

**B F2020.07**

**An Amendment to the Fifth Chapter of Bylaws to Address Resignation and Minor Issues**

*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”;<sup>1</sup> 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,

**Whereas**, the act of resignation has been common in the past, but has not been formally established within the Bylaws; and,

**Whereas**, though some minor elements contained in Appendix A may be resolved through a Minor Bylaw Edits act, it is the opinion of the Counsel that these changes may equally be addressed in a bylaw amendment; and,

**Whereas**, it is the opinion of the Counsel that this amendment to the Bylaws will not change any practices currently employed by LSA SG; and,

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

**Be it finally resolved**, that these changes take immediate effect.

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

## Chapter 5 Member Obligations

5.00.00. **Member of Government.** The members of the Government shall be defined as all executive officers, all elected, appointed or associate representatives as well as the committee, *subcommittee, and task force* chairs and vice-chairs ~~of the Government's committees, subcommittees and task forces~~. In order to serve as an executive officer ~~of~~ the Government, one must be enrolled in the College of LSA at the time of election and throughout the length of their term. Elected and appointed representatives must be enrolled in the College of LSA at the time of their election and throughout the length of their term in said position. Associate representatives must either be enrolled in the College or must have at least an LSA minor. Refer to Chapter 5 Section 3 Subsection B regarding a representative's inability to maintain affiliation with the College of LSA.

5.00.01. **General Meetings.** A roll call shall be taken and recorded by the Secretary (*or a designee*) at the beginning and end of each general meeting of the Government. All members are expected to be present for both roll calls.

5.00.02. **Committee Meetings.** Each member shall attend, at minimum, one committee, subcommittee or task force meeting per week. It is strongly encouraged that each member should be a permanent member of at least one committee, subcommittee, or task force.

5.00.03. **Office Hours.** At no later than the second general meeting of the Government each semester, the Secretary shall circulate a sign-up sheet for office hours. Each elected, appointed, and associate representative, committee chair and committee vice-chair of the Government must sign up for his or her own hour, Monday-Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM and is responsible for holding a fixed office hour for the semester. Each member shall spend that hour each week in the Government's office, assisting constituents or performing other duties of the Government. The Secretary's member obligation log shall be kept in the office and each member shall sign in and out during his or her office hour.

5.00.04. **Steering Committee.** All members of the Steering Committee, which consists of all executive officers and the chairs of all committees, subcommittees, and task forces, must attend each Steering Committee meeting.

5.00.05. **Inclusive Language.** All ~~elected, appointed, and associate representatives~~ **government members** shall make an active effort to use gender-inclusive language in all LSA SG events, meetings, and communications.

5.00.06. **Government Sustainability.** All voting members and associate representatives shall become Planet Blue Ambassador certified within two weeks of the commencement of their term in office.

### Associate Representatives

5.02.00 **Associate Representatives.** An associate representative is an additional non-elected member of the Government who, through ~~his or her~~ **their** own enthusiasm, wishes to become involved in the Government.

5.02.01 **Eligibility.** Any student who is currently enrolled in the College or has at least declared an LSA minor and who has attended three of the last five general meetings of the Government shall be considered a member of the government, and an associate representative. This status shall last for one semester and may be automatically renewed by contacting the Secretary stating an intended interest to continue in the

role of an associate representative.

5.02.02 **Rights.** Associate representatives are non-voting members in official Government business as stipulated in Article III, Section B of the LSA SG Constitution. Excluding voting privileges, they shall have the same rights of any other member of the Government in that they have the right to make motions, to serve as a Chair or Vice-Chair of any committee of the government excluding the Appointments Committee and the Budget Allocations Committee, ~~to present motions for the consideration of the government~~, and to participate as full voting members ~~on~~ any government committee except the Appointments Committee and the Budget Allocations Committee.

5.02.03 **Suspension of rights.** The Government may, by ~~a~~ majority vote, limit the rights of an associate representative. This should only be used in the most extraordinary of circumstances and/or if the member is being disruptive to the normal operations of the Government.

### Special Provisions

5.03.00 **Incompatible Bodies.** No elected representative or executive board member of the Government shall also be an elected representative or executive officer of the Central Student Government. No member of the Government shall also be a member of the Central Student Judiciary.

5.03.01 **Formal Consideration for Removal of Office.** Any person in an elected or appointed position may be removed from office due to inappropriate actions that jeopardize governmental affairs. After a motion has been made, in which the nature of the accusation has been precisely stated, the Government may by two-thirds vote to conduct a trial to consider the formal removal of an elected or appointed member of the Government. This trial will take place one week following the motion for formal consideration for removal of office to give all parties time to prepare for discussion. During the week of consideration, the elected or appointed member is suspended from any actions related to his or her involvement in LSA SG. The trial shall be chaired by the President to maintain order. The member may be removed with a two-thirds vote of the Government. The Government shall consider each case individually. No accused party shall have the ability to participate in the trial of another individual accused of related offenses. The accused member may appeal his or her case within a week of the decision to the Steering Committee. In the case of an appeal, the Appointments Committee may not make any recommendations to replace the member. To be reinstated back into his or her office, a two-thirds vote by the Government in favor of reinstatement is required.

5.03.02 **Removal from Office through the loss of LSA affiliation.** Any associate representative who is accepted into and enrolled in another College and thus has lost their enrollment in the College of LSA may continue to serve in their position(s) provided they declare an LSA minor within six weeks of their enrollment in another College or within six weeks of the beginning of the school year (whichever one is later). Any executive officer, elected or appointed representative who loses enrollment in LSA must declare an LSA major within six weeks of their loss of enrollment or within six weeks of the beginning of the school year (whichever one is later). If it proves impossible for the member to get an advising appointment to declare a minor or major, then the Steering Committee may by two-thirds vote choose to extend the declaration time period. Any member who disenrolleds from the College must appear before the Steering Committee to inform the committee of whether or not they intend to declare an LSA major or minor. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in the removal of office effective immediately. The Secretary will declare his or her positions vacant.

5.03.03 **Removal from Office by Recall.** Any member of the body may be removed by recall initiated by

the student body as described in the LSA Constitution, Article VIII Section E3.

**5.03.04 Removal from Office with Regards to Direct Constituency.** Any improper use of the Direct Constituency System shall automatically be considered justification for removal of any person on LSA SG, immediately initiating procedures laid out in 5.03.01.

***5.03.05 Removal from Office through Resignation. Any member of the government may resign from their position by submitting a letter or e-mail to the President, who then is empowered to acknowledge their resignation on behalf of the government. In the case of the President resigning, the Executive Board is empowered to receive and acknowledge their resignation on behalf of the government.***

**5.03.06 Compensation.** No member or appointee of the government may receive compensation from an outside organization for their work in LSA SG. Compensation is defined as payments in return for work completed in LSA SG by members acting in their capacity as a member or appointee of the government. This excludes compensatory funds disbursed to LSA SG members for LSA SG-related expenses, and compensation of LSA SG members by external organizations for non-LSA SG purposes (e.g. scholarships, Resident Advisor housing allowance, salaries earned for non-LSA SG work).