

LSA SG Regular Meeting

March 03, 2021

1. Call to Order
  
2. Opening Roll Call () - Present, E - Excused, A- Absent
  - i. Those with voting rights (minus the person acting as chair)
  - ii. Those without voting rights
  
- b. Bazzi, Selena ()
- c. Walker, Josiah ()
- d. McCaughey, Kathryn ()
- e. Watt, Tyler ()
- f. Colvin, Anna ()
- g. McKillop, Mary ()
- h. Torres, Gabriela ()
- i. Fivecoat, Chayton (E)
- j. Goodsell, Allison (E)
- k. Farah, Zackariah (A)
- l. Manikandan, Divya (A)
- m. Cohen, Jacob ()
- n. Theuerkauf, Caroline ()
- o. Nelson, Erica (A)
- p. Zhao, Suki ()
- q. Gunasekaran, Gaurie ()
- r. Lobodzinski, Joseph ()
- s. Hamamy, Salma ()
- t. Rich, Sophia ()
- u. Salino, Sarah ()
- v. Stevens, Major White ()
- w. McLean, Claudia ()
- x. Rothstein, Kayla ()

- y. Williams, Erik ()
- z. Dai, Carol ()
- aa. Fioritto, Tyler (A)
- bb. Nguyen, Alex ()
- cc. Altimemy, Zahraa ()
- dd. List, Riley ()
- ee. Jonaitis, Cody ()
- ff. Stoneman, Max ()
- gg. Rifkin, Cameron ()
- hh. Orleans, Louis ()
- ii. Simmons, Natalie (A)
- jj. Wojtara, Magda ()
- kk. Tedrick, Vincenzo ()
- ll. Hwang, Tae Won (Danny) (A)
- mm. Diaz, Danae (A)
- nn. Crespo, Maleny (A)
- oo. Farmer, Adrianna (A)
- pp. Pierangeli, Cody (A)
- qq. Donahue, Thomas ()
- rr. Pratapa, Pranavi (A)
- ss. Browdy, Wyatt (A)
- tt. Kernis, Jacob (A)
- uu. Sommerfeld, Elizabeth (A)
- vv. Mulliken, Ryan (A)
- ww. Dalrymple, Timothy (A)

3. Announcements

- a. [Notice of Minor Bylaw Edits](#)
- b. [LSA F2021 Course Guide](#) goes live on March 8th!

4. Approval of the Agenda

- a. *Motion: Rich*
  - b. *Second: Stevens*
  
5. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a. *Motion: List*
  - b. *Second: Cohen*
  
6. Constituents' Time
  - a. Ramos- I am a new appointed representative! She is studying information or psychology and joined SG to be a voice for non-traditional and transfer students
  - b. McCortney- I was just admitted to the MiW program and SG seems like a good opportunity to get involved on campus
  - c. Berglund- I'm a sophomore and I am a new appointed representative
  - d. Crews: I am a freshman studying philosophy and I am a new appointed representative
  
7. Guest Speaker(s)
  - a. Dean Curzan, Assistant Dean Maxwell
  
8. Executive Officer Reports
  - a. [President-Selena Bazzi](#)
  - b. [Vice President-Josiah Walker](#)
    - i. \*Announcement\*
    - ii. Walker: Please update zoom
  - c. [Treasurer-Kathryn McCaughey](#)
    - i. LSA Annual Scholarship Task Force – [Vince Tedrick](#)
      - Task Force Report Link [Here](#) \*Announcement\*
    - ii. Tedrick: Giving Blue Day is in one week! This is very big for fundraising. All student donations of \$25 or more are automatically matched by the University. We will be all over social media!
  - d. [Counsel-Tyler R. Watt](#)
    - i. \*Announcement\*

