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Article I

A. Title. This Compiled Code of the Michigan Student Assembly, enacted by MSA pursuant to Article II(K) of the All-Campus Constitution, contains all of the rules, regulations and procedures affecting MSA, its subsidiary entities, recognized student organizations, and the Central Student Judiciary.

B. Definitions. As referenced in this Compiled Code, the following terms shall have meaning as defined in this section.

1. "All-Campus Constitution" or "Constitution" shall mean the All-Campus Constitution ratified by the students of the University of Michigan.

2. "Michigan Student Assembly" or "MSA" or "Assembly" shall mean the central student government of the University of Michigan established by the Constitution.

3. "University" shall mean the University of Michigan.

4. "Campus" shall mean the Ann Arbor campus of the University.

5. "Student organization" shall mean a student organization explicitly recognized by MSA.

6. "Central Student Judiciary" or "CSJ" shall mean the student judicial body of the University established by the Constitution.

7. "Compiled Code" or "Code" shall mean this document.

8. "Student" shall mean a person enrolled at the University, or a person enrolled in the University during the previous full term who is eligible to be enrolled in the subsequent full term.

C. Amendments to the Compiled Code.

1. Any amendment to the Code or ballot question to amend the All-Campus Constitution must be read twice by the Assembly. The amendment must have been discussed or originated in the Rules and Elections Committee prior to its introduction, or it shall be immediately committed to the Rules and Elections Committee with instructions to return within three weeks time with their recommendations for it. Amendments to the Code or ballot questions to amend the All-Campus Constitution may not be considered by the assembly until at least one week has elapsed since the time of introduction.

2. An amendment to the Code or ballot question to amend the All-Campus Constitution shall not be considered by the Assembly unless both the pre-amendment language and the proposed amended language have been made available to the Assembly in the same document.

3. An amendment to the Code or ballot question to amend the All-Campus Constitution shall not be considered by the Assembly if the amendment creates a conflict within the Code or a conflict between the Code and the Constitution.

4. Amendments to the Code shall have immediate effect, but shall be ineffective if not recorded in the MSA minutes of the meeting at which they were enacted by the Assembly. Amendments to the All-Campus Constitution, if adopted by the student body, shall be effective as provided for in the Constitution.

5. Amendments to the Code and resolutions to place Constitutional amendments on the ballot shall require a two-thirds vote to pass.

D. Distribution of an authoritative and authentic MSA Compiled Code and All Campus Constitution.

1. The Constitution and Code shall be posted on the MSA website and a printed copy shall be made available to any student upon request.

2. Both the Constitution and the Code shall each have a title page that contains multiple elements, including: title of the document, MSA Logo, the statement “Last updated on [insert date of last revision]”, and the signatures of the Student General Counsel and the Rules and Elections Committee Chair.

3. The Student General Counsel shall deposit a copy of the updated Code and Constitution with the Bentley Historical Library following each election and prior to the seating of new representatives.

4. The copies located at the Bentley Historical Library shall be considered the official versions of the Code and Constitution. Any changes to the Code in between deposits shall be considered in effect, but must be reflected in the next deposited copy of the Code.

E. Conflict of Law.

1. Any ambiguity between the Code and the Constitution shall be resolved to give full effect to the Constitution.

2. Any ambiguity between current or pending MSA legislation and the Code, or between Robert’s Rules of Order and the Code, shall be resolved to give full effect to the Code.

3. Unless otherwise authorized herein, the Code shall not be suspended by the Assembly.

Article II

A. Committee Descriptions.

1. The Budget Priorities Committee (“BPC”) shall review applications for funding from student organizations, and shall submit student organization funding recommendations to the Assembly.

2. The Campus Governance Committee (“CGC”) shall

a. nominate students to University committees;

b. facilitate communications between MSA and its appointees to University committees;

c. maintain a list of committees to which MSA makes appointments;

d. maintain a list of students appointed to University committees;

e. shall collect mandatory reports from appointees that will be included in the end of semester MSA reports.

3. The Rules & Elections Committee (“R&E”) shall

a. monitor and facilitate MSA elections;

b. record the attendance of MSA members and seek their removal when necessary.

c. seek appointments to maintain a full Assembly;

- 74 d. make recommendations for changes as needed to the Constitution and Compiled Code.
- 75 4. The Communications Committee (“Communications”) shall
- 76 a. facilitate all communication between MSA and students;
- 77 b. publicize MSA actions and activities;
- 78 c. advertise MSA services to students;
- 79 d. coordinate MSA press releases;
- 80 e. be responsible for updating and administering the MSA website;
- 81 f. facilitate MSA’s presence during New Student Orientation and Welcome Week.
- 82 g. carry out its duties in a fair and equitable manner to all constituents while refraining from
- 83 promoting the Michigan Student Assembly as a body of bias
- 84 5. The External Relations Committee (“ERC”) shall
- 85 a. facilitate communication between MSA and individuals and organizations external to the
- 86 University community;
- 87 b. advocate on behalf of MSA and the student body before organizations external to the Uni-
- 88 versity community;
- 89 c. monitor local, state and national government actions concerning MSA and the University;
- 90 d. maintain contact with other college and university student governments and associations
- 91 of student governments.
- 92 e. Elect a liaison who shall attend Ann Arbor city council meetings and report back to the
- 93 committee with any information he/she may find pertinent.

94 **B. Commission Descriptions.**

- 95 1. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues Commission (“LGBT”) shall monitor and
- 96 work toward the improvement of student life for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, and
- 97 shall facilitate communication between relevant student organizations.
- 98 2. The North Campus Affairs Commission (“NCAC”) shall monitor and work toward the improve-
- 99 ment of student life for all students who live and study on North Campus, and shall facilitate commu-
- 100 nication between relevant student organizations.
- 101 3. The Minority Affairs Commission (“MAC”) shall monitor and work toward the improvement
- 102 of student life for all African American, Asian and Pacific American, Latino, Latina, Latin American,
- 103 Arab American and Native American students, shall strive to educate the university community on
- 104 minority affairs, and shall facilitate communication between relevant student organizations.
- 105 4. The Women’s Issues Commission (“WIC”) shall monitor and work toward the improvement of
- 106 student life for all women on campus, shall strive to educate the university community on women’s
- 107 issues and shall facilitate communication between relevant student organizations.
- 108 5. The Academic Affairs Commission (“AAC”) shall

- 109 a. monitor and work toward the improvement of the academic experience of all students;
- 110 b. be responsible for the administration of Advice Online.
- 111 6. The Peace & Justice Commission (“P&J”) shall promote a peaceful and equitable University
112 community in a fair and equitable manner to all constituents while refraining from promoting the
113 Michigan Student Assembly as a body of bias.
- 114 7. The Students Rights Commission (“SRC”) shall
- 115 a. work toward the protection and education of the rights of students;
- 116 b. shall serve on the search committee for and act as a voting member of the Code of Conduct
117 Advisory Board (C-CAB).
- 118 c. assist C-CAB in advocating for the adoption of the recommended changes to the Statement
119 of Students Rights and Responsibilities before the University administration.
- 120 8. The Environmental Issues Commission (“EIC”) shall
- 121 a. promote a sustainable University community;
- 122 b. promote environmental awareness on campus;
- 123 c. facilitate communication between relevant student organizations.
- 124 9. The International Student Affairs Commission (“ISAC”) shall monitor and work toward the
125 improvement of student life for all international students on campus, and facilitate communication
126 between relevant student organizations.
- 127 10. The Health Issues Commission (“HIC”) shall promote the health of all students on campus,
128 educate students on health issues, and facilitate communication between relevant student organiza-
129 tions.
- 130 11. The Campus Safety Commission (“CSC”) shall promote the safety of all students on campus,
131 educate students on safety issues, and facilitate communication between relevant student organiza-
132 tions.
- 133 12. The Community Service Commission (“CSC”) shall
- 134 a. review applications for funding from student organizations engaged in direct community
135 service, community development, and community organizing;
- 136 b. submit community service student organization funding recommendations to the Assembly;
- 137 c. provide financial and organizational training to community service student organizations;
- 138 d. plan, promote, and sponsor events emphasizing the importance of community service to the
139 University community.
- 140 13. The Voice Your Vote Commission (“VYV”) shall, without engaging in partisan political activity,
141 promote political awareness and participation among the University community.
- 142 14. The Campus Improvement Commission (“CIC”) shall work to promote and maintain a positive
143 campus atmosphere. They shall also work to bring events that will better the campus as a whole.
- 144 15. The Alumni Relations Commission (“ARC”) shall:

- a. build and strengthen the relationship between the Assembly and its alumni;
- b. hold a formal event celebrating MSA seniors' graduation each spring
- c. coordinate with the Communications Committee and the Chief of Staff to send a semesterly MSA update / newsletter to the alumni.

C. Leadership, Composition and Scope of Committees and Commissions.

1. Leadership.

a. **Committee leadership.** Each committee shall have a single chair and a single vice-chair, both of whom must be voting MSA representatives.

b. **Commission leadership.** Each commission shall have a chair. Two students may act as co-chairs of a commission. Commission chairs may, but are not required to, be voting MSA representatives.

2. Composition.

a. Unless otherwise specified in the Code, any student, faculty member, or staff member of the University may serve on any MSA committee or commission.

b. All committees and commissions must re-open applications for membership each semester.

3. **Scope.** No MSA committee or commission shall take or consider action falling outside of its responsibilities as described herein, unless authorized by the Assembly or the Steering Committee.

D. Select Committees.

1. **Formation.** The Assembly may, upon two reads and a majority vote, establish one or more select committees. A motion to form a select committee shall require a second and a written description of the responsibilities of the select committee.

2. Duration. Select committees shall expire upon

a. A date specified in the written description of the committee approved by the Assembly;

b. The end of the last Steering Committee meeting of a Presidential term after Winter Term elections.

c. Two reads and a majority vote by the Assembly.

3. **Leadership and Composition.** The leadership and composition of a select committee shall be analogous to that of an MSA commission.

E. Investigative Committees.

1. **Formation.** The Assembly may, upon two reads and a majority vote, establish one or more investigative committees to investigate the conduct of any MSA member(s), committee(s), or commission(s). The procedure for the formation of an investigative committee shall be analogous to that of a select committee.

2. **Duration.** The duration of an investigative committee shall be analogous to that of a select committee.

3. Leadership and Composition.

a. An investigative committee shall consist of four members, all of whom must be voting representatives on the Assembly.

b. The Student General Counsel shall chair the investigative committee. If the conduct of an Executive Officer is under investigation, the chair of the committee shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Assembly.

c. The four members of the investigative committee will be chosen by lot from the voting representatives of the Assembly, excluding those whose conduct is under investigation and those who serve as members of any committee(s) and/or commission(s) whose conduct is under investigation.

d. Any member of any investigative committee who misses two meetings of the committee shall be discharged from the committee, and a replacement shall be selected by the Assembly.

4. Investigative Committee Procedure.

a. The quorum of an investigative committee meeting shall be three members. No meeting of the committee shall be convened without the chair.

b. The chair of an investigative committee shall vote only to break a tie among the members of the committee.

c. Investigative committee meetings shall be open to the public.

d. MSA member(s), committee(s), or commission(s) under investigation shall have the right to attend meetings of the investigative committee, and shall have the right to submit responses to any findings of the committee.

e. At all stages of an investigation, an investigative committee shall presume that the alleged misconduct did not occur. Any misconduct must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

f. Upon a finding of misconduct by an investigative committee, the committee may recommend, but its recommendations shall not exceed, the censure or removal of any offending MSA member or officer from his or her chair position, officer position, or MSA membership.

g. The findings and recommendations of an investigative committee shall be submitted in writing to the Assembly. The findings of the committee shall be accepted automatically by the Assembly, and may be rejected by the Assembly upon a motion to reject the findings, a second to the motion, and a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly.

h. The findings and recommendations of an investigative committee may be appealed to the Central Student Judiciary.

F. Committee and Commission Chair Elections.

1. **Order of Elections.** As provided for in the Constitution, the Assembly shall elect the chairs of its committees and commissions each term. The Assembly shall elect committee chairs first, commission chairs second, and committee vice-chairs third. The chair elections shall proceed in order of the appearance of the committees and commissions in the Constitution. The Assembly shall not elect the chair(s) of the International Students Affairs Commission, which shall nominate and elect its chairs internally. Individuals elected must be approved by the general assembly at large. The Assembly shall retain the ability to remove the chairs of every committee and commission.

2. Nominations.

- a. Candidates for chair and vice-chair positions shall be nominated by a motion and a second.
- b. A candidate for a chair or vice-chair position may nominate herself.
- c. Nominations will not be valid unless accepted by the nominated candidate nominated.
- d. Nominations and acceptances shall be accepted by the chair if made in person. Nominations and acceptances shall be accepted by the chair via email, telephone, or letter if verified by an executive officer.
- e. The floor shall be closed to nominations when no nominations remain. The floor may be re-opened to nominations by a motion, second, and majority vote of the Assembly.

