UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
CENTRAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5-031

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, CHAPTER XVIII.A of the Operating Procedures currently states

“1. Conflict of Interests with the University

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

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

2. Conflict of Interest with a Student Organizations

a. A member of the Assembly shall have a conflict of interest with a student organization, be it recognized or unrecognized by the Assembly, if she, or an immediate family member of hers, receives money from the organization or will receive money from the organization as a direct consequence of her membership in the Assembly.

No member of the Assembly shall have a conflict of interest with a student organization if she is an unpaid member of the organization or has been reimbursed by the organization for her own expenses.

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

WHEREAS, the quoted article seeks to remedy any conflict of interest brought about through a student’s employment by a university official or student organization; AND

WHEREAS, conflict of interest is of serious ethical concern to the assembly; AND

WHEREAS, a single definition of conflict of interest is in the interest of the assembly; AND
WHEREAS, any direct employment through the university - not solely employment by a leading university official - can lead to a conflict of interest for a student representative of the assembly; AND

WHEREAS, banning any student directly employed by the university from representing their peers through service on the assembly could prevent a diverse representation of socioeconomic status within the assembly; BE IT

RESOLVED, that the article in question be amended to state

“1. Conflict of Interests

a. No member of the Assembly may accept a paid position gained solely by virtue of their membership in CSG.

b. A member of the Assembly shall have a conflict of interest, be it recognized or unrecognized by the Assembly, if they, or an immediate family member of theirs, receives money from an organization or will receive money an organization as a direct consequence of the Assembly member’s membership in the Assembly.

c. No member of the Assembly shall have a conflict of interest with a registered student organization if they are an unpaid member of the organization or have been reimbursed by the organization for their own expenses.

d. Members of the Assembly must publicly disclose at an Assembly meeting any existing or potential conflicts of interest in good faith. If the conflict of interest arises during membership in the Assembly, the member remains obligated to disclose the conflict.

e. No member of the Assembly possessing a conflict of interest with an organization may vote on any matter regarding the organization with which there exists a conflict of interest.”
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Yes: _____  No: _____  Abs: _____  Date: _________________________

Signature Necessary: ______  Signature Received By _________________: _____