

LSA SG Regular Meeting (Remote)

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Oct 6, 2021

8:00 PM

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

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

3. Announcements
  - a. General tips for new and old friends (Rothstein)



- g. Lauren Watson: first year. Excited to see inner workings of SG.
- h. Brandon de Martinez: I wanted to join SG because I'm a transfer and used to be VP of old interstitution so I thought it would be fun to join.
- i. Quinn Rennell: he/him. Want to use economics in a practical setting.
- j. Michael Wilson: he/him. Working towards third meeting
- k. Mikayla Morse: 2nd meeting, hoping to become an associate rep.

Guest Speaker(s)

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7. Appointments, Elections, and Nominations

a. Appointments Nominations

- i. Gadola, Noah
- ii. De Martínez, Brandon
- iii. Bernstein, Dylan
- iv. Vordonis, Emanuel
- v. Watson, Lauren
- vi. Ervin, Gabriel

*1. Wojtara, Magda*

- vii. Berglund, Mollie
- viii. McLean: I'm so excited to have you here, and to meet you all in person. Motion to approve the appointees by acclimation (those that are here).

1. Second: Cohen

- a. Consented
- b. Ayes win, all appointees present are approved

b. BAC Nominations

- i. Parker Fiedrich
- ii. Jee-In Kwon
- iii. Ethan Reider
- iv. Quinn Rennell
- v. Aleksandra Kole
- vi. Orleans: Motion to vote by acclamation (all nominations)

1. Second: Neff
    - a. Consented
    - b. Ayes win, all BAC nominations are approved
  - c. STAAR Vice Chair Nominations
    - i. Nominations:
      1. Lydia Kado - accepted
      2. Peter Tam - not accepted
      3. Juliao: motion to table for one week - passed
8. Executive Officer Reports
- a. President - Tyler Watt ([trwatt@umich.edu](mailto:trwatt@umich.edu))
  - b. Vice President - Zackariah Farah ([zfarah@umich.edu](mailto:zfarah@umich.edu))
    - i. There's a form in my report for office access. We're having a tree planting day this Saturday
  - c. Treasurer - Cameron Rifkin ([crifkin@umich.edu](mailto:crifkin@umich.edu))
  - d. \*Counsel\* - Jacob Cohen ([jacohen@umich.edu](mailto:jacohen@umich.edu))
    - i. There is going to be a workshop on parliamentary procedure coming up soon. There will be a form for you to post questions after this meeting.
  - e. Academic Relations Officer - Caroline Theuerkauf ([theuerkc@umich.edu](mailto:theuerkc@umich.edu))
    - i. We have an AAC groupme and please read my report.
  - f. External Relations Officer - Sophia Rich ([sserich@umich.edu](mailto:sserich@umich.edu))
    - i. Please look at my report. DC email next thursday. Tomorrow tabling 12:30-4:30 to get access about wolverine access app. Next tuesday at 4pm we will see "never free to rest" exhibit. We're also enjoying other students to come as well. Please will at form on number 4 for getting featured on the instagram. During matter arising I'll be taking a picture of the zoom for the insta.
  - g. Student Life Relations Officer - Sarah Salino ([smsalino@umich.edu](mailto:smsalino@umich.edu))
    - i. Hello everyone! We talked about what happened on Monday about the threat against women. We are talking about writing a resolution to standardize procedure in the event that something like this happens again. If you have any thoughts on that please let me know.

- h. [Secretary](#) - Alli Goodsell ([goodsela@umich.edu](mailto:goodsela@umich.edu))
  - i. Bad wifi tonight! Good job with absences people, it is very helpful that y'all are sending me when you will be absent. New reps will be getting placards when we are in person. I finally got all the minutes from committees! Be sure to attend committees, a lot of you are close. All elected and appointed reps need to come to one meeting every week as well as all of General.
    - 1. Watt: If a member is unable to come how should they let you know that?
      - a. Just let me know ahead of time, fifteen minutes before General starts. Don't need to go into specifics! I go off the honor code; I will excuse you if you tell me in advance.
    - 2. Cohen: Those requirements mentioned apply to our appointed reps as well?
      - a. I do now
    - 3. Tedrick: Do task forces also count as attendance?
      - a. Yes
    - 4. Zhao: If you can't make a committee meeting all week, how should you go about letting you know?
      - a. Just let me know by Friday night if you can't come.
- 9. Committee Reports (in alphabetical order)
  - a. Budget Allocations Committee - Louis Orleans ([lorleans@umich.edu](mailto:lorleans@umich.edu))
    - i. No formal report this week. Elected and appointed reps are welcome to attend our first cycle meeting, which is also doubling as our training session, Sunday from 12-1pm EST. We will be meeting in the LSA SG office, but a zoom link will be provided for those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person.
  - b. [Committee Advocating for Transfer, Nontraditional, and International Students](#) - Jordan Juliao ([jjuliao@umich.edu](mailto:jjuliao@umich.edu))
    - i. Hi everyone. Wanted to announce we have appointed our three new liaisons. Sophie, Maleny, and Rachel - they're going to do amazing. Thank you everyone who applied.
    - ii. Diversity Affairs Committee - Gaurie Gunasekaran ([gaurie@umich.edu](mailto:gaurie@umich.edu))

10. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports

- a. [Appointments Subcommittee](#) - Claudia McLean ([mclaudia@umich.edu](mailto:mclaudia@umich.edu))
  - i. I would like to emphasize that the mentor/mentee program is up and running. The program is a way for people who have been in the government to meet with new members. There are two separate forms. If you are an associate rep or you are a constituent still feel free to fill out the mentee form!
- b. Health Subcommittee - Gaurie Gunasekaran ([gaurie@umich.edu](mailto:gaurie@umich.edu))
- c. [Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force](#) - Max Stoneman ([maxstone@umich.edu](mailto:maxstone@umich.edu))
  - i. JEECAT is not boring. We are talking about a new judiciary branch and the election code. It does count towards your attendance so you should show up to JEECAT.
- d. [LSA Annual Scholarship Task Force](#) - Vince Tedrick ([vtedrick@umich.edu](mailto:vtedrick@umich.edu))
  - i. We sent out our first alumni newsletter of this year - we got good responses.
- e. [Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources](#) - Jordan Juliao ([jjuliao@umich.edu](mailto:jjuliao@umich.edu))
  - i. Much like CATNIS we appointed our liaison. Abigail Nighswonger is our new CAI liaison. The application pool was amazing. Secondly, for those who are now appointed reps please fill out the sign up form for when you will be in the office for the calculator rental. Shout out to Suki for being the only one to fill out the form. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.
- f. [Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee](#) - Erik Williams ([werik@umich.edu](mailto:werik@umich.edu))
  - i. The tree planting event is not taking anymore volunteers. Come to TREES tomorrow every week at 7pm in SG office. We have an open liaison position to work with facilities to make the buildings on campus for sustainable. Lets get those attendance numbers up.
    1. Farah: For our new members, if they're interested in the liaison position how would they reach out to you?
      - a. I sent an email out but I'm not sure if anyone got the email. Once

I get that figured out you'll be hearing more from me.

11. Individual Representative Reports

12. Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations

13. Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)

a. [B F2021.19 An Amendment to the 13th Chapter and Establishment of the 22nd Chapter of the Bylaws Codifying Public Health Protocol](#)

- i. Fioritto: As the only sponsor, I hope to table this for two weeks at the end. Talking about emergency procedures for when people get sick in the government. I want to refine it and shortening it will be one of my priorities. Motion to table for two weeks.

1. Second: Cohen

a. Consent

b. [B F2021.20 An Amendment to the 13th & 22nd Chapters of the Bylaws Reclassifying Health as a Permanent Committee](#)

- i. Fioritto: This amendment is not as big of a deal as it seems. Nothing that would affect block restructuring until later. Although task forces can be under subcommittees, it makes more sense for it to be under a committee.

1. Salino: Would you be open to tabling this until Gaurie and Magda are at the meeting?

a. I have discussed this with them. I know I have the full support of them so I would like to see this voted on today.