3. Election Procedure.

- a. Each candidate for a chair or vice-chair position shall have two minutes to address the Assembly. Candidates shall speak in the order in which they were nominated.

b. Questions for candidates.

- i. After all candidates have had the opportunity to address the Assembly, Assembly members shall have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.
- ii. Questions may be addressed to only one candidate, but every candidate shall have the opportunity to answer every question.
- iii. The Assembly shall ask no more than six questions of every candidate for any one chair or vice-chair position.
- iv. Candidates shall have thirty seconds each to answer questions from the Assembly.
- v. Candidates shall answer questions in the reverse order in which they were nominated. The order will then iterate respectively.

c. Voting by the Assembly.

- i. All elections for chair and vice-chair positions will be by secret ballot.
- ii. If only one candidate has been nominated for any position, she shall be automatically elected unless any member of the Assembly objects. Upon such an objection, the election shall be by secret ballot.
- iii. A candidate shall be elected if she receives a majority of the votes cast.
- iv. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed from the election and another vote shall be taken.
- v. The votes shall be counted by two tellers nominated and approved by a majority of the Assembly.

G. Committee and Commission Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Meetings.

a. Committees and commissions shall meet at least once per week during the fall and winter terms. This rule shall not apply to the Budget Priorities Committee nor the Community Service Commission.

b. The chair of each committee and commission shall establish the time and location of each meeting, providing at least one day's notice of the time and location to the Assembly.

c. Committees and commissions are not required to meet on weeks where the University observes one or more holidays.

d. Committee and commission chairs or their designees shall be required to attend meetings of the Steering Committee.

2. Reports.

a. Each committee and commission chair shall present a budget to the Treasurer in accordance with IV A 3.

b. Each committee and commission shall submit a weekly report of its activities to the Assembly.

c. Reports may be delivered in person or in writing.

d. A report shall include all information pertinent to the operation of the committee or commission, and must include an attendance report from the committee or commission meeting.

3. Attendance.

a. The chair of each committee and commission shall be responsible for recording the attendance of meetings of the committee or commission.

b. Committee and commission attendance reports shall be submitted to the Vice-Chair of the Rules & Elections Committee within one day of the committee or commission meeting.

H. Recall of Committee and Commission Chairs and Vice-Chairs

1. The chair or vice-chair of a committee or commission shall be automatically recalled by the Assembly upon

a. failure to hold a meeting for two consecutive weeks;

b. failure to attend two consecutive meetings of the Steering Committee;

c. failure to submit attendance reports for the committee or commission for two consecutive weeks;

d. a motion, second, and two-thirds vote of the Assembly.

2. Procedure for the Removal of a Chair or Vice-Chair.

a. Any chair or vice-chair who has been recalled by the Assembly shall have the opportunity to address the Assembly for two minutes.

b. A recalled chair or vice-chair may be reinstated upon a motion, second, and majority vote of the Assembly.

c. A recalled chair or vice-chair may not be reinstated after a new chair or vice-chair has been elected to fill the recalled position.

I. Assembly Member Committee Obligations.

1. Every voting representative on the Assembly must attend at least one MSA committee or commission meeting every week.

2. Pursuant to Article II(E)(3)(b) and (c) of the Constitution, the Rules & Elections Committee shall record one absence for every voting representative on MSA for failure to attend one committee or commission meeting every week.

Article III

A. The Executive Officers

1. The President will preside at meetings of the Assembly, oversee and coordinate all MSA activities, and be the chief spokesperson for MSA unless otherwise specified in the Code or Constitution. The President may appoint a chair to preside over any portion of an Assembly meeting. The President must appoint a Treasurer, Student General Counsel, and Chief of Staff prior to the end of the Winter Semester.

2. The Executive Vice President will chair the Assembly in the absence of the President, coordinate and supervise the general administrative staff of MSA, work with the Administrative Coordinator to assign MSA office space, preside at meetings of the Steering Committee, maintain a record of all activities of the Assembly, and prepare an MSA Mid-Year Report and MSA End-Year Report.

3. The Treasurer will chair the Assembly in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President, prepare one budget for the Fall term and one budget for Winter/Spring/Summer terms in consultation with the other executive officers, committee, commission, and select commission chairs, the Administrative coordinator, and the MSA financial advisor. The Treasurer shall promptly disburse allocated funds with the assistance of the Administrative Coordinator, promptly respond to requests for budgetary information by MSA members. The Treasurer shall make available any information concerning the budget or finance information of MSA available upon request to representatives and committee and commission chairs. The Front Office shall make available the Annual Budget to available upon request to any student. The Administrative Coordinator shall make available upon request any previously prepared financial information to any student.

4. The Student General Counsel will chair the Assembly in the absence of the President, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, will serve as MSA counsel before student judiciaries with full authority in representing MSA before such judiciaries, will serve as Parliamentarian of the Assembly, will assist MSA members who desire technical assistance in drafting or amending MSA legislation, will in consultation with legal experts report legal advice to the Assembly as needed, will review MSA legislation and motions for compliance with the Code and Constitution, and will be responsible for assessing absences to representatives and chairs as outlined in the Code and Constitution.

5. The Chief-of-Staff will, work with the Administrative Coordinator to assign MSA officer space, prepare the agenda for Assembly meetings, maintain a record of the actions of the Assembly's committees and commissions, and assist the Executive Vice-President in the preparation of an MSA Mid-Year Report and MSA End-Year Report.

B. Steering Committee

1. **Meetings.** The Steering Committee shall meet weekly before Assembly meetings during the fall and winter semesters. Additional meetings of the Committee may be scheduled by the Executive Vice President with 24 hours advance notice to the members of the Committee.

2. Authority.

a. All business for the Assembly must be presented to the Steering Committee. All such business will be presented to the Assembly unless ruled out of order by the Student General Counsel.

b. The Steering Committee may, without Assembly approval, authorize the expenditure of up to \$250 from any MSA account by a motion, a second and two-thirds vote.

c. All actions of the Steering Committee may be overturned at the subsequent meeting of the Assembly by a motion, second, and majority vote.

C. Central Student Judiciary

1. **Supremacy Clause.** This section is superseded by the MSA Constitution but supersedes all other sections of the Compiled Code and all other MSA legislation with respect to judiciaries and judicial proceedings. Amendments to this chapter must be approved by CSJ.

2. **Central Student Judiciary.** CSJ will serve as the principle student judiciary and as the judicial branch of the all-campus student government provided for in Article X of the MSA Constitution. It has primary responsibility for enforcing the MSA Constitution and for adjudicating disputes arising out of the MSA Constitution, Compiled Code and other legislation enacted pursuant to the MSA Constitution.

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3. **Jurisdiction.** CSJ has jurisdiction over actions where there is no other judicial body with jurisdiction or where it is not clear which judiciary has jurisdiction. CSJ has original jurisdiction in all disputes concerning which body shall hear a particular action.

4. CSJ Structure and Membership.

See also MSA Constitution: X, A and B.

a. The officers of CSJ (Chief Justice, Associate Chief Justice, Administrative Justice) will be elected from among the members of CSJ following the appointment of new members each term. The Associate Chief Justice will serve as Acting Chief Justice if the Chief Justice is unable to perform a duty required of the office. If both the Chief Justice and the Associate Chief Justice are unable to perform the duties required of the Chief Justice, CSJ will elect an Acting Chief Justice from its membership to serve until either the Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice is able to serve or until the next election of officers.

b. Except where specifically provided for elsewhere in this section, courts of CSJ may have partially or completely overlapping memberships.

c. If an action raises a conflict of interest for a member of CSJ, that member cannot hear the action, either in CSJ's original jurisdiction or on appeal. No member of CSJ, including the Chief Justice, who heard an action at trial, may hear an appeal on the action.

d. The Chief Justice can fill any vacancies in any CSJ court from the membership of CSJ as necessary.

367 **5. CSJ Procedures.** This section, as well as the CSJ Manual of Judicial Procedure and CSJ
368 Manual of Administrative Procedure, will form the Manual of Procedure mandated in the MSA Con-
369 stitution. The CSJ Manual of Judicial Procedure will govern all judicial proceedings before any court
370 of CSJ.

371 **6. CSJ Courts.**

372 a. General Hearing Courts have original jurisdiction in each action within the jurisdiction of
373 CSJ except for those specifically within the jurisdiction of an Election Court. A new General Hearing
374 Court is created each time a case arises and serves until the case is disposed. The General Hearing
375 Court consists of three CSJ members, one of whom will be the President Justice of the court. The
376 Chief Justice of CSJ appoints members of the General Hearing Court and designates the Presiding
377 Justice. The Chief Justice can serve on the court and can designate him or herself Presiding Justice.

378 b. Election Courts have the powers given to the “Election Board” in the MSA Constitution
379 (note that this is not the same as the “Election Board” constituted by MSA in the section on “Election
380 Code”). The Election Court has jurisdiction over any action arising out of MSA general or special
381 elections. The Election Court has jurisdiction over all actions arising under the “Election Code”, the
382 “Code on Petitions and Ballot Questions”, and the section on “Seat Reapportionment”. A new Election
383 Court is created for each election. The Election Court consists of three members of CSJ, one of whom
384 will be the Presiding Justice of the court. The Chief Justice of CSJ has the same powers over the
385 Election Court as s/he does over the General Hearing Courts.

386 c. Appellate Courts have appellate jurisdiction in each action within the jurisdiction of CSJ. A
387 new Appellate Court is appointed by the Chief Justice of CSJ each time a case arises, and serves until
388 disposition of the case. The Appellate Court consists of all members of CSJ who are not disqualified
389 or unable to serve for other reasons and in no case less than three justices. One of the justices will be
390 designated as the Presiding Justice of the court. If the Chief Justice of CSJ serves on the court, he
391 or she can serve as the Presiding Justice; otherwise the court will select a Presiding Justice from its
392 membership.

393 **D. Student Governments.**

394 **1. Definition.** A student government must be democratically constituted in accordance with Arti-
395 cle I(C) of the Constitution and must hold college- or school-wide elections on at least an annual basis.
396 Only one government may represent the entirety of any one school or college.

397 **2. Appointments to MSA.**

398 a. School and college governments shall have the right to make appointments to fill vacant
399 MSA seats apportioned to that school or college.

400 b. No school or college government appointment to MSA is valid without written confirmation
401 to the MSA executive officers from the presiding officer of the school or college government.

402 c. An appointment to MSA shall endure only for the remainder of the term of the vacated seat.

403 **3. Rights and Responsibilities.** a. School and college governments shall have the right to reg-
404 ister as student organizations.

405 b. All school and college governments must register a copy of their constitution and by-laws, and
406 any subsequent amendments, with MSA.

407 c. All school and college governments must appoint a contact person to serve as a liaison between
408 MSA and the school or college government, and must register this contact information with MSA.

E. Student Organizations.

1. **Registration.** A student group seeking registration with MSA must comply with all of the MSA rules and regulations required for student organizations. Failure to comply with any regulation may result in a termination of the organization's status as a registered student organization. A student group is registered automatically upon the receipt by the MSA Administrative Coordinator of a qualified application for registration.

2. Requirements for Registration.

a. A student organization must have at least five currently-enrolled University of Michigan students as members.

b. More than half of the total membership of the group must be students currently enrolled at the University of Michigan.

c. At least two-thirds of the total group membership must be comprised of University of Michigan students, alumni, faculty or staff.

d. No member of a student organization can receive personal financial benefit from membership in the organization.

e. No organization can adopt a name which may be construed by the University community as misleading concerning the nature or affiliation of the organization.

f. "The University of Michigan" may not be used in the beginning of any student organization name.

g. A new registration form is required for each school year.

h. Groups must update MSA with new contacts and authorized signer information as changes occur.

i. An application for registration must include a written description of the organization.

3. **Termination of Registration.** The registration for all student organizations shall terminate at the end of September of every year. Registration may also be terminated at any time if the group fails to meet the requirements for registration. MSA shall have the responsibility of notifying an active student organization of impending termination of its registered status.

4. Ex-Officio Representation

a. A group wishing to attain an ex-officio seat shall submit a list of first name, last name, and email address of at least 400 members, as well as a signed statement acknowledging that they do not belong to a larger organization and are not a college or school student government on the MSA Website's online ex-officio submission tool.

b. If a question is raised about the validity of the 400-member roster, the Rules and Elections Committee will conduct an investigation on the number of students in the student organization in question.

c. Ex-Officio seats shall expire at the end of every winter semester. Groups wishing to re-apply to retain their seats in the fall shall retain their seat until a determination is made regarding their eligibility for the seat in the fall.

d. There shall be no limit to the number of groups allowed to have ex-officio seats. All groups meeting the criteria shall be granted a seat.

e. Student organization ex-officio members shall have all the rights of a regular assembly member, except they may not make motions, second a motion, or vote.

F. External Organizations of Which MSA is a Member

1. **The Association of Big Ten Students (“ABTS”).** MSA shall send a delegation to ABTS conferences. Membership in the delegation shall be subject to nomination by the External Relations Committee and a confirmation by two-thirds of the Steering Committee.

