications! BAC website is fully updated and all new applications are live. Encourage people to apply for funding and BAC at-large membership. Will possibly need help with a BAC advertising push in the coming week!!!
  - b. [Committee Advocating for Transfer, Nontraditional, and International Students](#) - Jordan Juliao ([jjuliao@umich.edu](mailto:jjuliao@umich.edu))
    - i. CATNIS liaison positions still open, and if you're interested in sitting in on the interviews let me know. Thank you to COMM for sending out a bunch of our surveys - we got a ton of great information.
  - c. Diversity Affairs Committee - Gaurie Gunasekaran ([gaurie@umich.edu](mailto:gaurie@umich.edu))
    - i. I'll make sure to have those minutes up asap. The SG demographic survey should be out in the next week!
- 10. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports
  - a. [Appointments Subcommittee](#) - Claudia McLean ([mclaudia@umich.edu](mailto:mclaudia@umich.edu))
    - i. We interviewed about 25 applicants so far. I have a list of all voting members who have not sat in on an interview. If you don't come to one it's unexcused. Appointments hash is 5:30 Sunday - that can also be excused. Jeaneral is coming up - denim on denim. Coffee chats coming back. Mentor-mentee coming back.
      - 1. Zhao: Can I have Access?

- a. I'll fix it.
- b. Health Subcommittee - Gaurie Gunasekaran ([gaurie@umich.edu](mailto:gaurie@umich.edu))
  - i. Things to look out for: DPSS Self defense course for free. CPR session sometime in the future. Please get your flu shots!
    1. Farah: I love these ideas. Are these for any student period?
      - a. Gunasakeren: Yes
- c. [Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force](#) - Max Stoneman ([maxstone@umich.edu](mailto:maxstone@umich.edu))
  - i. In the report, you will find the minutes, so I won't go into too much detail. We're still working on our procedures and the party bylaw. The election is coming up so we need to pick up the pace for election code amendments.
    1. Tyler Fioritto: When does JEECAT meet?
      - a. Sundays 2:30-3:30pm
- d. [LSA Annual Scholarship Task Force](#) - Vince Tedrick ([vtedrick@umich.edu](mailto:vtedrick@umich.edu))
  - i. LAST Force is a fundraising task force to raise funds for a scholarship to alleviate the financial burden for students. We're trying to establish relationships with our alumni. We also need some people for graphic design. We meet Sundays 1-2pm, but not this upcoming Sunday.
    1. Crespo: What is your fundraising goal?
      - a. Tedrick: We need \$25,000 by the end of 2026. Working with Joe's Pizza and we have Giving Blue Day coming up which is our biggest fundraising event of the year.
- e. [Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources](#) - Jordan Juliao ([jjuliao@umich.edu](mailto:jjuliao@umich.edu))
  - i. If you have any questions about the calculator rental program, email Juliao. CAI (Center for Academic Innovation) Liaison position is still open. Please spread the word about this. Thank you COMM for sending out the WolverineAccess survey. Got a lot of responses.
    1. Farah: So the liaison is open. If someone is interested in this where should they go?

- a. Juliao: The STAAR meeting minutes have it linked. It is also in the last DC email. You are also welcome to reach out to me if you have any questions.
- f. Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee - Erik Williams ([werik@umich.edu](mailto:werik@umich.edu))
  - i. Howdy y'all. Hope to see many of you tomorrow morning as we're tabling on the diag starting at 10am. We need people to table so if you're interested in helping, send me an email: [werik@umich.edu](mailto:werik@umich.edu). We've been working on a really awesome banner for the table. We have a Campus Waste Cleanup Day on Sunday, Sept. 26th. We'll be meeting at the cube. It's the day after the home game so there will be a lot of litter to pick up before the rain takes it to the river. We will be hosting a movie showing with the City's Office of Sustainability and Innovation (OSI). TREES is tomorrow 7:00pm in the LSA SG Office. We're working with OSI to plant lots of trees around the city. Open liaison position with a Facilities and Operations Committee in LSA. Interested people can contact Erik to apply.
    1. Juliao: Is the TREES chair still looking for a Vice-Chair?
      - a. Williams: Yes, we will be confirming someone tonight hopefully.

