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**A Resolution to Replace University Honors with A College of LSA Dean's List**

*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**, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (hereafter LSA) currently does not have a Dean's List; and,

**Whereas**, other colleges within the University of Michigan, such as the College of Engineering<sup>2</sup> and Penny W. Stamps School Of Art & Design<sup>3</sup>, currently have Dean's Lists that recognize their students for a 3.5 and 3.8 grade point average (hereafter GPA) or higher, respectively; and,

**Whereas**, the College of LSA currently awards University Honors to LSA to students who receive a 3.5 GPA or higher; however, it is not labeled as a Dean's List and can be difficult to differentiate from the LSA Honors Program; and,

**Whereas**, University Honors is currently awarded to students every semester; however, it is not published outside of Honors Convocation materials; and,

**Whereas**, when students were surveyed, 48% cited a competitive edge for job applicants and 28% cited personal academic recognition as reasons for wanting a Dean's List (see Appendix A)<sup>4</sup>.

**Be it therefore resolved**, LSA SG urges the College of LSA to establish a Dean's List comprised of students that receive a term GPA of 3.5 or above that is awarded semesterly, replacing University Honors, and for the College of LSA to publish this information; and,

**Be it further resolved**, LSA SG shall send a copy of this resolution, along with a letter of support, to Curriculum and Enrollment Manager JoAnn Peraino, LSA Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Angela Dillard, and Interim LSA Dean Elizabeth Cole.

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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> Michigan Engineering Student Recognition; <https://studentawards.engin.umich.edu/deanslist/>

<sup>3</sup> STAMPS Dean's List Requirements [https://stamps.umich.edu/alumni/news/winter\\_2018\\_deans\\_list](https://stamps.umich.edu/alumni/news/winter_2018_deans_list)

<sup>4</sup> Ballot Question Fall 2018; See Appendix

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Question: The College of LSA currently does not have a Dean's List. The only colleges at Michigan that have Dean's Lists are STAMPS and Engineering. Other Big Ten institutions such as MSU, OSU, and Northwestern also have Dean's Lists, with the minimum GPA requirement usually being between 3.5 and 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Do you support the establishment of a Dean's List for the College of LSA?

Answer	Votes	Exceptions	Total including Exceptions
Yes, it can give job applicants a competitive edge	409	21	430
Yes, for personal academic recognition	242	9	251
No, I would not be in support of an LSA Dean's List	126	10	136
No preference	72	10	82

