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An Amendment to the Thirteenth Chapter of the Bylaws to Update the Group and Funding Item Criteria

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 Budget Allocations Committee (hereafter BAC) would like to specialize in funding events that impact the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor community; and,

Whereas, members of BAC acknowledge the difficulty in finding multiple funding sources for an event; and,

Whereas, a student organization should not have to apply to multiple funding sources if the event has a large impact on LSA students and could be completely funded by BAC; and,

Whereas, there has been precedent regarding applicants being eligible for appeal, so it follows that the Bylaws should be amended to reflect this precedent; and,

Whereas, the Committee understands that it can be hard to separate a service charge from the items pertaining to that service, so BAC would like to start funding service fees deemed integral to the event; and,

Whereas, BAC will continue to not fund staff salaries, but will evaluate service fees on a case by case basis.

Be it therefore resolved, the Thirteenth Chapter of the Bylaws be amended to reflect these changes; and,

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

Be it further resolved, the Counsel will update the Official LSA SG Bylaws and the BAC Bylaws on the Budget Allocations website; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG shall adhere to these Bylaw amendments, and they shall take effect immediately.

Chapter 13
Budget Allocations Committee

13.02.12 **Group Criteria.** Preference for funding will be given to groups that:

- (a) affect large numbers of LSA students
- (b) put on events with an academic, cultural or community service focus
- (c) put on events that affect the ~~Ann Arbor and~~ University of Michigan-Ann Arbor community
- (d) have made an effort to receive funding from other sources *if the total expense of the event is over \$2,000*
- (e) thoroughly complete the application for funding with detailed descriptions. Applications with missing, misleading *and or* false information will not be reviewed and *will may* be ineligible for an appeal.
- ~~(f) put on unique events~~
- ~~(f)~~ (f) have demonstrated a history of utilizing allocated funds, should they have been allocated funds in the past
- ~~(f)~~ (g) demonstrate financial need

13.02.13. **Funding Item Criteria.** The Committee will usually not approve funding for the purchase or creation of the following items *unless integral to the funding request:*

- (a) capital goods (electronic equipment, tools, sports equipment, T-shirts, etc.)
- (b) food or beverage
- (c) salaries for services
- (d) transportation
- (e) donations
- (f) events to raise money or distribute scholarships/awards, unless LSA SG's name appears as part of the gift award or scholarship
- (g) events that are only open to specific groups of students on campus
- (h) events taking place beyond walking distance from campus

13.02.14. **Additional Criteria.** As per rules of the University and applicable state and federal laws, LSA SG will never fund the following items:

- (a) Political campaign activities
- (b) Staff salaries
- (c) Illegal activity
- (d) For-Profit activities
- (e) Charitable Donations to organizations outside the University
- (f) Alcohol and tobacco products
- (g) Religious exercise