- ii. Watt: I am the counsel! I have slots open for a 1 on 1. All appointed reps will have profiles on our website, feel free to add a photo or a description. Please consider running in our election
    - iii. [Candidate Selection Meeting Minutes](#)
    - iv. Update your LSA SG [profile on our website!](#)
    - v. [Schedule a 1:1 with me this Friday!](#)
  - e. [Academic Relations Officer-Gabriela Torres](#)
  - f. [External Relations Officer-Mary McKillop](#)
  - g. [Student Life Relations Officer-Anna Colvin](#)
    - i. \*Announcement\*
    - ii. Salino: We passed a bylaw amendment to create a liaison between SLC and MDining. Please apply!
  - h. Secretary-[Chayton Fivecoat](#)
- 9. Committee Reports (in alphabetical order)
  - a. [Budget Allocations Committee-Louie Orleans](#)
  - b. [Committee Advocating for Transfer, Non Traditional, and International Students-Caroline Theuerkauf](#)
    - i. \*Announcement\*
    - ii. Theuerkauf: We also have 3 liaison positions available. Please email me with any questions
  - c. [Diversity Affairs Committee-Tae Won \(Danny\) Hwang](#)
- 10. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports
  - a. [Appointments Subcommittee-Sophia Rich](#)
    - i. \*Announcement\*
    - ii. List: Mentor/mentee program is starting today. Form will be open from March 3 until Sunday march 7th. Please fill out the form if you are interested in being a mentor or mentee. Reach out to me or Sophia if you have any questions.
    - iii. Watt: Are you aware of the hard work appointments put in?
    - iv. List: Thank you

- v. Rich: Thanks everyone for helping!
- b. [Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force -Jacob Cohen](#)
- c. [Health Subcommittee Report-Gaurie Gunasekaran](#)
- d. [Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources-Jacob Cohen](#)
- e. [Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee-Zackariah Farah](#)
  - i. Watt: Could you talk about the sustainable cooking event?
  - ii. Farah: We are planning a live sustainable cooking event, hoping to livestream. Aiming for Saturday March 13th. Let me know if you want to cook. We are trying to plan sustainable meals (in season food, avoiding packaging) and making ingredient kits for students who sign up to participate. We will be buying food at the People's Food Co-op.

#### 11. [Individual Representative Reports](#)

- a. Cohen, Jacob
  - i. Cohen: I've been so busy with government things. I've chaired STARR and JEECAT and it has kept me busy. I've been working mainly on the SSD project in STARR and the election code and the judiciary in JEECAT. If anyone wants to work with me please reach out.
- b. Fioritto, Tyler
  - i. Fioritto: I have been busy with non-SG things this semester. I have so many things on my platform, including working with students with disabilities. Hoping to work on the judiciary and the election code. Excited to be back to work!
- c. Hamamy, Salma
  - i. Hamamy: I recently started a new project to create a new committee in SG for survivors of sexual assault. The purpose of this community is to create a bridge between SG and the campus SVU. I would like to create a safe environment for survivors. This committee would work with SVU and spread awareness. I have been in contact with an activist for survivors and she is a great resource. I might be working with a CSG committee. Once this committee is well established I am interested in allocated funding to the SVU.
  - ii. Watt: Great idea. Have you given any thought to writing a resolution about moving funding around?
  - iii. Hamamy: I have not thought about that yet but I would love any input or advice you may have.
- d. Jonaitis, Cody
  - i. Jonaitis: I was recently elected this past fall. I've been trying to find my footing

and have had a busy semester. A lot of my platform was about mental health so I have been attending health meetings. I recently joined LAST Force!

- e. List, Riley
    - i. List: I ran in the fall 2020 election on three main points. I want to work on promoting ways that we as a community can be more sustainable and reduce our footprint. One way to do that is emphasizing sustainability through our newsletters. I have worked with COMM and TREES on that. My next platform point was to reach out to other student orgs that work on sustainability. Recently, Blue Lab India came to TREES this past week. My final point was highlighting resources available to students. I compiled a document with all the resources I could find. Soon it will be published on the LSA SG website. It is not comprehensive and can be added to over time.
  - f. Lobodzinski, Joseph
    - i. Lobodzinski: I have hit the ground running at CATNIS vice-chair. I introduced the resolution that advocates for allowing international students to take their classes asynchronously. I have introduced the resolution having LSA SG endorse a resolution in CSG having the University retract a \$500 international student fee. The chair of CATNIS and I have been working on making CATNIS more accessible and have enacted an office hour on Fridays 8-9am as an opportunity for students in different time zones to access it. We have added a constituents questionnaire in our emails that we send out each week. We continue to work for advancing the interests of transfer students on campus, finding ways for them to socialize. We are looking into different ways to encourage safe social experiences.
    - ii. Watt: I am so impressed by all of the CATNIS projects! Regarding the CSG effort to repeal international student fees, do you want that to be a resolution in our government as well?
    - iii. Lobodzinski: Yes I am hoping we can pass that in coming weeks
    - iv. Farah: I really like the idea of having accommodating office hours. Have you reached out to the International Student Center to get those office hours included in their newsletter?
    - v. Lobodzinski: Yes we are very interested in that and advertising to more transfer student oriented groups
12. Appointments, Elections, and Nominations
- a. Appointed Representative Nominees:
    - i. Jordan Juliao
    - ii. Lissette Ramos
    - iii. Lauren Smith
    - iv. Tiffany Crews

