

**B F2019.09**

**An Amendment to Chapter Eleven of the Bylaws Clarifying the Planet Blue Ambassador Certification Process for Government Members**

*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 recognizes the need for amendments to the Bylaws to improve its function and reflect current practices; and,

**Whereas**, the mission of LSA SG Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee (hereafter TREES) is to “actively work to improve the lives of LSA students outside of the academic sphere by promoting the culture of sustainability and advocating for environmental awareness”; and,

**Whereas**, as required by B W2019.04, “all voting members and associate representatives shall become Planet Blue Ambassador certified within two weeks of the commencement of their term in office”; and,

**Whereas**, an absence shall be incurred by a government member “that has not obtained Planet Blue Ambassador Certification within the required timeline. An additional absence will be incurred each General Meeting this requirement has not been fulfilled”; and,

**Whereas**, “the chair and vice chair of any committee must be trained in Zero Waste by completing the Planet Blue Ambassadorship program before gaining access to their committee’s budget”; and,

**Whereas**, enforcement of the Planet Blue Ambassador (hereafter PBA) Certification requirement and its attendance guidelines has been minimal due to the lack of a clear enforcement procedure; and,

**Whereas**, ensuring that all members of the government are PBA certified is essential in the pursuit of government-wide sustainability; and,

**Whereas**, the Secretary position is often overwhelmed by the verification of constantly revolving representative status and there is no defined way to gather representative's PBA Certifications; and,

**Whereas**, it is under a mutual agreeance that it would be beneficial to both the Secretary and TREES leadership for the oversight on PBA Certifications to be under TREES.

**Be it therefore resolved**, the Bylaws of LSA SG be amended in manner defined in Appendix A; and,

**Be it further resolved**, the Chair and Vice Chair of TREES shall communicate with the secretary to ensure that recorded member attendance takes into account PBA Certification status; and,

**Be it further resolved**, the Chair and Vice Chair of TREES shall communicate Chair and Vice Chair PBA Certification status with the treasurer to ensure that committee, subcommittee, and task force budgetary access is regulated as specified in 3.02.01 and 6.02.01; and,

**Be it finally resolved**, LSA SG shall adhere to this Bylaw amendment, and it shall take effect January 1, 2020.

Appendix A

**Chapter 11**  
**Student Life Block**

## **Taking Responsibility of the Earth and the Environment Subcommittee**

11.03.00 **Purpose.** The Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee of the Student Life Committee (referred to herein as the Subcommittee or TREES) shall actively work to improve the lives of LSA students outside of the academic sphere by promoting the culture of sustainability and advocating for environmental awareness.

11.03.01 **Improvement of Sustainability.** The Subcommittee shall be charged with working on at least two improvements to the sustainable well-being of LSA students each semester. The body will take into consideration concerns raised by Subcommittee members, government members, and any constituents present.

11.03.02 **Duties.** The Subcommittee shall be responsible for each of the following:

(a) **Student Services.** The Subcommittee shall work to improve the quality and availability of the College's sustainability measures for students.

(b) **Campus Climate.** The Subcommittee shall work to create a more sustainable campus climate by creating opportunities for students within the College to interact more cooperatively with each other surrounding issues of environmental awareness.

(c) **Governmental Sustainability.** TREES shall collaborate with the rest of the Government and all of its committees and subcommittees to increase the sustainability of LSA SG events and LSA SG overall. The TREES Chair and Vice Chair will also become trained in Zero Waste.

*(d) Planet Blue Ambassador Program Certification. The Chair and Vice Chair shall receive attendance rolocall from the Secretary, and then record and monitor government members' Planet Blue Ambassador Program Certification status and report this status to the Secretary and the Treasurer.*