2. **The Student Association of Michigan (“SAM”).** MSA shall send a delegation to SAM meetings. Membership in the delegation shall be subject to nomination by the External Relations Committee and a confirmation by two-thirds of the Steering Committee.

G. Responsibilities of Appointees

1. **Responsibilities of Appointees.** Students appointed by the Assembly to any advisory or policy-making committee of the University must ensure that

a. the Campus Governance Committee has the current contact and student status information of the appointee;

b. the Campus Governance Committee receives information about the function and activities of the committee to which she was appointed;

c. the appointee regularly attends meetings of the committee to which she was appointed.

2. **Political Responsibility of Appointees.** Students appointed by the Assembly to any advisory or policy-making committee of the University may not take any position or cast any vote contrary to the Constitution, Code, or any article of MSA legislation.

3. **Recall of Appointees.** The Campus Governance Committee may recall any student appointed to any University committee for failure to discharge her responsibilities. A recall shall be effective upon a motion, second, and two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee.

H. MSA Legislation

1. All business proposed to the Assembly shall be ruled out of order by the Student General Counsel if not in compliance with the Constitution or Compiled Code.

2. Additional Requirements for MSA Legislation.

a. **Sponsor.** MSA legislation shall be out of order if it is not sponsored by at least one member of MSA. Students at large, committees, commissions, select committees, student governments, and student organizations may all be sponsors, but are not members of MSA.

b. **Action.** MSA legislation shall be deemed out of order by the Student General Counsel if it is purely symbolic or does not specify an action to be taken by MSA.

c. **Truthful Statements.** MSA legislation shall be out of order if it contains untrue or unverifiable statements of fact.

d. **Financial Specificity.** MSA legislation authorizing expenditure or transfer of MSA money for events may do so only from MSA Committee Discretionary or MSA Sponsored Activities accounts. Resolutions shall be out of order if it does not specify the MSA account(s) to be debited, the recipient(s) of the funds, the purpose(s) of the expenditure(s), and the exact amount(s) to be spent. Legislation authorizing expenditure or transfer of MSA money from MSA Sponsored Activities must be in accordance with IV I.

e. **Informative Requirement.** MSA legislation shall be out of order if it is so vague that it does not provide enough information to the Assembly to make an informed decision.

f. All MSA legislation must have line numbers (at least every five lines). If lines are not numbered, the legislation shall be ruled out of order by the Student General Counsel.

3. **Obligation to Execute MSA Legislation.** No committee, commission, select committee, or member of MSA may take any action in its or her capacity as an MSA affiliate which contradicts any article of MSA legislation.

4. **Duration of MSA Legislation.**

a. MSA legislation excluding funding requests shall remain effective until repealed.

b. Funding requests shall remain effective until the last day of classes of the Winter Semester of the academic year they were passed.

I. Parliamentary Rights. Parliamentary rights on the Assembly shall be granted as follows:

1. Assembly members shall be granted full parliamentary rights on the Assembly.

2. All other officers elected or confirmed by the Assembly shall be considered members of MSA and shall be granted all parliamentary rights on the Assembly except for the right to vote. Members of CSJ, the Election Director and Election Board, appointees to University committees, and regular MSA committee, commission, or select committee members shall not be considered officers of MSA

3. Individuals not accounted for above shall not be considered members of MSA and shall not be granted parliamentary rights on the Assembly, though they shall be permitted to speak during the time reserved for community concerns or when yielded to by an MSA member in debate.

Article IV

A. Annual Budget

1. **Revenue.** MSA will collect revenue from student fees, its balance carry-forward from the previous year, and interest income from the University investment pool.

2. Accounts.

a. **General Account.** The MSA General Account shall include all MSA revenue. Money from this account will be transferred to other accounts upon the adoption of the annual budget.

b. **General Reserve.** The MSA General Reserve account shall be used for emergency funding if necessary. The amount budgeted to the General Reserve from the General Account by the annual budget shall be at least 5% of projected incoming revenue. No money may be allocated from the General Reserve without the approval of two-thirds of the Assembly.

c. **Operations.** The MSA Operations Account shall be used for funding the management of the MSA offices, but shall not be used to pay full-time or part-time staff. The amount budgeted to the Operations Account from the General Account by the annual budget shall be at least 4% of projected incoming revenue.

d. **Payroll.** The MSA Payroll Account shall be used to pay MSA's full-time and part-time staff. The amount budgeted to the Payroll Account from the General Account by the annual budget may not exceed 15% of projected incoming revenue.

e. **Childcare.** \$1.00 per student per semester shall be collected by Student Financial Operations and transferred to a University Financial Aid account for the maintenance of childcare for students. This money shall not pass into or through any of MSA's accounts.

f. **Committee and Commission Accounts.** Each MSA committee, commission, and select committee shall have its own account. Unless otherwise instructed herein, the Treasurer shall determine the amount to be budgeted to each of these accounts in the annual budget.

i. **Budget Priorities Committee.** The amount budgeted to the Budget Priorities Committee Account from the General Account by the annual budget shall be at least 40% of projected incoming revenue or \$175,000, whichever is greater.

ii. **Community Service Commission.** The amount budgeted to the Community Service Commission Account from the General Account by the annual budget shall be at least 20% of projected incoming revenue or \$87,500, whichever is greater.

iii. Funds from Budget Priorities Committees and Community Service Commission are the only funds that may be transferred to registered student organization SOAS accounts.

g. **Committee Discretionary.** The MSA Committee Discretionary shall be used by the Assembly for expenditures on specific projects and tasks of committee, commissions, and select committees. The amount budgeted to the Committee Discretionary account from the General Account by the annual budget shall consist of all funds not budgeted to any other MSA account. Committee Discretionary funds may only be disbursed to valid MSA committee, commission, or select committee SOAS accounts.

3. **Enacting the budget.** The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget in consultation with the executive officers and with the assistance of the administrative coordinator and MSA financial advisor. Committee, commission and select committee chairs must submit a budget proposal to the Treasurer for review no later than two (2) weeks into the fall term or no later than one (1) week prior to the start of the winter term. The Treasurer shall propose the two (2) term budgets to the Assembly no later than the third meeting of the Fall and Winter terms. It shall be approved upon a motion, a second and a majority vote.

4. **Amendments to the Budget.** The annual budget may be amended by the Assembly by a motion, second, and majority vote.

5. The Treasurer must hold an open meeting on each term's proposed budget at least seven (7) days before the vote on the budget is set to be voted upon.

B. Disbursements.

1. Committee, Commission, and Select Committees.

a. The chair of a committee, commission, or select committee may spend money from that committee, commission or select committee account only with the consent and signature of an executive officer. Committee, commission and select committee chairs may only spend money allocated to them on the specific projects that the money was allocated for.

i. \$150 with the consent and signature of an executive officer;

ii. \$250 with the consent and signature of an executive officer and the a two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee;

iii. any amount with the consent and signature of an executive officer and the approval of a majority of the Assembly.

b. \$100 from each committee, commission, and select committee account may be used by the chair for making copies, and need not require approval of an executive officer. If this \$100 is exhausted, additional funds from that committee, commission, or select committee account may be used for copies with the consent of an executive officer.

c. **Reimbursement.** Upon presentation of the appropriate receipts, the Administrative Coordinator will reimburse the committee, commission, or select committee chair for expenditures. The amount reimbursed shall not exceed the amount allocated to the committee or commission, and must conform to the conditions under which the expenditure was approved.

d. Alterations to an individual committee, commission or select committee budget after the MSA budget has been passed through the budget enacting process must be approved by the Executive Officers.

2. Operations Disbursements. Any executive officer, by her consent and signature, may authorize the allocation of up to \$250 from the Operations account for supplies without the prior authorization of the Steering Committee or the Assembly.

3. Payroll Disbursements. a. Any executive officer, by her consent and signature, may authorize the disbursement of salary from the Payroll Account to part-time MSA staff without the prior authorization of the Steering Committee or the Assembly.

b. The Director or Assistant Director of the Office of Student Activities and Leadership, by her consent and signature, may authorize the disbursement of salary from the Payroll Account to full-time MSA staff without prior approval of the Steering Committee or the Assembly.

4. Authorized Account Signatures. a. Expenditures from any MSA account shall require two authorized signatures. All MSA executive officers and the MSA Administrative Coordinator shall be authorized to approve expenditures from every MSA account. Committee, commission, and select committee chairs shall be authorized to approve expenditures only from that committee, commission, or select committee account. Persons acting as chair shall not be authorized to approve expenditures from any account.

b. The Steering Committee or the Assembly, upon a motion, second, and a vote, may authorize any person to approve expenditures from any MSA account.

5. Disbursements to External Organizations. Per Article VI, Section H of the All-Campus Constitution, no disbursement from any MSA account to an external organization shall be approved without a majority vote of the Assembly.

C. Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC).

602 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Office Space Allocation Committee is to provide University of
603 Michigan student organizations with criteria and applications for office space and locker usage. OSAC
604 shall reviews applications for space and allocate office space and lockers on the fourth floor of the
605 Michigan Union.

606 2. **Composition**

607 a. OSAC will be composed of 8 student members. These 8 members constitute the voting
608 members of OSAC. Quorum shall be a majority of voting committee members. A simple majority shall
609 be required for all committee decisions.

610 b. 3 OSAC members will represent the Michigan Union Board of Representatives (MUBR).
611 One of the three representatives must be the Chairperson of MUBR or her designee.

612 c. 3 OSAC members will represent the Michigan Student Assembly. One of the three repre-
613 sentatives must be the Vice President of MSA or her designee.

614 d. 2 OSAC members will be at-large members. The selection of these members is the duty of
615 the Campus Governance Committee.

616 e. In addition to the 8 voting members, the Administrative Coordinator of MSA and a Michi-
617 gan Union representative will attend the meetings of OSAC as non-voting members.

618 f. The MUBR Chairperson, the MSA Vice President, and the MSA Administrative Coordinator
619 will jointly determine the weekly meeting time and place for OSAC.

620 g. If an OSAC member is absent at more than two OSAC meetings, she will be removed
621 from the committee and will automatically be replaced by appointment from the Campus Governance
622 Committee.

623 h. Two transition meetings between the old and new OSAC committees will be held. The
624 first meeting will take place within two weeks of the applications being made available. The second
625 meeting will occur during the first meeting of the new OSAC in which applications are reviewed.

626 3. **Internal Positions**

627 a. The MSA Administrative Coordinator will serve as the chair of OSAC. During all OSAC
628 meetings, the chair will maintain order within the committee, keep the committee focused, and vote
629 in the event of a tie.

630 b. OSAC will appoint an Internal Secretary. The Internal Secretary will record the minutes
631 from every meeting and keep proper documentation of all activities. The Administrative Coordinator
632 shall maintain copies of all documentation.

633 c. OSAC will also appoint an External Secretary. The External Secretary will serve as a
634 correspondent to all parties outside the committee.

635 d. The Internal and External Secretaries will be elected by the committee through a simple
636 majority of open voting.

637 e. All OSAC members must complete a summary of each application they are assigned to
638 review. These summaries will be maintained by the MSA Administrative Coordinator.

639 4. **Process.**

640 a. OSAC application materials shall be made available at the beginning of the winter semester.

b. Applications will be due one month after they are made available.

c. OSAC may contact a student organization for more information or clarification of their application.

d. No late applications will be accepted. Student organizations which submit a late application will be notified immediately that their applications were not accepted.

5. Appeals

a. Grounds for appeal will be limited to:

i. deviations from the office space allocation procedure as set forth in this article.

ii. penalties applied by MSA, MUBR or the Union Administration regarding office space that are arguably inappropriate for the violation.

iii. non-allocation of office space to a student organization who which correctly followed all of the application steps.

b. The Appeals Board will be composed of 1 MUBR member (not included in the allocation process), 2 MSA members (not included in the allocation process), one Union Administration member (not included in the allocation process), and one student-at-large selected by the Campus Governance Committee.

c. The composition of the Appeals Board will be determined within the first two weeks that appeals are made available.

d. An appeal must be submitted in writing, with the president, chairperson, or equivalent's signature, to the MSA office no later than 5 business days after the original penalty was assessed.

e. The Appeals Board will meet within 2 days of the appeals due date and determine whether the appeal has reason to be heard.

f. If the Appeals Board finds a reason for appeals to be heard, appeals will take place over the following Saturday and Sunday. Appeal sign-ups will be posted in MSA.

g. The organization requesting the appeal can bring no more than 5 members to the appeal.

h. Only oral presentations with a typed supplement will be considered at the Appeals hearing.

i. The Appeals Board will decide on the appeal no later than 5 days after the conclusion of the meeting. The Appeals Board can advise OSAC to reconsider the application, and can ask OSAC to meet with the members of the appealing organization for an information review.

j. Deviations from the timeline by an appealing student organization will render the appeal null and void.

D. Budget Priorities Committee (BPC)

1. BPC shall consider funding requests for all student organizations and their events under the guidelines established below.

2. Membership Structure

a. BPC shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Reviews, and Appeals Board.

b. Voting Membership

i. BPC shall be composed of a Reviews Board and an Appeals Board.