2. Cohen: There is an issue in its current form with addressing the 22nd chapter which isn't in existence yet. You can cut the part right now which may be clunky or we could table it.

a. I would say I'd prefer the clunky way. I'll cut it real quick.

ii. Friendly amendments:

iii. Unfriendly amendments:

iv. Fioritto: Motion to vote by acclamation

1. Second: Bernstein

a. Consent

i. Ayes win - that passes

14. New Business

a. Motion to excuse General and Committee Attendance Absences for Representative Aditya Chakraborti (Watt)

i. Second: Salino

1. Consented

- b. Motion to excuse all Committee Attendance Absences for Representative Ethan Neff (Goodsell)
  - i. Second: Crespo
    - 1. Consented
- c. [C F2021.01 An Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of LSA Student Government Increasing the Number of Elected Representatives](#)
  - i. Watt: This amendment would increase the number of reps from 30 to 36 (18 in fall and 18 in winter). This is because some votes may be taken away from exec board members. If this passes next week it would be added to the ballot.
  - ii. Crespo: Motion to table for one week
    - 1. Watt: second
      - a. consented
- d. [B F2021.25 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Regarding Inappropriate Campaign Material](#)
  - i. Tam: We have a couple of election code changes on the docket for today. It adds a line that candidates who are running cannot falsely accuse or harass another candidate or group. I hope to see it voted on next week.
  - ii. Fioritto: The punishment would be a major violation as we thought it was more appropriate. I would be fine with passing it tonight.
    - 1. Cohen: The deadline for this is october 12th. Our next general meeting is october 13th. We would have to suspend the rules to vote on this tonight. If we want this to be taken into account for this election we'd have to vote on it today.
    - 2. Stoneman: I do think this amendment are worthwhile and ready to be passed tonight. Overall the changes would make a lot of people happy.
  - iii. Cohen: Motion to suspend the rules to make it so that a second reading is not necessary to pass B F2021.25
    - 1. Tam: second
      - a. Consented
  - iv. Cohen: Motion to vote by acclamation
    - 1. Fioritto: second
      - a. Consented
        - i. Ayes win - this passes
- e. [B F2021.26 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Clarifying Disputes and Challenges](#)
  - i. Tam: This one deals with the question of certification and who can challenge the results of an election. Only candidates, a proxy, or assistant director can challenge the results of an election.
  - ii. Fioritto: Designed to make sure that this process is only done by those in the



election. We wanted to clarify that. A proxy is someone personally sent by candidates or assistant director. Would like to see this passed today.

- iii. Cohen: Motion to suspend the rules to make it so that a second reading is not necessary to pass B F2021.26
  - 1. Tam: second
    - a. Consented
- iv. Fioritto: Motion to vote by acclamation
  - 1. Rifkin: second
    - a. Consented
      - i. Ayes win
- f. [B F2021.27 An Amendment to the 6th Chapter of the Bylaws Optimizing Committee Reclassification Procedure](#)
  - i. Fioritto: This doesn't pertain to the election code. It basically says that we don't have to renominate leadership of committees being shuffled around unless we want to. We could still nominate but it's not necessary now.
    - 1. Cohen: Would be open to tabling this for a week?
      - a. Yeah that's fine
  - ii. Fioritto: Motion to table for one week
    - 1. Berglund: second
      - a. consented
- g. [B F2021.28 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Shortening Binding and Non-Binding Question Length](#)
  - i. Fioritto: The 2000 character limit must also be written in a reasonable first in order to be included on the ballot. Would like to get this passed tonight/
  - ii. Fioritto: Motion to suspend the rules
    - 1. Crespo: second
      - a. Consent
  - iii. Fioritto: Motion to vote by acclamation
    - 1. Neff: second
      - a. Consent
      - b. Ayes win - this passes
- h. [R F2021.10 A Resolution Authorizing the Fall 2021 LSA Student Government Budget](#)
  - i. Rifkin: Intention is to pass this tonight. This is the budget for this upcoming semester. It's pretty straight forward. It's something leadership should keep track of as the semester goes on.
    - 1. Watt: I believe this can't be voted on tonight - it has to be tabled.
      - a. Yeah I'm aware.
  - ii. Rifkin: Motion to table for one week
    - 1. Watt: second

