## **Article 1. NAME AND AFFILIATION**

* 1. **Name:** The name of this organization shall be [Institute/Center Name],   
     University of Michigan ("the Institute/Center")
  2. **Affiliation:** The Institute/Center is a constituent entity of [relevant School /College]   
     at the University of Michigan

## **Article 2. GOAL AND MISSION**

2.1 **Goal:**The goal of the Institute/Center is to [state goal succinctly]

2.2 **Mission:** The mission of the Institute/Center is to:

* + - Facilitate interdisciplinary research and teaching related to [specify focus area]
    - [State additional mission point]
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## **Article 3. PARTICIPATION**

* 1. **Affiliates:**The Institute/Center may designate individuals, particularly primarily University of Michigan faculty, as "Affiliates" expected to contribute   
     [specify contributions, e.g., research, teaching, service]
  2. **Associates:**Selected Affiliates committed to [specify terms, e.g., leadership roles,   
     long-term contributions] may be designated as "Associates"

## **Article 4. GOVERNANCE AND OPERATION**

* 1. **Reporting Structure:** The Institute/Center reports to the Dean, the Center Director,   
     and the Steering Committee
  2. **Steering Committee:**
* **Composition**: Includes a Chair and [XX to YY] members, appointed by [appointing authority] for [X-year terms]. Appointments may be renewed up to [X times]   
  and initially staggered to facilitate smooth rotations
* **Responsibilities**: Adopt bylaws, approve policies, elect the Executive Committee, and oversee the Institute/Center’s management
* **Meetings**: Convenes at least twice each semester, led by [specify authority]
  1. **Executive Committee:**Formed by the Steering Committee, includes the Chair and   
     [XX to YY] members representative of the university’s major units
  2. **Director***:* Appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Steering Committee, serves as an ex officio member of both the Steering Committee and the Executive Committees
  3. **Subsidiary Bodies**: The Steering Committee may establish subcommittees,   
     advisory boards, working groups, and other subsidiary bodies as necessary to advance the Institute/Center’s objectives

## **Article 5. AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS**

1. **Amendment Procedure:**Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Steering Committee, provided the proposed amendment has been circulated at least one week prior to the meeting

5.2 **Severability:**Any provision of these bylaws deemed illegal, unenforceable, or

inconsistent with U-M policies will be severed, with remaining bylaws continuing in full effect