(a) Each Board must have at least four but no more than nine voting members.

(i) The Chair is non-voting member.

(ii) The Vice-chair is a voting member.

(b) Each Board must maintain a majority of voting MSA Representatives.

ii. The Reviews Board and Appeals Board shall be recommended by the BPC Chair and shall be confirmed upon a motion, second and a two-thirds majority vote of the Steering Committee (SC) of MSA.

iii. Removal of Voting Members

(a) Any voting member from either Board may be removed upon a motion, second, and two-thirds majority vote of the SC.

(b) The Chair of the SC shall be responsible for contacting the Board member removed with a written explanation of the reason for removal and shall place it in the SC minutes.

3. Voting Rights

a. No voting member from either Board may vote on a request for funds from any student organization that they hold an appointed, compensated, or elected leadership position in.

b. Violations of paragraph (3.a) shall be grounds for immediate removal from either Board.

c. Violations by members of MSA shall constitute malfeasance in office and be grounds for impeachment or removal from all offices and positions held in MSA.

d. Prior to a vote related to the finances of an organization, members of either Board are required to declare any financial or personal interest they have with that organization.

e. Chair Voting

i. The Chair shall vote to break a tie.

ii. The Chair may not vote in any other circumstances.

4. BPC Procedure

a. BPC shall determine and recommend funding allocations to the MSA on a viewpoint neutral basis.

b. BPC may not consider the membership, composition, or political views of any organization when deliberating funding recommendations.

c. Funding applications to BPC shall be made available to student organizations within two weeks of the start of each semester and shall remain available until the application deadline for the final cycle of that semester.

d. BPC shall consider no more than one application per organization per cycle.

e. Upon the request of an officer of a student organization, the BPC Chair, or designee, shall provide a written justification for that organization's recommended allocation.

f. Upon the request of any member of MSA, the BPC Chair, or designee, shall provide a written justification for the recommended allocation of any organization.

g. Any money allocated to a student organization by the Assembly upon recommendation from BPC which is unspent by the organization shall be considered canceled by the organization and shall revert to MSA.

h. The BPC Chair, with the assistance of the Administrative Coordinator, will oversee the disbursement and reimbursement process of student organizations from BPC earmarked funds.

5. Student Organization Requirements

a. All student groups applying for funding must be registered with MSA and have a valid SOAS account.

b. Student organizations must present accurate information to BPC through written applications and any oral statements.

c. BPC conditions

i. BPC may attach any conditions to their allocations regarding the use of funds.

ii. Organizations receiving funding must stipulate in a grant agreement that they will adhere to these conditions.

iii. Failure to adhere to the conditions attached to the agreement by BPC shall result in a cancellation of the agreement, and all allocated funds shall revert to MSA.

iv. BPC shall not fund, unless deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the committee:

(a) Capital goods

(b) T-shirts

(c) Newspaper advertisements

(d) Hotel or airfare costs for students traveling from campus

(e) Gas

(f) Club sports fees assessed by the Athletic Department

v. Organizations receiving funding from BPC must agree to either include the phrase "Sponsored by the Michigan Student Assembly" or place the MSA logo on a publication that is distributed for the event.

6. BPC Funding Outline

a. Each semester shall consist of at least two funding cycles.

b. The Review Board shall recommend allocations to the Assembly,

c. Any organization may appeal its recommended allocation to the Appeals Board, which shall hear the organization's oral appeal upon request by the organization.

7. Funding Ineligibility

a. BPC shall not fund an organization which is a MSA Committee, Commission, or Select Committee with funds earmarked for BPC.

b. An organization may be deemed ineligible for funding by a two-thirds vote of the MSA.

8. Late Applications

a. Late applications shall be considered only under extenuating circumstances.

b. For the BPC Chair to consider a late application, a written statement attached to the funding application must be submitted to the MSA office within three work days of the original application deadline.

9. Violations

a. Student Organization

i. Any student organization presenting misleading information regarding activities, finances, membership, or any other required information will not have its application considered by BPC and may, upon a majority vote of the MSA, have its student organization status revoked.

10. Funding Considerations

a. Consideration for funding often is based upon the these criteria:

i. Quantity of students affected

ii. The degree of effect on students

iii. Effect on the Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, and general Michigan community

iv. Effort to receive funding from other sources

v. Completeness of the funding application

vi. Unique nature of the event

vii. Prior utilization of MSA funding allocations

E. Community Service Committee (CSC)

1. CSC shall consider funding requests for all student organizations' projects under the following categories, within the guidelines established below:

a. Direct community service

b. Indirect community service

c. Community development

d. Community organization

e. Social action

778 f. Education

779 **2. Membership Structure**

780 a. CSC shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Reviews, and Appeals Board

781 **b. Voting Membership**

782 i. CSC shall be composed of a Reviews Board and an Appeals Board.

783 (a) Each Board must have at least three but no more than nine voting members.

784 (i) i. The Chair is non-voting member.

785 (ii) ii. The Vice-chair is a voting member.

786 (b) Each Board must maintain at least one voting MSA Representative.

787 ii. The Reviews Board and Appeals Board shall be recommended by the CSC Chair and
788 shall be confirmed upon a motion, second and a two-thirds majority vote of the Steering Committee
789 (SC) of MSA.

790 **iii. Removal of Voting Members**

791 (a) Any voting member from either Board may be removed upon a motion, second, and
792 two-thirds majority vote of the SC.

793 (b) The Chair of the SC shall be responsible for contacting the Board member removed
794 with a written explanation of the reason for removal and shall place it in the SC minutes.

795 **3. Voting Rights**

796 a. No voting member from either Board may vote on a request for funds from any student
797 organization that they hold an appointed, compensated, or elected leadership position in.

798 b. Violations of paragraph (3.a) shall be grounds for immediate removal from either Board.

799 c. Violations by members of the MSA shall constitute malfeasance in office and be grounds for
800 impeachment or removal from all offices and positions held in MSA.

801 d. Prior to a vote related to the finances of an organization, members of either Board are
802 required to publicly acknowledge to the respective body any financial interest with that organization.

803 **e. Chair Voting**

804 i. The Chair shall vote to break a tie.

805 ii. The Chair may not vote in any other circumstances.

806 **4. CSC Procedure**

807 a. CSC shall recommend funding allocations to the MSA on a viewpoint neutral basis.

808 b. CSC may not consider the membership, composition, or political views of any organization
809 when deliberating funding recommendations.

c. CSC grant applications shall be made available to student organizations within two weeks of the start of each semester and shall remain available until the application deadline for the final cycle of that semester.

d. CSC shall consider no more than one application per program per cycle.

e. Upon the request of an officer of a student organization, the CSC Chair, or designee, shall provide a written justification for that organization's recommended allocation.

f. Upon the request of any member of MSA, the CSC Chair, or designee, shall provide a written justification for the recommended allocation of any organization.

g. Any money allocated to a student organization by the Assembly upon recommendation from CSC which is unspent by the organization shall be considered canceled by the organization and shall revert to MSA.

h. The CSC Chair, with the assistance of the Administrative Coordinator, will oversee the disbursement and reimbursement process of student organizations from CSC earmarked funds.

5. Student Organization Requirements

a. All student groups applying for funding must be registered with MSA and have a valid SOAS account.

b. Student organizations must present accurate information to CSC through written applications and any oral statements.

c. CSC conditions

i. CSC may attach any conditions to their allocations regarding the use of funds.

ii. Organizations receiving funding must stipulate in a grant agreement that they will adhere to these conditions.

iii. Failure to adhere to the conditions attached to the agreement by CSC shall result in a cancellation of the agreement, and all allocated funds shall revert to MSA.

iv. CSC shall not fund, unless deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board reviewing the program:

(a) Capital goods

(b) T-shirts

(c) Travel Costs

(d) Philanthropic events

(e) Food not vital to the implementation of the program

(f) Events that charge admission

(g) Student salaries for services

(h) Club sports fees assessed by the Athletic Department

(i) Projects not open to all UM students

v. Organizations receiving funding from CSC must agree to either include the phrase “IJSSponsored by the Michigan Student Assembly” or place the MSA logo on a publication that is distributed for the event.

6. CSC Funding Outline

a. Each semester shall consist of at least one funding cycle.

b. The Review Board

i. The Review Board shall hold oral interviews for all groups applying for funding before initial allocation decisions are made.

ii. At least two Review Board members shall attend each interview and shall take detailed notes of questions, answers, and other pertinent information, to present at the allocation session(s).

iii. Following oral interviews, the Review Board shall recommend allocations to the Assembly.

c. Any organization may appeal its recommended allocation to the Appeals Board, which shall hear the organization’s oral appeal upon request by the organization.

7. Funding Ineligibility

a. CSC shall not fund an organization which is a MSA Committee, Commission, or Select Committee with funds earmarked for CSC.

b. An organization may be deemed ineligible for funding by a two-thirds vote of the MSA.

8. Late Applications

a. Late applications shall be considered only under extenuating circumstances.

b. For the CSC Chair to consider a late application, a written statement attached to the funding application must be submitted to the MSA office within three work days of the original application deadline.

9. Violations

a. Student Organization

i. Any student organization presenting misleading information regarding activities, finances, membership, or any other required information will not have its application considered by CSC and may, upon a majority vote of the MSA, have its student organization status revoked.

10. Funding Considerations

a. Consideration for funding often is based upon the these criteria::

i. Application of areas CSC funds (E.1)

ii. Quantity of students affected

iii. The degree of affect on students

iv. Affect on the Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, and general Michigan community

- v. Effort to receive funding from other sources
- vi. Completeness of the funding application for funding
- vii. Unique nature of the event
- viii. Prior utilization of MSA funding allocations

F. BPC and CSC Joint Procedures

1. BPC and CSC shall not fund the same expenditures for the same program for the same organization.
2. BPC and CSC shall not fund any organizations or programs sponsored or co-sponsored by organizations which have been deemed ineligible for funding by MSA.

G. Assembly Funding Recommendations Procedure

1. BPC and CSC funding recommendations shall only be voted on after two reads by the assembly.
2. The assembly may only vote to accept or reject the funding recommendations on a whole.
3. A majority vote is necessary to pass BPC and CSC funding recommendations.
4. Amendments made to BPC and CSC funding recommendations shall not be in order.

H. Code of Conduct Advisory Board (C-CAB)

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Code of Conduct Advisory Board is to review, evaluate and edit the Statement of Students Rights and Responsibilities, the University's codified internal discipline system.

2. Composition

a. The C-CAB chair will be chosen by a selection committee consisting of the Executive Officers of the Michigan Student Assembly and the Students' Rights Commission Chair(s). The recommendation will be made to the Steering Committee at the meeting preceding summer break for a yearly term beginning in September.

b. C-CAB will be composed of at least six student members. There is no limit on C-CAB membership, however no member shall vote before she has attended three meetings of the board. Decisions shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the board.

c. At least three members will represent the Michigan Student Assembly. One of the three representatives must be the Student General Counsel of MSA or her designee. One of the representatives must be the Students' Rights Commission Chair.

d. Three C-CAB members must be students-at-large. The search and appointment of these members is the duty of the Campus Governance Committee.

e. The C-CAB chair must report to the Assembly via written biweekly reports, beginning at the meeting following her appointment. If no report is submitted for two consecutive meeting cycles, the chair will be automatically recalled.

f. The C-CAB chair shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the Assembly.

g. Any changes to the Statement of Students Rights and Responsibilities that will be presented on behalf of the Michigan Student Assembly or C-CAB must be approved by a majority of the Assembly.

I. MSA Sponsored Activities and Events Guidelines

1. The Michigan Student Assembly shall consider sponsored event requests from all members of the Michigan Student Assembly.

a. The Michigan Student Assembly shall play an active and significant role in the planning stages, implementation, and operations of all MSA sponsored events.

2. Membership Structure

a. All voting members of the Michigan Student Assembly.

3. Voting Rights

a. No person voting on funding allocations may be in a compensated position of the organization seeking funding.

b. Prior to a vote related to the finances of an organization, all voting members are required to declare any financial or personal interest they have with that organization.

c. Violations of paragraph (5.a) shall result in a hearing by the Central Student Judiciary in a timely fashion.

i. The Student General Counsel shall be responsible for pursuing this matter with the Central Student Judiciary.

d. Violations by members of MSA shall constitute malfeasance in office and be grounds for impeachment or removal from all offices and positions held in MSA.

4. Procedure for Violation of the Compiled Code or Constitution

a. Any voting member of MSA may be removed upon a motion, second, and three-fifths majority vote of the assembly, provided that the reason given violates the aforementioned criteria.

b. The Counsel of the assembly shall be responsible for contacting the Board member removed with a written explanation of the reason for removal and the Vice President shall place it in the assembly minutes.

