

**R W2019.04**

**A Resolution Calling on the University to Improve the Status of Residence Hall M-Card Readers**

*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”; and,

**Whereas**, it is the duty of the University of Michigan (hereafter the University) to provide a safe and functional campus environment; and,

**Whereas**, according to the University Housing website, “Each year the University of Michigan's 18 residence halls and apartments are home to more than 9,500 undergraduate students”, many of which are LSA students; and,

**Whereas**, M-Card Readers in the residence halls are essential for promoting and maintaining campus safety; and,

**Whereas**, faulty M-Card Readers reduce the efficiency of residence hall access; and,

**Whereas**, during the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 temperatures in Ann Arbor dropped to -37°F including wind chills, which can cause frostbite to exposed skin in as few as 15 minutes; and,

**Whereas**, conditions such as this can potentially create a dangerous situation for students in the case of a dysfunctional M-Card Reader; and,

**Whereas**, students have voiced their concerns regarding faulty or dysfunctional M-Card Readers in the residence halls through mediums like Campus Complaints; and,

**Whereas**, in some instances, the use of Residential M-Card Readers results in damage to the M-Card itself; and,

**Whereas**, on November 26, 2018 LSA SG sent out a survey to gauge the LSA student body’s opinion on the quality of M-Card Readers in their residence halls; and,

**Whereas**, of 317 respondents, 86.1% of the surveyed LSA students indicated that they had to swipe their M-Card at least three times to gain access to their residence halls.

**Be it therefore resolved,** LSA SG calls upon the University to administer more regular inspections and maintenance of M-Card Readers; and,

**Be it further resolved,** LSA SG will send a copy of this resolution to the Deputy Director of Housing Amy Gauthier, the Director of Housing Facilities and Operations Calvin Abraham, and the Facility Director of Systems and Programs on North Campus Darryl Betts.