A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE ANN ARBOR CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan provides that “[n]ew Justices” on the Central Student Judiciary shall be nominated “by sitting Central Student Judiciary Justices”;¹ AND

WHEREAS, no student government judiciary at any other Big Ten institution nominates its own membership;² AND

WHEREAS, at every university in the Big Ten whose student government contains a student judiciary,³ new Justices are nominated either by the President of the student government or by a nominations committee in the Assembly;⁴ AND

WHEREAS, Student Body Presidents at 7 Big Ten institutions nominate members of the student judiciary, subject to Assembly confirmation;⁵ AND

WHEREAS, the Central Student Judiciary adjudicates disputes of great importance to the student body, student organizations, and the greater University of Michigan community; AND

WHEREAS, the status quo CSJ selection process provides little external or democratic accountability to ensure the highest quality Justices; AND

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan provides that “[s]tudents shall have the right to form and maintain a democratic student government”;⁶ THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, pursuant to its constitutional amendment powers,⁷ the CSG Assembly proposes to amend the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan by striking “by sitting Central Student Judiciary Justices, and shall be confirmed by a simple majority vote” and replacing that provision with “by a selection process consisting of returning justices vetting candidates

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¹ See Art. IV, § 1.
² See attached spreadsheet.
³ At 2 universities in the Big Ten (Rutgers and the University of Minnesota), the student governments do not maintain an analogue to the Central Student Judiciary. See attached spreadsheet.
⁴ See attached spreadsheet.
⁵ These institutions are the University of Illinois, Indiana University, the University of Maryland, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, and Purdue University. See attached spreadsheet.
⁶ See Art. VIII, § 4.
⁷ See Art. V, § 2 (stating that the “Central Student Legislature may present amendments to this Constitution to the students by a two-thirds majority of the Assembly and a two-thirds majority of the University Council.”).
according to the Central Student Judiciary’s internal procedures, publicly recommending candidate(s) for vacant seat(s), after which the President may formally nominate candidate(s) from that pool for confirmation, subject to the advice and consent—by simple majority vote—of the Assembly.”; AND

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the CSG Assembly proposes to amend the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan by striking “The term for Justices shall be one year, and justices may serve consecutive terms” and replacing that provision with “Once appointed, a justice shall serve until he or she completes his or her degree program. If a justice is enrolled in more than one degree program at the time of appointment, his or her term shall not expire until the justice completes all of his or her degree programs.”

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Yes: _____  No: _____  Abs: _____  Date: ______________

Signature Necessary: _____  Signature Received By ___________________ : ______