5. Sponsored Event Procedure

a. The voting members of the Michigan Student Assembly shall make funding allocations on a viewpoint neutral basis.

i. Funding shall be allocated solely with regard to the extent a particular student group contributes to the educational and social environment of the University and the Mission Statement of the University of Michigan and the Michigan Student Assembly.

ii. This Committee shall not consider political or social ideology or message when allocating funds; however, this shall not preclude the funding of political events.

iii. Funds shall not be allocated in a manner that advantages one group over another in terms of its long-term ability to petition student government or influence campus opinion; however, this shall not be construed to limit the committee's ability to fund specific events.

iv. Funds shall be used to preserve a marketplace of ideas wherein all students may participate with equal access to resources.

v. Funds shall not be allocated in a manner that considers the membership, composition, or political views of any organization when considering funding requests.

b. Funding applications must be introduced through the established guidelines under Meeting Procedures (Article 6, C).

c. The sponsor and, in the event of an objection, the objector must provide the assembly with one concise sentence, limited to 25 words, as to their reason for their support or objection.

d. All funds allotted to an MSA sponsored event shall be withdrawn from the MSA Sponsorship Fund (SF) through a return/receipt reimbursement process.

e. All funds allocated to an MSA sponsored event which go unspent shall revert back to the MSA Committee Discretionary Account..

f. The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Administrative Coordinator, will oversee the disbursement and reimbursement process for MSA sponsored events.

6. Application Requirements

a. All monies allocated must be utilized through a valid SOAS account including: the MSA Sponsored Activities account or through an MSA Commission or Committee account.

i. Sponsors must present accurate information to the Assembly through written applications and any oral statements.

ii. MSA Sponsored Event conditions

(a) MSA may attach any conditions to their allocations regarding the use of funds.

(b) Signers on the pertinent SOAS accounts must sign and turn in to the MSA front office staff a grant agreement requiring adherence to MSA conditions prior to the Assembly Decision.

(i) The Assembly will not hear the proposal until the grant agreement has been turned in.

(c) Failure to adhere to the conditions attached to the agreement shall result in a cancellation of the agreement, and all allocated funds shall revert to MSA.

(d) MSA shall not fund, unless deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote:

(i) Capital goods

(ii) T-shirts

(iii) Newspaper advertisements

(iv) Hotel or airfare costs for students traveling from campus

(v) Gas

(vi) Food not vital to the implementation of the program

(vii) Student salaries for services

(viii) Club sports fees assessed by the Athletic Department

7. Appeals Process

a. Appeals may be filled only on the grounds of violation of this process or viewpoint neutrality to the Central Student Judiciary.

8. Violations

a. Any sponsor presenting misleading information regarding activities, finances, membership, or any other required information will not have its application considered and may, upon a majority vote of the MSA, have its student organization status revoked.

9. Funding Considerations

a. Consideration for funding will be based upon the these criteria (in no particular order):

i. Quantity of students affected

ii. Degree of effect on students

iii. Degree of effect on the Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, and general Michigan community

iv. Effort to receive funding from other sources

v. Completeness of the funding application

vi. Unique nature of the event

vii. Prior utilization of MSA funding allocations, if applicable

viii. Degree of MSA involvement in the planning stages, implementation, and operations of the event

10. Procedure to transfer funds from the MSA Sponsored Events Account

a. All other motions shall require a 2/3 majority to move funds from the MSA Sponsored Events Account.

b. All other motions shall require a 60% majority to move funds from the MSA Sponsored Events Account.

Article V

A. Definitions.

1. "Election Code" shall mean Article V of the Compiled Code.

2. "Candidate" shall mean a person seeking office in an election, and a President and Executive Vice President pair seeking those offices in an election.

1018 3. "Candidate-Elect" shall mean any eligible student selected to run in an Election on the Election
1019 ballot.

1020 4. "Campaign" shall mean supporting, endorsing, advertising, or aiding the election of any candi-
1021 date.

1022 5. "Candidate's Meeting" shall mean a preliminary meeting that all interested election candidates
1023 must attend before the campaign period starts. The meeting is mandatory for all those who apply for
1024 candidacy and wish to appear on the election ballot. Failure to attend the meeting will result in an
1025 automatic assessment of 1 demerit for the candidate, to be given by the Election Board.

1026 6. "Demerit" shall mean a mark awarded against a candidate and/or party for fault or offence that
1027 is in violation of the Election Code. Any candidate who accrues 5 or more demerits will be removed
1028 from the election, and any party that receives 10 or more demerits will be automatically removed from
1029 the election. Demerits will be assessed by the Election Board.

1030 7. "Referendum" shall mean any referendum, initiative, recall, or constitutional amendment to
1031 be voted upon by students in an election.

1032 8. "Party" shall mean a group of candidates for President, Executive Vice President, or represen-
1033 tative identified by a common party name on the election ballot.

1034 9. "Days before the start of the election" shall mean the number of days before the first day on
1035 which voting is scheduled to occur.

1036 10. "Complaint" shall mean any document delivered to the Election Director alleging a violation
1037 of any rule in the Election Code.

1038 11. "Student-at-large" shall mean any student not currently a representative, commission chair,
1039 an executive, a member of the election board, the election director or select committee chair on MSA,
1040 nor a candidate seeking office in an election.

1041 12. "Email" shall mean any piece of digital communication sent by a candidate, candidate's agent,
1042 a party, or a party's agent and received by another individual. Emails sent to groups, aliases, or
1043 listservs will be counted once per recipient.

1044 B. Election Schedule.

1045 1. **Election Dates.** The Assembly shall schedule two annual elections, one in the fall semester
1046 and one in the winter semester. The Rules & Elections Chair shall recommend to the Assembly the
1047 dates on which to schedule the elections. Each election must be held for two consecutive weekdays
1048 occurring no earlier than five weeks before the last day of classes for each semester.

1049 2. Election Deadlines.

1050 a. No later than 42 days before the start of the election, the President, Executive Vice Presi-
1051 dent, Student General Counsel, and Rules & Elections Chair will submit their nominations for Elec-
1052 tion Director and Election Board to the Assembly.

1053 b. No later than 30 days before the start of the election, the Election Director shall make
1054 candidacy applications available in the MSA office and shall begin advertising the MSA election.

1055 c. No later than 31 days before the start of the election, the Assembly may approve any amend-
1056 ments to the Election Code.

d. No later than 5:00 pm 16 days before the start of the election, candidates-elect must file their candidacy applications with the Election Director, Administrative Coordinator, MSA Rules and Elections Committee Chairs, or full/part time staff employed by the University for MSA purposes. The Election Director may set the filing date prior to 5:00 PM 16 days before the start of the election.

e. No later than 16 days before the start of the election, the Election Director shall hold a required meeting of all candidates and the campaign period shall commence at the close of the meeting.

f. No later than 12 days before the start of the election, an official sample ballot will be posted on the voting website and in the MSA office.

g. No later than 12 hours after the end of the election, the Election Director shall deliver unofficial results to all candidates, current MSA Representatives and Executives, CSJ Justices, and the Michigan Daily via electronic mail.

h. No later than 18 hours after the Election Director delivers unofficial results for the election, any election grievances must be delivered to the Election Director.

i. No later than 24 hours after any decision of the Election Board, any appeal of that Election Board decision must be delivered to CSJ.

j. At the first Steering Committee meeting after the end of the election, the Election Director shall announce official election results.

k. At the first Assembly meeting following the Steering Committee meeting at which official election results are announced, the term of incumbent representatives shall expire and the term of newly-elected representatives shall commence.

C. Election Staff.

1. Election Director.

a. **Eligibility.** The Election Director must be a currently-enrolled University student and not a member of CSJ, nor a representative, executive officer, commission chair, or select committee chair on MSA, nor a candidate in any election during which she will also serve as Election Director.

b. **Appointment.** The President, Executive Vice President, Student General Counsel, and Rules & Elections Chair shall jointly nominate an Election Director. The nomination will be announced to the Steering Committee, which shall submit the nomination to the Assembly for confirmation at its next meeting. A majority vote shall be required to confirm the nomination. If the nomination is rejected by the Assembly, the appointment process shall recommence.

c. **Removal.** Any member of the Assembly may seek the removal of the Election Director, who shall be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly. If the Election Director is removed by the Assembly, the appointment process shall recommence.

d. Duties.

i. The Election Director shall make weekly reports to the Assembly beginning the week following her confirmation and ending the week after the election ends.

ii. The Election Director shall consult the Office of the Registrar to verify the enrollment status of all candidates and ensure that all candidates fulfill the requirements of Article IV of the Constitution and of the Election Code.

1097 iii. The Election Director shall advertise the MSA election in coordination with the Com-
1098 munications Committee, Voice Your Vote Commission, the Rules and Elections Committee, the Elec-
1099 tion Board, and the Assembly.

1100 iv. The Election Director shall prepare and make available in the MSA office candidacy
1101 applications.

1102 v. Candidates shall be informed of any Election Code changes made by the Assembly after
1103 candidacy applications are available.

1104 vi. The Election Director shall schedule, preside at, and announce at least 48 hours prior
1105 to its commencement, a meeting of all candidates.

1106 vii. The Election Director shall be responsible for ensuring the correct operation of the
1107 voting website and the candidate information website.

1108 viii. The Election Director shall be available personally or by phone during the election
1109 period, and shall promptly respond to any questions received from candidates.

1110 2. **Election Board.**

1111 a. **Composition.** The Election Board shall be composed of at least five enrolled students, a
1112 majority of whom must be members of the Assembly. No candidate may serve on the Election Board.

1113 b. **Appointment.** The President, Executive Vice President, Student General Counsel, Rules
1114 & Elections Chair, and Rules & Elections Vice Chair shall submit nominations for membership on the
1115 Election Board to the Steering Committee, which shall submit the nominations to the Assembly for
1116 confirmation. The Assembly may approve all, none, or any of the nominations, and may amend the
1117 composition of the Election Board. Confirmation of the Election Board shall be upon a motion, second,
1118 and majority vote of the Assembly.

1119 c. **Removal.** The Steering Committee may, by a two-thirds vote, remove any member of the
1120 Election Board. If a removal from the Election Board results in an Election Board membership that
1121 does not meet the requirements of the Election Code, the appointment process shall recommence.

1122 d. **Meetings.** The Election Board shall meet as necessary. Meetings shall be scheduled with
1123 at least 24 hours advance notice by the Election Director.

1124 e. **Duties.**

1125 i. The Election Board shall assist the Election Director in fulfilling her obligations.

1126 ii. The Election Board shall hear and decide upon election complaints.

1127 3. **Backup Election Director.**

1128 a. **Eligibility.** The Backup Election Director must be an MSA Representative, not candidate
1129 in any election during which she will also serve as Backup Election Director.

1130 b. **Duties.**

1131 i. The Backup Election Director will serve as a voting member of the Election Board and
1132 shall serve as the Secretary of the Board.

1133 ii. The Backup Election Director will serve temporarily as the Election Director in such
1134 instances where asked to do so by the Election Director or when the Election Director is unable to
1135 fulfill her duties.

1136 c. **Removal.** The Steering Committee may, by a two-thirds vote, recommend removal of the
1137 Backup Election Director to the full Assembly. Should the full Assembly vote by a two-thirds majority
1138 to remove the Backup Election Director, the Rules and Elections Committee Vice Chair will recom-
1139 mend a replacement Backup Election Director to the Assembly for confirmation. Confirmation of a
1140 new Backup Election Director shall require a simple majority vote of the Assembly.

1141 **D. Election Publicity.**

1142 1. All elections conducted by MSA must be advertised to students.

1143 2. The Election Director, with the assistance of the Election Board, must send at least one email to
1144 all enrolled students advertising, at minimum, the election dates, voting website address, and hours
1145 of operation of the voting website.

1146 **E. Candidacy Applications, and Candidate and Party Names.**

1147 1. **Candidacy Applications.**

1148 a. **Contents.**

1149 i. **Personal Application.** The candidacy application shall contain a personal application
1150 that shall require every candidate to provide her name as it is to appear on the ballot, her current
1151 local address, her current local telephone number, her email address, her UM ID number, her school(s)
1152 of enrollment, and her school of candidacy.

1153 ii. **Receipt.** The candidacy application shall contain a receipt, which shall be signed by
1154 the Election Director, Rules and Elections Chair, Rules and Elections Vice Chair, or Administrative
1155 Coordinator upon receipt of the candidacy application and returned to the candidate for verification.

1156 iii. **Executive Slate Application.** In the winter semester election, the candidacy applica-
1157 tion shall contain an executive slate application which shall serve as a joint personal application for
1158 both the presidential and executive vice presidential candidates. An executive slate need only submit
1159 an executive slate application, and neither candidate need submit a personal application.

1160 iv. **Party Application.** The candidacy application shall contain a party application which
1161 shall require candidates who wish to run in a party to set forth the name of the party, and the name
1162 and dated signature of every candidate wishing to run in that party. A party need only submit a single
1163 party application.

1164 v. **Signatures.** Every application submitted to the Election Director or Administrative Co-
1165 ordinator must bear the signatures and dates of signatures of every candidate named in the applica-
1166 tion.

1167 vi. **Candidate Oath.** Every candidate-elect will sign a statement attesting to the fact that
1168 all information provided by the candidate-elect is truthful to the best of her knowledge and that she
1169 was an enrolled student at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus by the end of the third
1170 week of the semester containing the election in question.

