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WHEREAS instructors have primary responsibility for curriculum, subject matter, and *methods of instruction*; and

WHEREAS the [Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities](#) by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) asserts that "The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and *methods of instruction*" (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS the [University of Michigan Faculty Handbook](#), published by the Office of the Provost, also states, "The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and *methods of instruction*" (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS "methods of instruction" include the modality in which instruction is delivered; and

WHEREAS current students, while strongly desiring an in-person residential experience, are also open to their courses involving a mix of in-person and online methods of instruction; and

WHEREAS evaluation, feedback, and course-correction regarding instruction should occur through existing departmental channels such as directors of undergraduate/graduate studies, deans, chairs, course evaluations, peer faculty feedback, and elected curriculum committees; and

WHEREAS the great majority of instructors are committed to offering high-quality instruction for students and give careful thought to methods of instruction; and

WHEREAS the faculty insist on their autonomy with respect to teaching; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the University's current policy, which effectively coerces an in-person method of instruction, denies a fundamental prerogative of the faculty and flouts the stated views of the AAUP and the U-M Office of the Provost; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the University immediately re-evaluate and adjust its policy for in-person instruction, so as to better incorporate the legitimate input of the faculty.

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