

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-020

A Resolution to Establish Elected Representative Office Hours

WHEREAS, Central Student Government's (hereafter CSG) mission is to encourage student civic engagement, give voice to student concerns, and enhance student welfare and the Michigan experience for everyone; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly serves to collectively represent the student voice at the university; **AND**

WHEREAS, the elected representatives of CSG are elected by the student body; **AND**

WHEREAS, student feedback is important for representatives to make decisions that represent their constituents' interests, and it holds representatives accountable for their actions; **AND**

WHEREAS, LSA Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) requires its representatives to hold office hours to meet with their constituents, which has improved LSA SG's reach and visibility;

WHEREAS, LSA SG has gained valuable insight into its constituents' concerns through the use of office hours, increasing communication between the school and its governing body;

WHEREAS, Rackham Student Government (hereafter RSG) also requires its representatives to hold office hours to meet with their constituents, which has improved RSG's reach and visibility;

WHEREAS, RSG displays its representatives' office hour locations on its website with a map, times, and contact information for each representative;

WHEREAS, holding office hours for every elected representative on the Student Assembly would improve CSG's reach and visibility on campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, CSG shall mandate all elected representatives to hold at least one office hour biweekly between 9 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

30 **RESOLVED,** CSG shall encourage representatives to hold office hours at different
32 locations across campus (e.g., University of Michigan buildings or coffee
shops on State Street and South University), with each representative
34 choosing one location for the entire semester, to increase reach to all
constituents; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, failing to attend an office hour will count as an absence, distinct from
36 weekly committee/commission attendance or attending a representative's
school's government; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

38 **RESOLVED,** holding representatives accountable for attending their office hours will
be decided at the discretion of the Speaker of the Assembly; **AND BE IT**
40 **FURTHER**

RESOLVED, the office hours will be advertised through the CSG social media
42 accounts and one direct constituents (DC) email; **AND BE IT**
FURTHER

44 **RESOLVED,** every representative's office hours will be listed on a Google Calendar
that will be featured on the CSG website, with each representative's U-M
46 email listed as contact information; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, the CSG website will include a map that displays every representative's
48 office hour location with their respective times; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that CSG will print placards displaying its logo to be used while
50 representatives are holding their office hours; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that this will be a pilot program that will begin at the start of the Winter
52 2018 semester and end at the final 7th assembly meeting; **AND BE IT**
FURTHER

54 **RESOLVED,** that at the culmination of the pilot, the authors of the resolution will
submit a report detailing the degree of success of the program, and
56 recommending whether to amend this rule to the Compiled Code; **AND**
BE IT FINALLY

58 **RESOLVED,** that CSG will encourage other college student governments to explore
options to increase their reach and visibility to their constituents.

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