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**A Resolution Allocating Funds to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center
(SAPAC)**

*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, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center’s (hereafter SAPAC) mission is in line with LSA SG’s mission of improving non-academic life for students, providing a strong basis for stable, continued partnerships and ally-hood; and,

Whereas, 50% of SAPAC’s clients are LSA students²; and,

Whereas, The University of Michigan Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct found that 22.5% of undergraduate females and 6.8% of undergraduate males were survivors of some form of sexual assault on University of Michigan’s campus³; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan is not immune to sexual assault, as noted by University of Michigan’s inclusion on the Title IX watch list for sexual assault investigations as of February 1, 2014⁴; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan 2018-2019 Annual Security Report & Annual Fire Safety Report, released in September, revealed that between 2016 and 2017 reports of sexual assault to SAPAC rose from 125 to 179, and intimate partner violence increased from 28 to 49⁵; and,

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

² Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center 2018-2019 Annual Report

³ UM 2015 Campus Climate Surveys Regarding Sexual Misconduct

⁴ U.S. Department of Education Releases List of Higher Education Institutions with Open Title IX Sexual Violence Investigations

⁵ University of Michigan 2018-2019 Annual Security And Fire Safety Report

Whereas, the 2019 Association of American Universities Survey concluded that undergraduate women, students identifying as trans man or woman, genderqueer or nonbinary, questioning or not listed, and students identifying as having a disability are the most at-risk of experiencing unwanted sexual behaviors, such as stalking, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence and nonconsensual sexual touching or penetration at the University of Michigan⁶; and,

Whereas, despite its relatively low levels of funding, SAPAC has worked tirelessly to prevent sexual assault, educate the student body, and provide the necessary resources for a safer campus at the University of Michigan for over 30 years; and,

Whereas, SAPAC, in order to accomplish its mission, has a variety of different programs focused on primary, secondary, and tertiary sexual assault prevention, including The Consent, Outreach, and Relationship Education (CORE) volunteer program, The Bystander Intervention & Community Engagement (BICE) volunteer program, and The Survivor Engagement and Ally Support (SEAS) volunteer program; and,

Whereas, CORE focuses on primary prevention of sexual assault, working to prevent sexual and gender-based violence before it happens in a community, through workshops and events designed to educate the campus community on consent and healthy relationships; and,

Whereas, BICE focuses on secondary prevention of sexual misconduct, or preventing harm right before it happens by educating communities on bystander intervention, equipping students with the necessary tools to intervene in potentially dangerous situations to establish a safer campus community; and,

Whereas, SEAS focuses on tertiary prevention of sexual misconduct and violence, doing the work that needs to be done in a community after harm has occurred, namely by promoting awareness, empathy, and understanding for the survivor experience, voice, and common reactions, as well as educating the campus community on how to be supportive of survivors through a variety of avenues; and,

Whereas, there are currently 210 student volunteers involved in SAPAC who have facilitated 53 individualized and tailored workshops, hosted 95+ workshops and events total, and trained 15 bars and 107 restaurant staff/personal through the Raise the Bar Program⁷; and,

Whereas, SAPAC staff have engaged with 262 clients and over 300 unique crisis line calls⁸; and,

⁶ Report on the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct, The University of Michigan

⁷ Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center 2018-2019 Annual Report

⁸ Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center 2018-2019 Annual Report

Whereas, the funding will go towards the aforementioned training and support programs and providing SAPAC t-shirts for all student volunteers, as well as the creation of a "Summer Intern Position" where a student would focus on hosting Peer Led Support Group sessions through the summer month, remain a resource to students who stay on campus, as well as support the needs of the SAPAC office.

Whereas, LSA SG has allocated funds to SAPAC almost every semester since Winter 2016, and the continued allocation of a portion of LSA SG's funds to SAPAC shows a united student voice that takes a stance against sexual harassment, assault and misconduct of any kind on our campus.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG approves a \$2,500 donation to the SAPAC General Fund from the LSA SG General Discretionary Fund, to be split by SAPAC between the CORE, BICE, and SEAS volunteer programs at SAPAC's discretion; and,

Be it further resolved, the Treasurer of LSA SG will immediately move to transfer the funds to SAPAC.