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A Resolution to Establish the Transfer Student Initiatives Task Force (TSITF)

A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”; and,

Whereas, LSA SG utilizes its Bylaws to structure and facilitate official business; and,

Whereas, LSA SG recognizes the need for amendments or additions to the Bylaws to improve its function and reflect current practices; and,

Whereas, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (hereafter LSA) has a substantial population of transfer students - with an incoming group of 608 undergraduate transfer students for the Fall of 2015; and,

Whereas, as part of the LSA Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Plan (hereafter DEI Plan) there is a section dedicated to transfer students - including plans to increase the number of undergraduate transfer students accepted into LSA in the near future; and,

Whereas, LSA currently does not have adequate resources for the current population of transfer students; and,

Whereas, this is a topic that is of an importance and scope that merits the creation of a Task Force specifically to work towards making transferring to and succeeding at the University and the College of LSA an easier process for prospective and current transfer students.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG will establish the Transfer Student Initiatives Task Force (hereafter TSITF) which shall be housed underneath the Academic Affairs Committee; and,

Be it further resolved, the duties and procedures of the TSITF are articulated in an addition to Chapter Nine of the Bylaws; and,

Be it further resolved, the TSITF will hold its first official meeting the week of October 30th, 2016; and,

Be it further resolved, the TSITF shall expire either at the end of the Winter 2017 semester; and,

Be it further resolved, if TSITF is not ready to be dissolved at that point its duration may be extended by a simple majority vote of the Government and a corresponding amendment to its section of the Bylaws; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG will adhere to all Bylaw amendments, will approve these changes, and that they will take effect immediately.