- a. Consented
- iii. Watt: Motion to enter into an executive session for the following resolution
  - 1. Second: Crespo
    - a. Consented
- i. [R F2021.11 A Resolution Formally Considering Charges for Removal Against Representative Roland \(Ron\) Burgaj](#)
  - i. Watt: I'm the president. I have never ever wanted to bring a resolution like this forward, but I think it's necessary. It's important to remove those who have made this government intolerable. Misuse of the property of others, intimidation, etc. Attempts of trying to get them to meet with OSCAR were refused. We met with a lot of higher ups. This resolution will bring forth a trial but not remove the representative tonight
  - ii. Tam: This resolution did not come out of the blue. The reason I became a co-author is because I think this is the only way to move forward. I hope to see this passed today. I hope everything within is something that should be considered and read through.
  - iii. Crespo: We have tried to find ways to de-escalate this situation, but the representative has refused. It's blocking us from acting as government members. I just want there to be action so harm can stop. This is a measure to prevent any further harm.
    - 1. Vordonis: If this motion does get passed, but it talks about different charges talking about different punishments after the trial. If some charges pass and some others would they still be in the government? If there is a trial and they are convicted would they be able to run again for election?
      - a. Watt: The individual would be charged with disrupting government processes. There are two penalties: being unable to hold office again and kicked off government.
    - 2. Anonymous #1: Don't let the fact that there aren't a lot of sponsors or authors on this misrepresent the situation. I'm actually afraid of retaliation and that's why my name isn't here. I'm only speaking for myself but I know I'm not alone on this.
      - a. Watt: Unfortunately I am aware that you are not alone with your feelings. Even going outside of the government.
    - 3. Cohen: Did you know everyone is being so good about not saying names?
      - a. Yes. Doing a great job.
    - 4. Orleans: Regarding the representative, considering alcohol. Why is it now being brought to our attention now?

- a. Watt: That's a fair question.
- b. Farah: The VP is in charge of the office space. When it happened, I found out I was upset and spoke with the representative. They did comply, but the excuse was that they weren't aware of university rules and that they were an international student. Since then we've learned that the representative is not an international student and there is an alcohol edu that must be taken so they knew the university's rules. It shows the consent pattern of disrespecting the rules.
- iv. Bernstein: Last be it further resolved, I request we change the spelling of separate to make it the correct spelling.
  1. I see that as friendly. Thank you.
- v. Tedrick: Motion to debate for 10 minutes, 3 minute/person, alternating for/against, each person can speak once.
  1. Crespo: second
    - a. Consent
- vi. Tam - for: Removal of an Elected Representative is a serious thing to consider and under most circumstances, I would argue that we should never remove another representative. As representatives of the LSA College, our role is to act amicably and democratically, working to ensure that we collaborate to the best of our abilities to represent our constituency. However, this is not one of those cases. The representative in question has acted in a way unfitting of his role as an elected representative and has jeopardized the standing of the LSA Student Government. Many members have raised concerns about the actions of the representative in question and I hope that their experiences will show everyone why this resolution has to not only be considered but passed today. I know that many of the members present today have been newly appointed. I want to say to you all that you are the future of this student government and the choice you make today will forever define the environment that you want the student government to be. I present this resolution, not lightly, but with a heavy heart, and I am confident that everyone here will make the right decision.
- vii. Tedrick - for: It's a shame that we've gotten to this point. IT's quite embarrassing. At this point in time so much of our time has been spent on resolving issues with them that we weren't able to focus on our jobs. Being on another org with them this is not just in LSA SG, it's a behavior issue everywhere.
- viii. Farah - for: Never wanted to discuss this and would hope to not support this. Instead of focusing on helping others, we've spent hours and hours about what to do in this situation when people are uncomfortable using our office space. The

representative had a banner hung up that they were told not to. When it was taken down, instead of meeting with OSCR, they called an armed police officer on me. We had to have the assistant dean of students come take down the banner which was a waste of her time.

- ix. Watt - for: This resolution offers due process and a right to trial by jury and a counsel. We are ensuring constitutional rights through this all. This is not typical for our organization - it's not something that we have to deal with. I believe wholeheartedly that this is the correct thing to do. As we heard this happens in other student organizations.
- x. Anonymous #2 - for: I want to point out that this is an actual answer. We have had a severe reduction to meet as a direct result of what this resolution is talking about. We are uncomfortable in our office. The people of LSA SG are amazing so please do not see this resolution as targeting or as a negative representation of this government. The vibe of the government is happy and welcoming and here to represent our constituents.
- xi. Slack - for: They have made SG uncomfortable. They created a bubble of contradiction. They have taken up too much space and the best foot forward is a trial.
- xii. Crespo - for: I acknowledge that there are new appointed reps so thank you for your patience. I came back to this org because of this person. I thought they had my back, but they were using me as a political agenda. Many of them talked to me about their own personal experiences. A representative has informed me that a representative is afraid to sponsor this because of retaliation and intimidation. I've been offered transportation after all in-person meetings. It's daunting.
- xiii. Bernstein - for: As someone new, the last thing I want to dilute is what is being brought forth. Even as a newcomer who knows no parties, I can see that the situation has to be dealt with in a quick and timely manner. The purpose of the government is to represent everyone. If it's not dealt with quickly we are not doing our jobs.
- xiv. Anonymous #3: I didn't like how there was so much argument during covid. I want to make everything okay. I'm glad you are all informing me. After this we should keep this all between us. I hope you all enjoy the weekend.
- j. Watt: Motion to vote my secret ballot
  - i. Second: Tam
    - 1. Consented
      - a. 27-0-2
      - b. Unanimous consent
- k. Cohen: Motion to end executive session for the rest of the agenda?
  - i. Vordonis: Seconded