## 11. Individual Representative Reports

- a. Peter Tam
  - i. Hey everyone! I'm Peter. Many of the people present here know who I am but for those who I don't yet, hello. I'm a sophomore studying political science and I go by he/him/his. This is my first year as an elected representative. I was elected during the winter over quarantine, an unfortunate circumstance that had limited my involvement in the government for my first semester. But you know what? I don't regret running at all. Because over the past few months and weeks, I have talked, laughed, and worked with so many incredible student government members. Everyone in this group has been so incredibly warm and welcoming. And I look forward to every day working with every single person here. This meeting, I will be introducing my first resolutions. They will be small – making a few tweaks to the Election Code – however, I am excited to see them be passed next week. Going forward, I look towards working more closely with our Counsel and the JEECAT chair, working to advance internal changes in the government. I also have ideas for the Academic Affairs, Diversity Affairs, and

Student Life Committees, among many others, that I am looking to pursue. I only see bright skies and clear horizons from here on out. Thank you.

b. William Addison

- i. He/him. Second year. I ended up living in China and Germany. I love languages. I want to see more involvement between clubs and students on campus. I want to see more mental health and wellbeing for students on campus. I want to get in touch with administration about where our tuition is going.

1. Farah: Did you enjoy a moon cake?

a. I haven't had one.

b. Zhao: I have one!

c. **Caroline Theuerkauf**

- i. I ran on three platforms. 1. Increasing student body accessibility to student government. Projects are: Office hours, Constituents form, and More surveys and presence at events. 2. Increasing transparency between administration and students. Projects are: Overall working with departments to make sure they are listening to student's voices, Working with 4 chosen representatives on the Curriculum Committee, Working closely with Kelly Maxwell. More specifically: [Spreadsheet](#), Election day, Fourth semester language requirement (pass/fail), Sustainability filter, Covid grading guidelines, Pass/fail and add/drop deadlines, Dean's list, Foreign language diversity project, Language placement test collaboration with Gaurie, Grade Grievance Process and Rejections, Office Hours resource guide, Collaboration with Sweetland Writing Center, and SSD and closed captions. 3. Expanding resources and resource accessibility for transfer, nontraditional and international students on and off campus. Projects for this: Working with Jordan and Caroline S. on completing transfer student projects I didn't finish last year in CATNIS. Transfer student housing survey, Transfer student orientation, Transfer student collective doc, Transfer student peer advising project, Transfer credit process/decreasing for financial matters, and Transfer student adjustment initiative.

d. Suki Zhao

- i. Senior. I'm the AAC vice-chair. Two goals are to push for DEI and covid transparency . DEI: Dean's office is looking at award for our values rather than. GPA. COVID: keep in touch with administration. Outside of AAC, I try to attend as many meetings as possible.

- 1. McLean: Did you know I'm so thankful for you.

- a. I did not.

- 2. Fioritto: Where in the UP?

- a. Like 7-8 hours away, .Escanaba

## 12. Appointments, Elections, and Nominations

- a. Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee Vice-Chair

- b. Cody Jonaitis. - accept

- 1. Watt: Vote by acclamation

- a. Second: Rifkin

- i. Consent

- 1. Ayes win \*claps\*

- c. External Relations and Communications Committee Vice-Chair

- i. Mollie Berglund - accept

- 1. Juliao: vote by acclamation

- a. Second: Rich

- i. Consent

- 1. Ayes win \*claps\*

- d. Suki Zhao - LSA Academic Judiciary Committee Representative

- i. [Presidential Nomination](#)

- 1. Watt: She comes with the highest recommendation. She would do a fantastic job on this committee.

- a. Addison: Is this for the new judiciary branch?

- i. No this is a separate body. We still have one more seat that could be filled.

- b. Farah: Do you have to be a member of the government for this position?

