A RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A SUPPORT CENTER FOR COURSES MEETING A RACE AND ETHNICITY REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, Students and staff involved in LSA’s First Year and Upper Level Writing Requirements have access to course support via the Sweetland Writing Center. Students and staff involved in LSA’s Language Requirement have access to course support via the Language Resource Center, and students and staff involved in LSA’s Natural Science Requirement have access to course support via the Science Learning Center; AND

WHEREAS, students and staff involved in LSA’s Race and Ethnicity Requirement currently do not have access to a course support center; AND

WHEREAS, a recent student forum on LSA’s Race and Ethnicity Requirement indicated that current R & E courses, which were too large to allow students to engage in difficult discussions of race and ethnicity, were not providing adequate opportunities for peer to peer dialogue and did not allocate outside support for students, GSIs and faculty involved in R & E courses; AND

WHEREAS, a support center for Race and Ethnicity courses would provide GSI and faculty training in dialogue facilitation, connect students with learning experiences on topics of race and ethnicity outside of the classroom, and supply students with access to one on one meetings with trained staff to further discuss matters involving race, ethnicity, and social identity outside of the classroom; AND

WHEREAS, the support center for race and ethnicity courses would equip faculty with practices and tools to satisfy the required content along with opportunities to engage in additional peer to peer dialogues on issues of race and identity; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Central Student Government calls for the establishment of a center supporting students, GSIs, and faculty involved in LSA’s R & E courses and other undergraduate courses addressing issues of race, ethnicity, religion, social class, and gender as they pertain to their own curriculums of study; AND BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED, the authors of this resolution will distribute this document to the chair of LSA’s Race and Ethnicity Review Committee, Angela Dillard; AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the authors of this resolution will distribute this document to the Deans of all undergraduate schools and colleges at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

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Yes: _____  No: _____  Abs: _____  Date: ___________________________

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