- v. Vince Tedrick
- vi. Mollie Berglund
- vii. Maleny Crespo
- b. Watt: appointed reps need to be approved by the Vice President and elected representatives?
- c. Crespo: I motion to approve the appointed reps by acclimation
- d. Nguyen: second
- e. Appointed reps have been confirmed
- f. Rothstein: Congrats to all new appointed reps! Message anyone if you have any questions

13. Budget Allocations Committee Recommendations

- a. EnspiRED Runway - \$2,000.00
- b. Indian American Student Association - \$498.00
- c. Women's Organization on Rights to Health (WORTH) - \$50.00
- d. Orleans: Our last meeting was appeals. We had one appeal and we allocated \$2000 to EnspiRED. We had 2 other allocations. If you have questions let me know!
- e. Watt: Could you give more detail about the money allocated towards the Indian American Student Association?
- f. Orleans: Their total requested funding was over \$1,000. Got sent to appeals for their T-shirt request.
- g. Rifkin: We don't typically fund t-shirts and only covered the cost for advertising and production materials. WORTH asked for food and capital goods which we couldn't fund but we gave them advertising costs. EnspiRED asked for production costs to present virtually.
- h. McCaughey: motion to approve by acclimation
- i. Crespo: second
- j. Rothstein: Allocations are approved

14. Old Business (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)

- a. [B W2021.13 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Addressing Parties in LSA Student Government Elections](#)
  - i. Cohen: no significant changes have been made. We are looking to make finances more restrictive. Candidates would not be able to pool funding. A lot of considerations. Want to table for another week, I will be talking with Austin Glass from CSG this week. We want more opinions, this does not need to go to a vote today.
  - ii. Stoneman: the big question is funding and how that is going to work. Have heard concern from people about power and whether parties should possess a distinctive advantage when it comes to advertising. We really want your input!

We have briefly talked about the language of campaign teams instead of parties. The word party has a certain connotation, a difference in language could make a difference.

- iii. Tedrick: Have you considered replacing party with something else?
  - iv. Cohen: Not too much but possibly campaign teams like CSG? Our ability to switch the title could be dependent on how we decide the finances should look
  - v. Watt: did you uncover information about parties in other Umich student governments besides CSG?
  - vi. Stoneman: no we have discussed it but got caught up with finances and comparing it with CSG. We will consider it
  - vii. Cohen: motion to table for one week
  - viii. Torres: second
- b. [B W2021.16 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Seeking to Clarify the Maximum Length of Ballot Questions](#)
- i. Cohen: This is just imposing a character limit on the question asked on the online voting submission website. The limit applies to the question and not the responses. A separate resolution may be coming regarding the character limit of the responses.
  - ii. Watt: motion to call the question by acclamation
  - iii. Cohen: second
  - iv. Motion passes

## 15. New Business

- a. Introduction of Non-Binding Ballot Questions
  - i. *2.05.02 Non-Binding Advisory Questions. LSA Student Government shall formulate zero to three Non-Binding Advisory Questions to appear on an LSA SG ballot during elections in November and March. Each Committee Bloc and the Executive Board may submit zero to three Non-Binding Advisory Questions to propose to appear on the LSA SG ballot.*
  - ii. Rothstein: Ballot questions are questions we pose to the LSA Student Body. Each bloc can propose 3, we will be voting on them next week
    - Executive Board
    - [Academic Affairs Bloc](#)
  - iii. Torres: We are proposing 3 ballot questions. Regarding virtual classes, we would like to see how students feel about virtual classes. We have STARR questions about the student business app and the peer advising program.