- i. Nope
      - c. McLean: Will she be leaving us because of this?
        - i. Nope
      - d. Berglund: Can you explain this body?
        - i. Disputes academic dishonesty. Made up by students and administration. Get students involved in academic policy and the honesty code.
    - 2. Salino: Vote by acclamation
      - a. Second: stoneman
        - i. Consent
          - 1. Ayes win \*claps AND snaps\*
- 13. Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations
  - a. *None*
- 14. Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)
  - a. [B W2021.13 Termination of Party Ban](#)
    - i. Stoneman: You may remember this. It's a classic - one of my all time favorites. We're kind of sort of violating the first amendment which is less than ideal. What we're trying to do here is not that. Students can organize themselves as a party and we explain registration, what it looks like, rules, etc. We're reviewing the election finance regulations part so we hope to have this tabled for another week. Currently, for expenditures it's only for pre-approved that's allowed. Just phrasing this differently. Rest is updating the election director's responsibilities. First amendment's cool.
    - ii. Watt: It isn't that we want to see parties. We don't want to see us in federal court.
      - 1. Crespo: Can I be a sponsor?
        - a. You can suggest yourself as an endorser and the sponsor will accept you.
      - 2. Mithun: Can parties not spend money?
        - a. You spend money individually as part of your party. Parties can spend money. We just don't want to see a pooling of money.
      - 3. Fioritto: Would that make expenditures over \$50 virtually impossible?
        - a. We don't have that cemented in here. This would not be an egregious or bad violation. If you make a little oopsies than you'll be fine.
      - 4. Burgaj: Are these pre or post tax?

- a. I'm not sure what the normal convention is. I believe it's post tax.
- b. Watt: Usually post tax
5. Orleans: Have first amendment issues arisen before?
  - a. Not that I know of. My presence is relatively new, but this was brought to my attention. We were advised to make this change.

Stonemen: Motion to table for one week

Second: Juliao

Consent

- b. [B W2021.19 An Amendment to the Twelfth Chapter of the Bylaws Refining the Complaint Process of the Internal Review Committee](#)
  - i. Stoneman: Cant go into as much detail. You've got something going on in the government that you want to complain about you would go through IRC. This lays about all the details of this complaint process. Hoping to have this tabled.
  - ii. Fioritto: motion to table for a week
    1. Addison: second
      - a. consent
- c. [B F2021.16 A Resolution for the Use of LSA Student Government Office to be a Place Where Voting Members Display Cultural Diversity](#)
  - i. Burgaj: We had some great conversations. Essentially we want to table this for another week. Hoping to hold more meetings. Get back to you guys with something better.
  - ii. Fioritto: We want to flesh out the appeal process. We haven't finished or finalized anything so we would love to hear your opinions.
  - iii. Burgaj: Change to national flags or banners instead of cultural.
  - iv. Addison: motion to table for a week
    1. Burgaj: seconded
      - a. Consent
- d. [B F2021.17 An Amendment to the First Chapter of the Bylaws and the First Chapter of the Election Code Incorporating the Election Code as Part of the Bylaws](#)
  - i. Stoneman: The election code is meant to be in the bylaws. It's just not. It's short and sweet. Not going to shake the world too much, but it is important to do. This is ready to be voted on.
    1. Addison: Why are we incorporating it now?
      - a. Watt: Though they are separate, it does not make clear that the two are related. Possible CSJ case if we didn't do this.
    2. Tedrick: vote by division of the body
      - a. Second: Juliao

- i. Objected: Watt because there's no reason to get up and people are sick and there are people on zoom
      - b. Nos have it
    3. Juliaio: vote by acclamation
      - a. Watt: second
        - i. Consent
          1. Ayes win

#### 15. New Business

- a. [B F2021.18 An Amendment to the Fourth Chapter of the Bylaws Incorporating the LSA Student Judiciary](#)
  - i. Stoneman: The general idea is to get the Judiciary into the bylaws. The structure is laid out in the amendment.
  - ii. Fioritto: The Commission's Report is also laid out in this bylaw and the report will include notes on candidates. One of the purposes is to improve this process as it is undertaken several times in the future.
  - iii. Burgaj: Is it your intention to table or get it passed tonight?
    1. Stoneman: Table for one week.
  - iv. Burgaj motion to table for one week by vote of acclamation: Passed
- b. [B F2021.19 An Amendment to the 13th Chapter and Establishment of the 22nd Chapter of the Bylaws Codifying Public Health Protocol](#)
  - i. Fioritto: The intent is to table this. The emergency operating procedures explain what to do in extreme circumstances like COVID-19, extreme heat or cold. Any emergency operating procedure proposed would have to be in accordance with these protocols.
  - ii. Fioritto motion to table for one week: Passed
- c. [B F2021.20 Health Committee Reclassification](#)
  - i. Fioritto: This is procedural more than functional. This would classify the Health Subcommittee as a committee. According to Jacob Cohen, there are Bloc restructuring plans in the works. CSG's health committee has a task force below it. Health does a lot of work that's very important so I'd like to see this pass.
  - ii. Watt: Have the authors spoken to the counsel to see if leadership roles would change if passed?
    1. Fioritto: I understand this would be pretty intensive
  - iii. Salino: Committees should have their chair on the executive board if I'm not mistaken?
  - iv. Watt: That's correct, if we pass this, we may have more seats on the executive board.