1171 vii. **Informative Material.** The candidacy application shall contain informative material
1172 which may be retained by the candidate. At a minimum, this material must include: an election cal-
1173 endar with appropriate deadlines clearly marked; a complete list of positions to be elected; a Housing
1174 Department application for door-to-door solicitation in residence halls; a copy of the rules regarding
1175 elections and canvassing in Residence Halls; information on how to access the ITS acceptable use poli-
1176 cies; a copy of the Election Code; a copy of Article XI of the Constitution, and information regarding
1177 the registration of candidates with the online voting system.

1178 b. The Candidates packet will be jointly prepared by the Election Director, the Chairman of
1179 the Rules and Elections Committee, and the Student General Counsel.

1180 **2. Candidate and Party Names.**

1181 a. Candidates who choose to run in a party will be identified on the ballot by their common
1182 party name.

1183 b. Candidate and party names must be fully written out, with the exception of common abbre-
1184 viations, with the first letter of each word capitalized, with the exception of articles, connectors, and
1185 prepositions, and the remainder of every word in the party name in lower case.

1186 c. A party name may be in all upper-case letters if it is an acronym.

1187 d. No party name may be longer than 100 characters, including spaces and punctuation.

1188 e. No party name may consist solely of or begin with the word “independent”.

1189 f. No candidate may use a name on the ballot that is not her own. A candidate who wishes her
1190 nickname to appear on the ballot may spell her nickname in between her real first and last names.

1191 g. **Previously Used Party Names.** No party may choose the name of another party that
1192 was properly filed in any election within four years prior to the current election without the written
1193 authorization of a majority not greater than five of the candidates who ran with that previous party.

1194 h. **Deceptive Party Names.** No party may use a deceptive party name.

1195 i. Party names shall be posted by the Election Director immediately after the deadline for
1196 filing candidacy applications.

1197 ii. Challenges to party names must be submitted to the Election Director within 24 hours
1198 of the posting of the registered party names.

1199 iii. The Election Board shall decide whether a party name is deceptive, and if it so finds
1200 shall allow the party 24 hours in which to submit an alternate party name.

1201 iv. Replacement party names may also be challenged.

1202 i. **Size Limitation.** No party may run more candidates for any school or college than there
1203 are seats available to be elected from that school or college.

1204 j. **Conflicting Applications.** No candidate shall run with more than one party. Any candidate
1205 who signs more than one party application shall not be placed on the ballot as a candidate. No
1206 candidate shall run simultaneously as an independent and with a party.

1207 k. In the process of randomizing party and candidate names on the online voting ballot, inde-
1208 pendants shall be grouped together and randomized as if they were another party.

1209 **3. Withdrawal of Candidacy.** Any candidate may withdraw from the election by submitting a
1210 written request to the Election Director no later than 8 days prior to the election. A candidate who
1211 withdraws from the election but is nonetheless elected shall have the status of a resigned member of
1212 the Assembly.

1213 **4. Simultaneous Candidacies.** Candidates may not run for more than one electable MSA posi-
1214 tion simultaneously.

1215 **F. Demerit System**

1216 1. All Campaigns to serve on the Michigan Student Assembly shall be subject to the rules and
1217 regulations found in this article of the Compiled Code.

1218 2. At any point after the official start of the campaign period, the election director may with
1219 the approval of the election board assess demerits to individual candidates and / or parties for the
1220 violations listed within this article of the Compiled Code.

1221 3. Any candidate who accrues 5 demerits in a specific election will be automatically removed from
1222 the election.

1223 4. Both candidates and parties may appeal the assessment of demerits to CSJ.

1224 5. The Election Board may assess demerits outside of the guidelines specified in this article if it
1225 finds sufficient cause to do so given by mitigating factors, extreme circumstance, or a lack of intent on
1226 the part of the accused.

1227 **G. Campaign Rules.**

1228 1. **Campaign Period.** The campaign period should commence immediately following the Can-
1229 didates' Meeting with the Election Director, no later than 16 days before the start of the election.
1230 Campaign rules shall apply from the start of the official campaign period until the newly elected rep-
1231 resentatives are seated. The existence of the official campaign period shall not prohibit candidates
1232 from campaigning before the campaign period.

1233 2. **University Policies.** The Election Director shall encourage all candidates to read and become
1234 familiar with all relevant university and residence hall policies that may be affected by their cam-
1235 paigns. The Election Board may only hold candidates responsible for adhering to the Election Code,
1236 and may not hold candidates responsible for violations or alleged violations of any university policy
1237 not listed in the Election Code.

1238 3. **MSA Endorsements Prohibited.** Neither the Assembly nor any of its committees, commis-
1239 sions, select committees, Election Board, nor Election Director shall endorse any candidate in any
1240 election. As individuals, members of MSA may endorse the candidacy of any candidate in any elec-
1241 tion. Members of the Election Board may not endorse the candidacy of any candidate or party.

1242 **4. Campaign Rules.**

1243 a. **Minor Infractions.** Any violation will result in the assessment of one to two demerits.

1244 i. **Identification.** All printed campaign material must be identified, at minimum, by a
1245 statement in the form: "Paid for by <address>", where <address> is a valid email address of the
1246 candidate or party. Buttons and clothing are exempt from this rule. A violation shall be considered for
1247 every 50 pieces of campaign material per day. No more than four violations may be assessed within
1248 24 hours of notifying the candidate.

1249 ii. **Prohibited Posting Areas.** No campaign materials may be affixed on or in any Uni-
1250 versity building. Residence halls and designated posting areas in University Buildings are excepted
1251 from this rule. No more than one violation may be assessed per day.

1252 iii. **Destruction of Campaign Material Prohibited.** No candidate may move or obscure
1253 the campaign material of another candidate or party. A student removing campaign material from
1254 her private property is not in violation of this rule.

1255 iv. **Implying Elected Incumbency.** No printed campaign material for any candidate may
1256 imply incumbency if the candidate is not a current representative on MSA. Candidates appointed to
1257 MSA may use the word “retain” on their printed campaign material but may not use the word “re-
1258 elect”. No more than one violation may be assessed per day.

1259 v. **Not Attending a Mandatory Candidates’ Meeting.** Candidates wishing to be placed
1260 on the ballot and having submitted a complete candidacy application on time that fail to attend a
1261 mandatory candidates’ meeting shall be in violation of this rule. Candidates may not be found to be
1262 in violation of this rule more than once per election cycle.

1263 b. **Major Infractions.** Any violation will result in the assessment of two to four demerits.

1264 i. **Unauthorized Endorsement.** Any campaign material claiming endorsement from any
1265 person or group of people that is not authorized by that person or group of people must include a
1266 disclaimer in the form: “Not authorized by <name>”, where name is the name of the person or group
1267 of people from whom endorsement is claimed. Candidates and parties may imply endorsement by
1268 securing and retaining written permission from the person or group of people from whom endorsement
1269 is claimed. No more than one violation may be assessed per day.

1270 ii. **Destruction of Campaign Material Prohibited.** No candidate may destroy, deface,
1271 remove, or alter the campaign material of another candidate or party. A student removing campaign
1272 material from her private property is not in violation of this rule.

1273 iii. **Influencing a Student While Voting Prohibited.** No candidate may influence any
1274 student while the student is voting. The mere presence of a candidate in the vicinity of a voter while
1275 voting shall not constitute a violation of this rule.

1276 iv. **Inappropriate and irresponsible use of email privileges prohibited.** No party
1277 or candidate may knowingly send an unsolicited electronic communication or email to members of
1278 the University Community. The following actions will also be prohibited under this rule: harvesting
1279 addresses from the University of Michigan online directory, running mass-mail programs, sending
1280 campaign email to individuals that are not students, and sending campaign email to groups or email
1281 lists that the sender is not a member.

1282 c. **Egregious Infractions.** Any violation will result in the assessment of 4+ demerits.

1283 i. **Defacement Prohibited.** No campaign material may be affixed to any surface that
1284 would be permanently and seriously damaged by the campaign material or the material used to affix
1285 or attach the campaign material. No campaign material may be affixed to paint or glass in any
1286 University building.

1287 ii. **Preventing Voting Prohibited.** No candidate may prevent any student from lawfully
1288 voting.

1289 iii. **Bribery Prohibited.** No candidate may promise or offer compensation, monetary or
1290 otherwise, in exchange for vote(s). Campaign pledges shall not constitute violations of this rule. The
1291 distribution of campaign material to voters shall not constitute a violation of this rule.

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1292 iv. **Fraudulent Voting Prohibited.** No candidate may cast any ballot on behalf of another
1293 student. No candidate may log into the voting website using any username that is not her own.

1294 v. **Inappropriate and irresponsible use of email privileges is prohibited.** No candi-
1295 date or parties may send more than 500 unsolicited emails.

1296 **H. Penalties for the Violation of Campaign Rules.**

1297 1. **Jurisdiction.** The Election Board shall hear cases involving the alleged violation of any cam-
1298 paign rule, and shall meet to determine whether demerits should be assessed against any candidate(s)
1299 or party(ies).

1300 2. **Exclusivity of Campaign Rules.** No single piece of campaign material may violate more than
1301 one campaign rule. All campaign rules shall be mutually exclusive. No candidate or party may be in
1302 violation of more than one campaign rule for a single act or campaign material.

1303 **3. Assessment of Demerits.**

1304 a. Demerits will be assessed based on their classification as described in Section G above.

1305 b. The Election Board may assess demerits outside of the guidelines specified in this article if
1306 it finds sufficient cause to do so given by mitigating factors, extreme circumstances, or a lack of intent
1307 on the part of the accused.

1308 c. **Violations by a Candidate.** If the Election Board determines that a candidate has violated
1309 a campaign rule and decides to assess demerits against that candidate, the Election Board may only
1310 assess demerits against that specific candidate.

1311 **d. Violations by a non-Candidate.**

1312 i. If the Election Board determines that a campaign rule has been violated by someone
1313 other than a candidate and decides to assess demerits for the violation of the rule, the Election Board
1314 must first determine whether or not the rule was violated by a person working in coordination with a
1315 candidate, more than one candidate, or a party.

1316 ii. If the Election Board determines that the campaign rule was violated by a person work-
1317 ing in coordination with only one candidate, the Election Board may assess demerits only against that
1318 specific candidate.

1319 iii. If the Election Board determines that the campaign rule was violated by a person
1320 working in coordination with more than one candidate, the Election Board must assess the demerits
1321 at full value against all offending candidates.

1322 iv. If the Election Board determines that the campaign rule was violated by a person work-
1323 ing in coordination with a party, the Election Board must divide the demerits evenly among all can-
1324 didates of the party, with each MSA candidate receiving an equal fractional amount of demerits. If X
1325 equals the number of demerits assessed and N equals the number of MSA candidates in a party, this
1326 fractional value assessed to each candidate shall equal X/N .

1327 **4. Election Complaint Procedures.**

1328 a. **Receipt and Disbursement.**

i. Any student may file a complaint with the Election Director alleging a violation of the campaign rules. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Election Director shall immediately deliver copies of the complaint to all of the named respondents, to the members of the Election Board, to the Chair of the Rules & Elections Committee, to the Student General Counsel, and to the Chief Justice of the Central Student Judiciary.

ii. Neither the Election Director nor any member of the Election Board may file a complaint with the Election Director.

iii. Complaints must set forth the names of the respondent(s), the salient facts upon which the complaint is based, and clearly identify the campaign rule that has been allegedly violated.

b. **Withdrawal.** At any time during the complaint process, the petitioner of the complaint may withdraw the complaint. Upon withdrawal, the complaint is canceled and may not be heard by the Election Board. A complaint that has been withdrawn may not be reinstated.

c. **Submission of Respondents Brief.** A respondent need not submit a written brief, but may file such a written brief within 24 hours of her receipt of the complaint. Failure to respond in writing shall not waive the respondent's right to defend herself against the allegation.

d. **Preliminary Hearing.**

i. Within 12 hours of receipt of the respondent's brief, or the expiration of respondent's 24-hour deadline, the Election Director shall hold a preliminary hearing. The petitioner and respondent shall both be notified of the date, time, and location of the preliminary hearing, which shall be open to the public. The preliminary hearing may not commence without the attendance of a quorum of the Election Board.

ii. At the preliminary hearing, the petitioner shall have ten minutes to present an oral argument in support of the complaint, after which the Election Board may ask questions of the petitioner and, if present, the respondent.

iii. Prior to the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, the Election Board may order an investigation into the allegations raised in the grievance. This investigation may be performed by members of the Election Board or designated members of the University community with specific areas of expertise relevant to the investigation, as seem fit by the Election Board. Results of any Board-ordered investigation will be made known to all parties and shall be concluded prior to a full hearing by the Board.

iv. After the preliminary hearing, the Election Board shall retire to a meeting, which shall be open to the public, at which the Election Board shall decide whether the complaint is (a) likely to be true, and (b) if true, would result in the assessment of any demerits. The complaint process shall not proceed unless the Election Board finds both elements to exist.

v. After the Election Board meeting, the Election Director shall notify the petitioner and respondent in writing of the Election Board decision, and shall, if necessary, schedule a hearing to take place within 24 hours of the preliminary hearing.

e. **Burden of Persuasion.** At all stages of the complaint process, the Election Board and CSJ shall assume that the allegations set forth in the complaint are not true. The petitioner shall have the burden of proof at all stages of showing that the allegations set forth in the complaint are true beyond a reasonable doubt.

f. **Hearing.**

i. The hearing shall not commence without the attendance of a quorum of the Election Board.

ii. The petitioner will be given five minutes to make an opening statement in support of the complaint, after which the respondent will be given five minutes to make an opening statement against the complaint.

iii. The petitioner shall present her case first, and shall have thirty minutes to make a case in support of the complaint. The respondent shall then present her case, and shall have thirty minutes to make a case against the complaint.

iv. The petitioner shall be given ten minutes to make a closing argument in support of the complaint, after which the respondent shall be given ten minutes to make a closing argument against the complaint.

v. After the hearing, the Election Board shall retire to a meeting. The decision of the Election Board must be written, and must be delivered to the petitioner and the respondent within 36 hours of the hearing.

vi. Failure of the Election Board to reach a decision in the matter shall result in a cancellation of the complaint, which shall not be further pursued by the Election Board. Failure of the Election Board to deliver a written opinion to the petitioner and respondent within 36 hours of the hearing shall result in a cancellation of the complaint, which shall not be further pursued by the Election Board.

g. **Removal.** Any candidate against whom five or more demerits have been assessed shall be removed from the election.

h. **Warning.** The Election Board may find a candidate or party in violation of the campaign rules but nonetheless assess no demerits against the candidate or party.

i. **Appeals.** The respondent and/or petitioner may appeal any decision of the Election Board to CSJ.

