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A Resolution Encouraging University Housing to Incorporate Voter Registration into Welcome Week Programming

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, according to the US Census Bureau, only 45% of eligible voters between 18-29 years of age voted in the 2012 US elections;² and,

Whereas, in 2012 and 2014, 64.2% and 59.6% of U-M students, respectively, were registered to vote, with respective student voter turnout rates of 44% and 14.3%;³ and,

Whereas, approximately 10,000 students, including 97% of all first-year students, live in University Housing;⁴ and,

Whereas, all first-year students living in University Housing are required to attend multiple Welcome Week events run by University Housing designed to aid them in their transition to U-M and give them information about campus resources, including a first hall meeting.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG supports the incorporation of a voter registration process by University Housing into first hall meetings and other Welcome Week programming; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG shall work with the Central Student Government and the Residence Halls Association to advocate for this; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG shall send a copy of this resolution to the Directors of Residence Education Administration.

¹¹ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

²² <https://www.census.gov/prod/2014pubs/p20-573.pdf>

³³ http://obp.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/pubdata/surveys/NSLVE_UMAA_2014.pdf

⁴⁴ <http://housing.umich.edu/about>