

**B W2021.29**

**An Amendment to the Eleventh Chapter of the Bylaws to Create a Liaison Position Between the Health Subcommittee and the Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Michigan**

*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”;<sup>1</sup> 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 purpose of the Health Subcommittee is to “improve the health of all students at the University of Michigan. This includes mental, physical, and emotional health”;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, the Health Subcommittee “raises awareness of great resources already on campus and introduces new programs that will benefit students’ health”;<sup>3</sup> and,

**Whereas**, advocacy of students’ mental health is an important focus of Health Subcommittee; and,

**Whereas**, the ongoing pandemic and its effects on mental health have further demonstrated the necessity for greater mental health advocacy across campus; and,

**Whereas**, the Health Subcommittee possesses a long-standing positive relationship with the Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Michigan (hereafter CAPS), a University body aiming to foster the psychological development and emotional well-being;<sup>4</sup> and,

**Whereas**, it is of mutual benefit and is of joint interest for the Health Subcommittee and CAPS to establish a formal and official liaison position.

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Bylaws be amended per the language attached in Appendix A; and,

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

<sup>2</sup> The Bylaws of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government, 9.02.00 “Purpose”.

<sup>3</sup> <https://lsa.umich.edu/lasg/committees/sg-health.html>

<sup>4</sup> CAPS Counseling and Psychological Services. <https://caps.umich.edu/article/mission-statement>

**Be it further resolved,** that the Health Subcommittee take action to appoint an individual to serve in this position for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year; and,

**Be it finally resolved,** that this amendment take immediate effect.

## **Appendix A**

### **Chapter 11**

#### **Student Life Committee Bloc**

##### **Health Subcommittee**

***11.02.04 Counseling and Psychological Services Liaison. The Health Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair shall be empowered to appoint an individual to act as a liaison between Health and LSA SG at large, and the Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Michigan (hereafter CAPS). This individual must have attended Health regularly and be able to attend meetings at the invitation of the CAPS. The liaison must attend and/or initiate meetings with CAPS a minimum of two times a month. In the event that there are no individuals eligible or interested in serving as the liaison, the Health Chair may act as liaison until the position is appointed. The CAPS Liaison shall report biweekly to Health.***