- v. Salino: Could you clarify more as to what we would be gaining from this change? We could have a task force under a subcommittee.
- vi. Fioritto: You are correct. We could have a task force under a subcommittee. This would be tedious and unnecessary. If we had a task force under a proper committee, it would look better.
- vii. Fioritto motion to table for one week: Passed
- d. [B F2021.21 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Addressing Donations by Non-Candidates](#)
  - i. Tam: This is the first of 3 amendments to the election code that I will be introducing. This would disallow monetary donations to candidates during elections.
  - ii. Fioritto: Actually, I believe the specifics of the language are that we are trying to disallow non-monetary donations to candidates.
- e. [B F2021.22 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Expanding the Scope of Prohibited Campaigning Areas](#)
  - i. Tam: Adding more specifics to where people can and cannot compare. I want this to be tabled for a week.
    - 1. Tedrick: It introduces that we can't be within ten feet of a table. So we could have been in the past?
      - a. Yes.
    - 2. Tam: table for a week
      - a. Colvin: second
        - i. Consent
- f. [B F2021.24 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code seeking to Amend Regulations Regarding Campaigning in University Housing](#)
  - i. Tam: Currently the election code says you cant campaign in housing past 12am. This would erase the language and match that with the quiet hours.
  - ii. Juliao: Would the sponsors be open to sending the rules?
    - 1. Tam: Yeah.
  - iii. Neff: Motion to suspend the rules
    - 1. Watt: Second
      - a. Consent
  - iv. Fioritto: Motion to vote by acclamation
    - 1. Juliao: second
      - a. Consent
        - i. That passes

#### 16. Matters Arising

- a. Addison: Sophia and Tyler can I talk to you guys after the meeting. I need information for

COMM and tyler advice.

- b. McLean: Appointments hash 5:30pm on Sunday in the LSA building/hybrid.
- c. Crespo: Is CATNIS still looking for liaisons?
  - i. Juliao: Yes, three open positions! The application is live and open.
- d. Salino: Please sign up if you're free on Friday. Gaby wants me to tell everyone that she brought cookies. Thank you Gaby
- e. Gunasekaran: Take a picture of you getting the flu shot if you are getting it soon. Health is working on a project with this.
- f. Watt: The bylaws do not say that the committee heads have to be on exec.
  - i. Fioritto: What committee would we talk about this bylaw in?
    - 1. IRC
- g. Crespo: Shoutout Kayla for pushing through
- h. Farah: Tomorrow we have earthfest starting at 10am - we are tabling so please sign up for this. Tomorrow at 2:30 at campus golf course there is a students against SA protest to protest the SAs committed by Dr. Anderson.
- i. Stoneman: If you have been elected/want to be elected that means you have a stake in the election code. We are getting close to the deadline of making changes so please let me know your thoughts as soon as possible. Only three other people have looked at the judiciary we are working on.
- j. Tedrick: We need a group photo so don't leave.
- k. Rich: I'll be sending out a form for spotlights. If you want your picture taken tonight let me know.
- l. Watt: If you are constituent, please talk to secretary about your attendance to become a associate rep. Please move the tables back.
  - i. Fioritto: What is the theme of dress?
    - 1. McLean: no theme as of right now

17. Snaps

18. Closing Roll Call

- i. Watt, Tyler
- ii. Farah, Zackariah
- iii. Rifkin, Cameron
- iv. Cohen, Jacob

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

## 19. Adjournment

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