I. Post-Election Procedure.

1. **Eliminating Derogatory Write-In Votes.** Immediately following the completion of the election, the Election Board shall review the election results and eliminate any write-in responses they deem to be inappropriate and/or offensive.

2. **Release of Results.** Unofficial results, noting the number of write-in votes deemed derogatory and removed, are to be released to candidates, parties, and the Michigan Daily after derogatory write-ins have been deleted from the results, no later than 24-hours after the completion of the election. Official results, noting the number of write-in votes deemed derogatory and removed, shall be posted on the MSA website immediately after being approved by MSA Steering.

3. **Seating of New Members.** Newly elected members and officers of MSA will begin their term of office at the regular Assembly meeting to occur at 7:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday following the Steering Committee meeting at which the official election results are announced. MSA officers and members will remain in office until the seating of their successors (unless removed from office by methods specified in the All-Campus Constitution). The President will, before beginning his/her term in office, swear to affirm the following oath: "I promise to faithfully execute the office of Michigan Student Assembly President." This oath will be administered by the Chief Justice of the Central Student Judiciary. The Executive Vice President will, before beginning his/her term of office, swear

1413 to affirm the following oath: “I promise to faithfully execute the office of Michigan Student Assembly
1414 Vice President.” This oath will be administered by the Associate Chief Justice of the Central Student
1415 Judiciary.

1416 **4. Appeals in Progress.** While appeals to CSJ are being pursued, the decision of the Election
1417 Board and/or Election Director is in force unless CSJ stays their decision.

1418 **5. Debriefing the Assembly.** The Election Director shall debrief the Assembly of the election no
1419 later than two weeks following the completion of the election. If there is an appeal in progress, the
1420 debrief shall occur at the next MSA General Assembly meeting once the appeal has been settled.

1421 **J. Petitions and Ballot Questions.** This section applies to all questions placed on the ballot in an
1422 MSA election. All restrictions applying to candidates also apply to anyone campaigning for a ballot
1423 question. However, in cases of conflict, this section supersedes the Election Code.

1424 **1. Amending this Section.** Amendments to this section must be approved by MSA at a regular
1425 MSA meeting occurring at least seven days after the regular MSA meeting at which the amendment
1426 was first introduced. No amendment approved less than 30 days before an election may apply to that
1427 election.

1428 **2.** A ballot question is any referendum, initiative, referral or recall question or constitutional
1429 amendment question (regardless of method of initiation) to be voted upon in an election.

1430 **3.** Any ballot question to be placed on the ballot must be submitted to the Election Director at least
1431 25 days before the election. The Election Director will notify CSJ of any ballot questions submitted by
1432 MSA or by petition.

1433 **4.** CSJ will examine each ballot question at a hearing no later than 16 days before the election
1434 to verify that the ballot question complies with the provisions of the Compiled Code and the MSA
1435 Constitution, is worded in a manner that is accurate, fair, concise, and reflective of the content of
1436 the amendment or legislation (or meets the requirements for a recall question), and (in the case of
1437 petitions) is in the proper form. CSJ can only bar a referendum question which fails to meet these
1438 requirements; it cannot bar a question from the ballot because it dislikes the legislative goals. Any
1439 appeal of the CSJ decision must be filed within 24 hours of the decision, and CSJ will resolve the
1440 appeal no later than 14 days before the election.

1441 **5. Form of petitions.** All petitions for ballot questions will be in the form outline below. A petition
1442 sponsor should consult with R&E or the SGC if he/she has any questions concerning the proper form
1443 of a petition. Responsibility for complying with the provisions of this Code falls upon the sponsor, and
1444 ignorance, error, misinterpretation or mistake of law is not an excuse for failure to comply.

1445 **a. Title.** The title of the petition will be stated entirely in uppercase letters at the top of each
1446 page of the petition.

1447 **b. Text.** Following the title, the petition will contain the full and exact text of the question.
1448 The question must be worded in a manner that is accurate, fair, concise, and reflective of the content
1449 of the amendment or legislation (or meet the requirements for a recall question).

1450 **c. Signatures.** Below the full text on each page of the petition will appear the words, “We, the
1451 undersigned currently enrolled students, petition for a campuswide vote on the proposal above.” Each
1452 petition will have a column for the signature of the student, his/her printed name, his/her student
1453 identification number, and his/her unique name.

d. **Circulator's statement.** At the bottom of each page of a petition there will be the following statements: "I have circulated this petition and believe all of the signers to be currently-enrolled students." The petition will be signed by the circulator with his/her printed name, username, and date upon which the petition was circulated. The petition will also state the names of official sponsors of the petition.

e. **Distribution of signatures.** Any question to be placed on the ballot by petition must obtain the support of 1000 currently-enrolled students at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. No more than 80% of the signatures can be from one school or college.

f. **Certification of petitions.** CSJ, with the election staff, will examine each petition for a ballot question, verifying whether the petition has met the requirements stipulated above. Student status must be verified by checking no less than 100 of the usernames online or with the Registrar's Office.

g. **Validity of a petition.** Parties to any action challenging the validity of a petition will be provided with copies of the entire petition.

K. Seat Apportionment. Describes the method and manner in which seats will be apportioned among schools and divided between terms.

1. Unit Apportionment.

a. Only "constituent degree-granting units" (i.e. any school, college, or academic division located at the Ann Arbor campus of the University of Michigan that is also authorized to recommend to the board of Regents the granting of degrees as specified in Chapter IX and Chapter XI of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents) will receive seats on the Assembly. Students in non-granting units will be represented by the school which authorizes their degree (their constituent degree-granting unit).

b. Each degree-granting unit will receive one representative for each 850 students or major fraction thereof enrolled in the unit. Each degree-granting unit will receive at least one representative on the Assembly.

c. The most currently available fall and winter term enrollment data will be averaged for determining enrollment. The data comes from the Office of the Registrar's Term Enrollment and Credit Hour Reports; specifically, the "102-Enrollment by Unit, Gender, Class Level" report.

d. Seats shall be apportioned according to the total number of students listed in the report for each unit excluding graduate students that receive their degrees from Rackham. Rackham seats shall be apportioned according to the total number of graduate students that receive their degrees from that school.

2. Academic Term Apportionment.

a. Half of Assembly seats will be elected in the fall term, and the other half will be elected in the winter. The total number of seats on the Assembly will be divided as evenly as possible (i.e. differences should not exceed one) between terms. This will not include the seats of the president and the executive vice-president, nor will it include open seats.

b. The seats of schools with more than one representative will be divided as evenly as possible between fall and winter terms.

1494 c. The seats of schools with one representative will be divided as follows:

1495 **FALL:** Dentistry, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work, Public Health, Public Policy

1496 **WINTER:** Art, Architecture, Education, Kinesiology, Law, Natural Resources & Environment, Infor-
1497 mation

1498 d. Seat reapportionment should occur at the beginning of each academic year. Seats will not
1499 be elected for partial terms in order to accommodate changes in school size of degree-granting status,
1500 not will the term of any representative already in office be shortened.

1501 e. Schools that no longer meet the definition of constituent degree-granting units will no
1502 longer receive Assembly seats. Schools that newly meet the definition of constituent degree-granting
1503 units will receive new seats during at the next reapportionment (see d).

1504 **L. Department of Public Safety Oversight Committee Elections.**

1505 1. All-campus elections for the two representative seats on the Department of Public Safety Over-
1506 sight Committee shall be held in concurrence with the November and March elections.

1507 2. That each election shall seat a student on the DPS Oversight Committee for a period of 1 year,
1508 with the runner-up acting as the backup Representative should the elected Representative resign.

1509 3. The rules and procedures for this election shall follow the same rules and procedures outlined
1510 for Michigan Student Assembly elections.

1511 4. The March 2010 elections will serve to elect both seats simultaneously, the first place finisher
1512 serving for a full-year term and the second place finisher for a half-year term. The two subsequent
1513 runners-up will act as backups, respectively.

1514 **Article VI**

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1516 **A. Conflicts of Interest.**

1517 **1. Conflicts of Interest with the University.**

1518 a. No member of the Assembly may accept a paid position gained by virtue of her membership
1519 in MSA.

1520 b. No member of the Assembly may work directly for the president, any Regent, any dean,
1521 any vice president, or any associate vice president of the University.

1522 **2. Misuse of Assembly Resources.**

1523 a. No member or employee of the Assembly may ask an employee of the Assembly to do work
1524 that is substantially unrelated to Assembly work.

1525 b. No member or employee of the Assembly may use the financial or clerical services of the
1526 Assembly for her personal use or for the use of a student group of which that person is a member.

1527 **3. Conflicts of Interest with Student Organizations.**

1528 a. A member of the Assembly shall have a conflict of interest with a student organization, be it
1529 recognized or unrecognized by the Assembly, if she, or an immediate family member of hers, receives
1530 money from the organization or will receive money from the organization as a direct consequence of
1531 her membership in the Assembly. No member of the Assembly shall have a conflict of interest with a
1532 student organization if she is an unpaid member of the organization or has been reimbursed by the
1533 organization for her own expenses.

1534 b. No member of the Assembly possessing a conflict of interest with a student organization
1535 may participate in debate or vote on any matter regarding the organization with which there exists a
1536 conflict of interest.

1537 **4. Obligation of Disclosure.** Members of the Assembly must publicly disclose any existing or
1538 potential conflicts of interest with the University and student organizations. If the conflict of interest
1539 arises during membership in the Assembly, the member remains obligated to disclose the conflict.

1540 **5. Investigation, Censure, and Removal.** Any member of the Assembly who fails to adhere
1541 to the rules and regulations regarding the existence and mitigation of conflicts of interest shall be
1542 subject to an investigation by the Assembly, the outcome of which may be censure or removal from the
1543 Assembly.

1544 **B. Member Obligations.**

1545 1. Assembly members are responsible for compliance with the obligations established in Article
1546 XI of the Constitution. The Vice-Chair of the Rules & Elections Committee shall be responsible for
1547 recording the attendance of MSA members.

1548 2. **Rules for Removal.** Pursuant to Article XI(B) of the Constitution, an Assembly member shall
1549 be removed from MSA upon her/his accumulation of twelve absences.

1550 a. Upon the accumulation of twelve absences by any member, the Rules & Elections Commit-
1551 tee shall be responsible for notifying the delinquent member of her/his removal, and shall inform the
1552 delinquent member of the procedures for the excuse of absences. The notification shall not be valid
1553 unless in writing and setting forth the date and type of each absence.

1554 b. A delinquent member may have her/his absence(s) excused within two weeks of the notifi-
1555 cation of removal. During this time, the delinquent member shall retain all rights of membership in
1556 MSA. If, after the expiration of this two-week period, the member is still delinquent, she/he shall be
1557 effectively removed. No Assembly confirmation shall be necessary for such a removal to be effective.

1558 **3. Rules for the Excuse of Absences.**

1559 a. Any absence of any member may be excused if the excuse for the absence is one of those
1560 listed in Article XI(B) of the Constitution. To be effective, the absence must be excused by

1561 i. The MSA President; or

1562 ii. The Steering Committee, by a two-thirds vote; or

1563 iii. The Assembly, by a majority vote upon a motion made during the Announcements
1564 portion of an Assembly meeting.

1565 b. Any absence of any member may be excused if the excuse for the absence is not listed
1566 in Article XI(B) of the Constitution only by a unanimous vote of the Assembly upon a motion made
1567 during the Announcements portion of an Assembly meeting.

c. No absence of a member shall be excused after the member has been effectively removed from MSA.