- iv. Cohen: We have put a lot of work in STARR into these projects. The student business app would be an app based off the student business portion of wolverine access. We would like to know if students would use this app more than the browser.
    - External Relations Bloc
    - [Internal Affairs Bloc](#)
  - v. Watt: We are collaborating with SLC and AAC.
  - vi. Salino: the question is about the increase in tuition and the relationship between that and our academic experience. We want to know if students feel that their semester has been adequately represented by tuition.
  - vii. Torres: This is more specific to the fall 2021 semester. We want student input on how students would prefer to take their classes. Asks in-person v. online v. hybrid.
    - [Student Life Bloc](#)
  - viii. Salino: We want to gauge student input on if they are informed about the Blue queue and vaccine information. The second asks whether students are informed about where tuition money is going. Information used to be readily available but it is no longer. Students don't really learn about where their money is going. The last question asks if students are interested in returning to class in person
  - ix. Colvin: Last question is formatted similarly to a survey sent out to faculty so we would like student data.
  - x. Rothstein: Please look over these questions in the next week. We can only pick 3!
- b. [C W2021.03 An Amendment to the Third, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Articles of the Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government to Create the Judiciary of the College of Literature, Science, Student Government \(LSA Student Judiciary\)](#)
- i. Watt: We have a constitution and anytime we want to change it we need to pass it within this body and then through the students. This amendment creates the basis for our judiciary. Defines what a judiciary does and gives information about what the judiciary will be composed of. The judiciary will be headed by a chief justice, will be a future bylaw amendment. 4 associate justices, 4 will give us an odd number but we can have less.
  - ii. Stoneman: This is really important and it may look vague but the bare bones structure is important in creating more detailed aspects of the judiciary. Please

reach out to JEECAT leadership about this. The language is consistent with CSJ particularly “up to”, gives us flexibility and the ability to grow.

- iii. Watt: Can you explain what JEECAT stands for?
  - iv. Cohen: Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force
  - v. Watt: Motion to table for one week
  - vi. Fioritto: Second
- c. [B W2021.17 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Codifying the Presidential and Vice Presidential Oaths of Office](#)
- i. Cohen: the current oath of office is not codified because it can get lost. This just puts the oaths. Should say bylaws not election code! Still waiting on the exact language of the oaths and making sure those are codified in our bylaws.
  - ii. Watt: If you know the oaths of office please send them
  - iii. Cohen: motion to table for one week
  - iv. Fioritto: second
- d. [B W2021.18 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Codifying the Responsibility of the Election Director to Advise Candidates](#)
- i. Cohen: This is the response to the elimination of the requirement of the candidates meeting. We wanted to make the requirements of the elections director more explicit.
  - ii. Stoneman: this ties in with the things we have been working on. The language is that the elections director is the go-to person so we have a good understanding of the election process.
  - iii. Fioritto: motion to table for one week
  - iv. Stevens: second
- e. [B W2021.19 An Amendment to the Twelfth Chapter of the Bylaws Refining the Complaint Process of the Internal Review Committee](#)
- i. Watt: it is tasked to the internal review committee to review complaints of the government. The judiciary could have some part in complaints. If a complaint is given, the counsel or irc vice chair reviews it and it is presented to IRC. Could be referred to the judiciary if an investigation is warranted. They would provide a report to the government. I don't foresee this happening often!
  - ii. Cohen: some of the language addresses these topics so we want to make sure everything is consistent across documents
  - iii. Watt: I made a provision that a member could just file straight to the judiciary
  - iv. Juliao: Is there any language that will be put in about direct contact with the person/entity that has been complained about?
  - v. Watt: Once the independent investigator, they would present their findings to general. They would not bring things up to the judiciary. The government would take action. Complainants can keep their identity anonymous. The investigator will most likely speak to the person who is complained about. They wouldn't go

in front of the judiciary unless the roles of the judiciary is changed. The power to remove members is vested within the general body.

- vi. Crespo: If a member is removed, is it a separate process to figure out an accountability plan?
- vii. Watt: The only measures we have for accountability is removal. If it goes in front of OSCR or something similar, we can participate in an external process.
- viii. Walker: motion to table for one week
- ix. Juliao: second
- f. [B W2021.20 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Bylaws Defining Voting Procedures](#)
  - i. Watt: This clarifies voting procedures. Voting by acclamation, voice, unanimous consent, division of the body
  - ii. Ramos: Zoom has polling features, could we use that?
  - iii. Watt: yes, hosts have the ability to make a poll. Not everyone on the call has voting rights, that's why we haven't used it yet. There is a voting groupchat comprised of voting members.
  - iv. Torres: Why are there restrictions applied to diving the assembly
  - v. Watt: it is very difficult to do that on zoom and it is not the most practical
  - vi. Fioritto: motion to table by one week
  - vii. Ramos: second
- g. [B W2021.21 An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Bylaws Defining Resolution Procedures](#)
  - i. Watt: This clarifies the way we do resolutions. Old business usually needs a motion to bring to the floor and new business is just brought up without motion. This lays out why and also clarifies the voice vote. Let me know if you want to be a sponsor
  - ii. McCaughey: motion to table for one week
  - iii. Salino: second
- h. Motion to Endorse [CSG Resolution AR 10-044](#) on the condition all mentions of "stock(s)" are changed to "investment(s)"
  - i. Watt: the sponsor would like to introduce as the "Motion to Endorse CSG Resolution AR 10-044" an any amendments can be brought up during friendly/unfriendly time
  - ii. McCaughey: I would like to amend the motion so that it reads as indicated on agenda
  - iii. Farah: There were concerns about some of the language in the resolution. I will introduce the CSG resolution that was introduced last night. It calls for the divestment of the University endowment from all fossil fuel companies. The University holds upwards of \$1 billion in fossil fuel companies and there is not much transparency about those investments. This is a critical time because the