1. Consented
    - a. Objected by Crespo
    - b. Motion resent
  - l. Addison: What will the trial look like?
    - i. It's in H of the resolution for more details. This is a new process, but look at the document first. The trial is by jury - no judge. The jury is everyone on SG except counsel and speaker.
  - m. Cohen: Motion to end executive session for the rest of the agenda?
    - i. Second: Crespo
      1. Consented
15. Matters Arising
- a. Farah: Not normally like this. Fill out the access form for the office. We have a compost bin now! Please be careful about what you throw in there. Please don't compost somebody.
  - b. Juliao: Make sure for all our new appointed reps you will have a great time. Test out all of the committees. Come to STAAR and CATNIS - come talk to me. Dip your toe in the water.
  - c. Watt: Thank you everyone for getting us through this process. I will be sticking around on this call. I will put my contact info in the unofficial group chat.
  - d. Rich: There is a sign up for tabling in the chat. I'm taking pictures!!
  - e. Stoneman: I like to hear myself speak. JEECAT is a cool thing. You do a lot of little things that add up in JEECAT. Everything we do is fun and meaningful. Plug IRC 2:30-3:30 and BOOM jeecat is right after that. If you want the government to run more smoothly IRC is a great place for you.
  - f. Tam: Thank you everyone for sticking through this. This isn't something I expected to happen and I wish this wasn't your first experience. Be sure to read over resolution 11. Especially reaching quorum.  $\frac{2}{3}$
  - g. McLean: Fill out mentee/mentor form. Fill out form for october 24th fall social.
    - i. Watt: Did you know we wouldn't have any new reps without you?
      1. I was not aware but I appreciate it
  - h. Addison: We're having our first LSA on the diag tomorrow. Please fill out the sign up sheet. This is the time to meet constituents.

- i. Crespo: Thank you new appointed reps. Go to any committee meetings you can.

Welcome to our community.

16. Snaps

17. Closing Roll Call

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| i. Watt, Tyler               | xxiv. Addison, William         |
| ii. Farah, Zackariah         | xxv. Tedrick, Vincenzo (Vince) |
| iii. Rifkin, Cameron         | xxvi. Neff, Ethan              |
| iv. Cohen, Jacob             | xxvii. Burgaj, Roland (Ron) E  |
| v. Theuerkauf, Caroline      | xxviii. Vidhya-Ponraj, Mithun  |
| vi. Rich, Sophia             | xxix. Berglund, Mollie         |
| vii. Salino, Sarah           | xxx. Gadola, Noah              |
| viii. Goodsell, Alli         | xxxi. De Martínez, Brandon     |
| ix. Hamamy, Salma            | xxxii. Bernstein, Dylan        |
| x. McLean, Claudia           | xxxiii. Vordonis, Emanuel      |
| xi. Rothstein, Kayla         | xxxiv. Watson, Lauren A        |
| xii. Williams, Erik          | xxxv. Ervin, Gabriel A         |
| xiii. Dai, Carol             | xxxvi. Wojtara, Magda E        |
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| xv. Jonaitis, Cody           | xxxviii. Orleans, Louis        |
| xvi. Stoneman, Max           | xxxix. List, Riley E           |
| xvii. Slack, Caroline        | xl. Altimemy, Zahraa A         |
| xviii. Gunasekaran, Gaurie E | xli. Bromberg, Luke            |
| xix. Zhao, Suki              | xlii. Kelley, Makayla E        |
| xx. Kado, Lydia              | xliii. Crespo, Maleny          |
| xxi. Nelson, Erica E         | xliv. Juliao, Jordan           |
| xxii. Tam, Peter             | xlvi. Crews, Tiffany A         |
| xxiii. Chakraborti, Aditya E |                                |

18. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Bernstein
  - i. Second: Bromberg
    - 1. Consented