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An Amendment to the First Chapter of the Bylaws Allowing Minor Bylaw Edits

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”;¹ 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 maintenance of the digital copies of the Bylaws falls upon the Executive Board, especially the Counsel and Secretary; and,

Whereas, the numerous amendments to the Bylaws have caused numerous formatting, grammatical, and spelling errors to become apparent in the document; and,

Whereas, the requirement to have our Bylaws published on our website encourages us to maintain them well, as they are an outward-facing facet of LSA SG; and,

Whereas, transparency is a necessity in all actions related to the governing documents; and,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws be amended in accordance with the language in Appendix A; and,

Be it further resolved, that all edits performed by the President, Vice President, Counsel, and Secretary be noted in the document’s history (in the case of live digital documents, such as those preserved on Google Docs), and that all edits (in summary form, for widespread corrections) be presented to the government; and,

Be it finally resolved, that this amendment take immediate effect.

¹ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

Appendix A

Chapter 1 Amendments

1.01.11 Edits to Grammar, Spelling, and Formatting. The President, Vice President, Counsel, Secretary, and Internal Review Committee Vice Chair shall be empowered, individually and collectively, to perform minor changes to the Bylaws, limited solely to matters of spelling, grammar, and formatting. All edits must be recorded in the digital document's history. All minor edits must be presented before the government at its first meeting after the edits occur, at which point the editing member (or several members) who performed the edits must report the changes made and submit those changes in writing to the government. Any member of the government may motion to overturn part or all of the edits. A simple majority of the government is needed to overturn a minor edit. The edited parts of the Bylaws will be reverted to their form prior to when the edit was performed if the government overturns a minor edit.