4. Student Group Outreach.

a. The Vice-Chair of the Campus Governance Committee shall be responsible for compiling a list of student organizations with more than one hundred members, and for assigning MSA representatives to act as liaisons between MSA and these organizations.

b. MSA representatives assigned to act as liaisons between MSA and a student organization must inform the organization of MSA activity at least once per month, and must inform MSA of the organization's activity in the form of a general announcement at least once per month.

c. Any MSA representative assigned to act as a liaison between MSA and a student organization who fails to meet the requirements of a liaison shall have one absence recorded for every month in which she fails to properly act as a liaison.

C. Meeting Procedures.

1. Assembly Meetings.

a. **Regular Meetings.** The Assembly shall meet at 7:30pm every Tuesday during the fall and winter semesters. The Assembly shall not meet during exam and vacation periods.

b. **Special Meetings.** The President may call special meetings of the Assembly upon providing at least 24 hours notice to the Assembly. A special meeting may be called by a petition signed by one-third of the voting members of the Assembly delivered to the President at least 24 hours before the meeting. No officer may be elected during a special meeting.

2. Meeting Agenda.

a. The agenda will be in the following form:

i. Call to Order

ii. Opening Roll Call

iii. Approval of Agenda

iv. Approval of Previous Minutes

v. Guest Speakers

vi. Community Concerns

vii. Announcements

viii. Executive Officers's Reports

ix. Committee & Commission Reports

x. Representative Reports

xi. Student Organization Funding Recommendations

xii. Campus Governance Committee Recommendations

1602 xiii. Motions to Veto Any Actions of the Steering Committee

1603 (a) Attendance

1604 xiv. Election and Recall of Members

1605 xv. Amendments to the Constitution or Compiled Code

1606 xvi. Old Business

1607 xvii. New Business

1608 xviii. Matters Arising

1609 xix. Closing Roll Call

1610 xx. Adjourn

1611 b. Committee reports will be given in the following order: Steering Committee and then in-
1612 ternal committees, commissions, and select committees (in the order determined by the chair).

1613 c. Representative Reports shall exist for the purpose of providing a forum for MSA Represen-
1614 tatives to report on their MSA projects and activities. Each representative shall be required to give a
1615 report at least every three weeks. The reporting schedule will be determined by the Chief of Staff. The
1616 Chief of Staff must give representatives at least 72 hours advance notice. Reports must be submitted
1617 in writing or be presented orally at an Assembly meeting.

1618 d. Community concerns is limited to five minutes per speaker and to a total of one hour. Any
1619 person may ask to address the Assembly during this time period, but at the discretion of the chair,
1620 preference shall be given to currently enrolled students, alumni of the University, and current faculty
1621 and staff of the University. All time limits may be extended by a majority vote of the Assembly,
1622 but community concerns time may not be reduced. Community concerns time is exhausted when all
1623 persons who desired to address the Assembly have done so even if an hour has not passed.

1624 e. Business may be placed on the agenda by being presented to the Steering Committee, or by
1625 a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly at any Assembly meeting. Such a motion shall not be in
1626 order if made after the approval of the agenda by the Assembly.

1627 f. All business for the Assembly shall be read twice. At the first reading, the sponsors of the
1628 business shall offer a description of the business. At the second reading, the business shall be debated
1629 and voted upon.

1630 g. Old Business shall consist of all business postponed from previous meetings and all busi-
1631 ness being read a second time by the Assembly. New Business shall consist of all business being read
1632 a first time by the Assembly.

1633 h. New business may be moved to old business upon a motion, second, and two-thirds majority
1634 vote to suspend the Compiled Code for the purpose of the motion, followed by a motion, second, and
1635 two-thirds majority vote to move the item from old to new business.

1636 i. Amendments to the Constitution or Compiled Code, the MSA budget and amendments to
1637 the budget, and proposals to place questions on the ballot in an election may not be moved from old
1638 to new business, and must be read twice by the Assembly. Amendments to the MSA Constitution
1639 and proposals to place questions on the ballot in an election must return to first-reads should they be
1640 amended during second reads.

j. Matters Arising, a time for anyone with parliamentary rights to speak about issue that have come up, may not last for more than 30 minutes total unless time is extended, and it can only be extended once and no person shall speak for more than two minutes at once.

3. Procedures for Debate.

a. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the Assembly meetings. The Compiled Code shall supercede Robert's Rules of Order.

b. Time Limits.

i. Debate on each item of business on the agenda shall be no longer than thirty minutes, and shall include time used to debate amendments to business.

ii. Reports from committees, commissions, and select committees shall be no longer than five minutes for each report.

iii. Executive officer reports shall be no longer than ten minutes for each report.

iv. Guest speakers to the Assembly shall have no longer than thirty minutes to speak.

v. During a debate on an item of business, each speaker shall have two minutes.

vi. Any time limit may be extended by a motion, second, and majority vote of the Assembly. Any time limit may be reduced by a motion, second, and two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly.

c. Yielding Time During Debate

i. Any Assembly member may yield her time to any constituent. The time yielded to a constituent may not exceed the time which was allocated to the Assembly member. Constituents may not yield time to other constituents.

ii. Any Assembly member may yield time to any other Assembly member for the purpose of asking a question germane to the debate. The Assembly member may choose whom, when, and for how long they wish to yield to another member. No member of the Assembly may yield more time than they were allocated. Any member may reclaim the time they have yielded at any time. Questions shall not count to the two speaking maximum per item. If the member who has been yielded time for a question fails to ask a question germane to the item in a timely manner, the Student General Counsel shall issue a warning, and then revert the yielded time back to the original member.

d. Assembly members may not proxy votes to other Assembly members.

e. Motions to Close Debate.

i. A motion to close debate on a main motion shall not be in order until at least two members have spoken in favor of the motion and two members have spoken against the motion.

ii. A motion to close debate on an amendment to a main motion shall not be in order until at least one member has spoken in favor of the motion, and one member has spoken against the motion.

iii. No more members may speak for or against any motion than have spoken for the opposing view.

f. A call for quorum shall be in order once during the time limit for debate on any motion. Members not present during a quorum call shall not be able to vote until the next motion is debated.

g. The sponsors of a motion may accept amendments as "friendly" before or during debate on a motion, and such amendments shall be adopted without debate or vote by the Assembly. When more than one member has sponsored a motion, every sponsor of the motion must accept an amendment for it to be considered "friendly".

h. If there are no objections to a motion to call the question, the Assembly shall proceed immediately to a vote. If any member objects to a motion to call the question, the Assembly shall vote only upon a motion, second, and two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly.

i. Assembly members may object to motions while simultaneously offering an amendment to the motion. If the amendment to the motion is defeated, the objection shall be considered automatically withdrawn unless renewed by the objecting member.

i. The Chair shall vote only to break a tie vote by the Assembly, but may abstain from voting in that instance. The Chair shall not vote, even in the event of a tie, when the vote in question is by secret ballot.

j. In the absence of unanimous consent, individual votes shall be recorded at all times for MSA legislation. The votes of individual members shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the vote occurred. This shall only apply to votes on the actual legislation itself and shall not apply to votes taken on any other motion made while said legislation is under consideration.

4. **Minutes.** A copy of the agenda, minutes, written reports, and final versions of both adopted and rejected legislation shall be kept in the MSA office. All records shall be open to public examination in perpetuity. No Assembly member may remove the minutes from the MSA office.

D. Hiring Procedures.

1. **Full-Time Staff.** The Administrative Coordinator and any MSA employee paid for more than twenty-five hours of work per week by MSA shall be considered full-time staff. Hiring and termination of full-time staff shall be governed by the University's Standard Practice Guide for employees.

2. **Administrative Staff.** All paid employees and organizations of MSA who are not full-time staff shall be administrative staff.

a. **Hiring.** Administrative staff positions may be created by the Executive Vice President, who shall interview and hire administrative staff members with the assistance of the Administrative Coordinator.

b. **Termination.** Upon the request by the Administrative Coordinator or Executive Vice President, and a motion, second, and two-thirds majority vote, the Steering Committee may terminate the employment of any administrative staff member.

3. **Spring-Summer Employees.** The procedures for the creation, hiring, and termination of staff positions shall persist during the spring and summer semesters, unless the Assembly adopts different procedures no later than the last regular Assembly meeting of the winter semester. No hiring or termination conducted during the spring or summer semester shall be permanent until confirmed by the Assembly during the fall or winter semester.

Article VII

A. Summer Assembly.

1719 1. **Description.** During the spring and summer terms the Michigan Student Assembly shall call
1720 itself the Summer Student Assembly. The change in names shall not hinder the work of a member of
1721 the Michigan Student Assembly.

1722 2. **Composition.** The Summer Student Assembly will be composed of any current voting repre-
1723 sentatives of the Michigan Student Assembly, and will be chaired by the current executives.

1724 a. Quorum will be 7 members. These seven members must represent three separate colleges.
1725 The Vice-President and/or President will be included in this number.

1726 b. The provisions of Article VI, Section F of the All-Campus Constitution will apply to mem-
1727 bers of the Summer Assembly with the exception of recall elections and/or obligations under Article
1728 XI.

1729 3. **Structure and Guidelines.**

1730 a. Meetings will be held every two weeks on Wednesdays at 6:00pm beginning with the first
1731 Wednesday of the Spring term. Special meetings may be called by the President with 24-hour notice.
1732 Attendance will be taken at the beginning and at the end of SSA meetings, however absences will not
1733 count against member obligations.

1734 b. Meetings will be held similar to Michigan Student Assembly meetings. The agenda struc-
1735 ture will remain identical. However, the chair must add the following.

1736 i. **Funding Presentations.** Student Groups requesting funding will present their request
1737 in a ten minute allotment. This time can be extended with a majority vote.

1738 ii. **Closed Session Deliberations.** After hearing all funding requests for the Summer
1739 Student Assembly will convene in a closed session to decide what groups receive funding and the
1740 amount disseminated.

1741 c. **Committees and Commissions.**

1742 4. **Jurisdiction.**

1743 a. **Code and Constitution changes.** The Constitution cannot be changed during the Sum-
1744 mer Student Assembly. The Summer Student Assembly may modify article VII of the Compiled Code
1745 if a compelling interest exists and with a 2/3 majority. The chair shall e-mail any proposed changes at
1746 least forty-eight hours in advance to the Michigan Student Assembly Representatives list.

1747 b. **Resolutions.** Resolutions passed by the SSA will become null and void at the first meeting
1748 of the Michigan Student Assembly in the Fall term.

1749 c. **Elections.** Elections may not be held by the Summer Student Assembly.

1750 d. **Minutes.** Minutes will be taken and e-mailed to all members of MSA. A temporary minutes
1751 taker will be nominated at the beginning of each meeting.

1752 **B. Budget and Financial Operations.**

1753 1. The Summer Assembly only has authority over funds budgeted to it by MSA.

1754 a. The Summer Assembly will take no action that would affect the budget or proposed budget
1755 of MSA during the fall and winter terms.

1756 **2. Student organizations.** Since BPC does not meeting during spring-summer term, student
1757 organizations will submit funding requests directly to the executive officers for consideration by the
1758 Summer Assembly.

1759 **a. Application Procedures.** Student organizations may apply to Summer Assembly for fund-
1760 ing of specific events. Summer Assembly funding applications will be available no later than one week
1761 after the start of the Spring term. Summer Assembly will consider only one application per group.

1762 **b. Allocation and Disbursement.** Organizations may not appeal the decision of the Summer
1763 Assembly, but must be allowed time to present to the Summer Assembly. The length of the presenta-
1764 tion is at the discretion of the Executive Officers, but will be a minimum of five minutes. The officers
1765 of the organizations allocated funds will sign a Grant Agreement making them personally liable for
1766 repayment of the allocation if stated conditions are not met. Organizations are required to submit
1767 accounting to the Administrative Coordinator detailing the use of allocated funds within one month
1768 of the conclusion of the event or 14 business days after the first day of classes of the Fall term. The
1769 Summer Assembly can attach any conditions to the grant and can specific dates by which the money
1770 must be spent. All money not spent by the specified date will revert back to MSA.

1771 **3. Reimbursement.** The amount reimbursed will not exceed the amount allocated by the Sum-
1772 mer Assembly and must conform to the categories and any other conditions under which the money
1773 was allocated. Money allocated by the Summer Assembly for a project counts as use of MSA resources
1774 upon passage by the Summer Assembly. Student groups who fail to use their money and fail to submit
1775 a "Cancellation of Funding" Request by the Second meeting of the Fall term shall be ineligible
1776 for funding in following fall term. The administrative coordinator shall notify each group at least
1777 thrice of this requirement.

1778 **4. Travel restrictions.** Money allocated for travel expenses will not cover alcoholic beverages,
1779 entertainment, parking tickets, or traffic violations.

1780 **5.** Any disbursement for supplies, capital goods, and salaries deemed necessary for the operation
1781 of the office by an executive officer or full-time staff member can be spent.