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**An Amendment to the Seventeenth Chapter of the Bylaws to Clarify the Responsibilities of
Appointees**

*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 is responsible for appointing student representatives to various university groups; and,

Whereas, the purpose of appointees vary by position, and the roles and responsibilities of each position reflect the individual purpose of the committee; and,

Whereas, there are various appointees whose position is pertinent to a specific committee or group within LSA SG; and,

Whereas, positions more pertinent to specific committees would benefit from receiving reports from the appointees at the specific committee meeting; and,

Whereas, various appointees are appointed by other committee leadership, and therefore that committee leadership should explain responsibilities of the appointee position.

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

Be it therefore resolved, the Seventeenth Chapter of the Bylaws shall be amended to reflect these changes; and,

Be it further resolved, the Counsel will update the Official LSA SG Bylaws; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG shall adhere to these bylaws, and they shall take effect immediately.

Chapter 17

Responsibilities of Appointees

17.00.00 **Title and Short Title.** This chapter shall be known as the Responsibilities and Functions of Appointees of LSA SG. The short title shall be the Responsibilities of Appointees.

17.00.01 **Authority.** The Government has the authority to enact this chapter under Article V, Section F of the LSA SG Constitution which states: "To appoint or provide procedures for the appointment of student representatives to College and University wide committees, to College and University wide boards, to College and University wide panels, and to vacant seats representing the College on the Central Student Government (or its successor), and to remove or provide procedures for the removal of such appointees."

17.00.02 **Applicability.** This chapter shall apply to any student appointed by the Government to any College or University-wide committee, board, or panel which is not judicial but rather is legislative or policy-making in nature, such as the LSA Curriculum Committee, the LSA Joint Student/Faculty Committee, any other advisory or policy-making committee to which the Government may appoint members, and vacant LSA seats on the Central Student Government.

17.00.03 **Inapplicability.** This chapter shall specifically not apply to members of any College or University-wide committee, board, or panel which is not legislative but rather is judicial in nature, such as the LSA Academic Judiciary, nor shall it apply to appointed members of LSA SG.

17.00.04 **Explanation of Responsibilities.** Every applicant for a position that falls under the authority of this chapter shall have access to this chapter via the LSA SG website. The *appropriate committee, subcommittee, or task force leadership* ~~Appointments Committee~~ shall explain the importance of this chapter to the applicant and shall secure the applicant's explicit adherence to this chapter's provisions as a condition for consideration for appointment.

Political Responsibilities

17.01.00 **Rationale.** Appointees of the Government represent the students of the College through their democratic student government, LSA SG. As such, they are expected to adhere to all policies of the Government and to obey all mandates of the Government as provided below.

17.01.01 **Adherence to Government Policy.** "Government policy" refers to any statement by the Government (as a resolution or in any other form) with political import. Appointees shall, on their committees, support any measure which furthers Government policy and shall oppose any measure which is contrary with Government policy.

17.01.02 **Obedience to Government Mandates.** "Government mandates" refers to any specific directive from the Government to appointees as to how to vote on a particular question, or as to action to be taken under specified circumstances. A mandate shall require a majority of the total membership of the Government for passage. If the appointee fails to comply with such a mandate, unless the appointee shall provide satisfactory explanation to the Government at its next meeting, the Government shall consider the

recall of the appointee. The Government may then immediately recall the appointee(s) by a two-thirds vote.

Non-Political Responsibilities

17.02.00 Organization Activity Information. An appointee shall ensure that LSA SG is provided with as much information as possible on the activities of the organization. This information shall include agendas, minutes, written reports and other materials submitted to or generated by the organization. If there is more than one appointee serving in the organization, the *appropriate chair Appointments Committee* will notify which appointee is assigned these responsibilities.

17.02.01 Reports. An appointee must submit a report to the *appropriate* government *entity* at least once a month. *The appropriate government entity is the specific committee, subcommittee, or task force in which the position of the appointee is most relevant. If the position is not specific to a particular committee, subcommittee, or task force, the report shall be issued to the general government.* This report should, if possible, be an oral presentation to the *appropriate* government *entity*. If an oral presentation is not possible for a governmental period a written report should be submitted to the *appropriate chair Appointments-Committee* to be presented to the *appropriate* government *entity*. *The following are considered appropriate government entities of report:*

- (a) The Academic Affairs Committee shall receive reports of Curriculum Committee appointees;*
- (b) The Subcommittee on Technology, Advising, and Academic Resources shall receive reports of the Center for Academic Innovation Liaison;*
- (c) The General Assembly shall receive reports of Central Student Government appointees.*