board of regents heard a presentation from the Climate Action Movement, which has never happened before. The board of regents is re-evaluating their investments, we want to call for a swift divestment and a reinvesting into socially responsible companies. The last part of the resolution calls for a standing committee for responsible investing within the board of regents. The committee would be comprised of key stakeholders from all campuses. This has happened with the University of California investment system. To address the amendment, I have no problem with it as a sponsor. There is one whereas clause that may be an issue.

- iv. Tedrick: This is just a recommendation to the University?
- v. Farah: yes it reiterates the fossil fuel divestment stance but goes beyond that in directing the CSG executive branch to use their resources to inform students of money in fossil fuel companies and of student org lead events that raise awareness. There is also the call for the creation of a standing committee for responsible investing
- vi. Stoneman: I strongly support divestment and I'm glad we're talking about it. It is sad that the University has been unwilling to make this change. This is a critical time and we need to capitalize on the window of opportunity. The standing committee is crucial in ensuring the interests of our community. Let's think about what we can do as SG to contribute. Thank you to the sponsor for bringing it up
- vii. Watt: motion to open a speakers list
- viii. Crespo: second
- ix. Ramos: this is more of a question. I am for this because we are constantly seeing evidence that the climate conditions are getting worse. Is there anything we can do to incentivize people to agree with this?
- x. Farah: Great points. The executive power rests with the board of regents and we need to let them know that the student body is in support of divestment. There is talk about another demonstration. Pressuring is as much as we can do. We can achieve policy change, as seen last semester.
- xi. Juliao: Thank you for bringing this up. While bringing forth this resolution, are we proposing alternative investments?
- xii. Farah: it does not specifically outline sources but we wanted to keep it broad as we are not experts and don't know all about the endowment. It does say that the committee shall guide the university to ethical and responsible investing. We would like more specific language and will propose it at CSG.
- xiii. Berglund: the whole point of SG is to represent the concerns of the student body and I see a lot of concern from students. It is important that we hear those concerns and represent them. I'm not sure the University would comply with this but regardless I support it.

- xiv. Watt: There is great value in cooperating with other student governments on such issues, especially since we have previously endorsed the topic.
- xv. Farah: there is ample precedent from other Universities and the Ann Arbor City Council has endorsed something similar. Certain companies have done enormous damage to our world, environment, and the scientific community. That is antithetical to what the University stands for.
- xvi. Fioritto: motion to call the question by acclamation
- xvii. Crespo: second
- xviii. Motion passes UNANIMOUSLY
- xix. Crespo: Motion to state in the records that this was passes unanimously
- xx. Ramos: second

#### 16. Matters Arising

- a. Torres: Blood battle ended and we won!!!! Congrats if you donated
- b. Rich: check out the mentor/mentee form. Check our appointments report
- c. Stoneman: JEECAT introduces a lot to the government. We had record attendance last week! We still have more to do, help us
- d. McCaughey: Committee leadership please read my email. If you have an instagram, follow the account in the chat and share post in your story. We could potentially win money for the endowment.
- e. Watt: Thanks for participating tonight. Congratulations to all new appointed representatives.
- f. Cohen: is this a walk with Watt?
- g. Watt: it is meant to be over zoom but I'd take a walk
- h. Cohen: come to JEECAT it is important. Max is chairing this week
- i. Walker: update zoom. I have included a link to a guide in an email, chat, and groupme
- j. Crespo: CATNIS is looking for liaisons, please go to CATNIS meetings
- k. Salino: I volunteer as a crisis counselor and it is a great volunteer opportunity and you can do it as much or as little as you want. If you are passionate about mental health I would highly recommend
- l. Rothstein: Thanks Anna for the minutes

#### 17. Snaps

18. Closing Roll Call

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## 19. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Walker
- b. *Second*: Ramos