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**An Amendment to the Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government**

*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**, the Constitution of LSA SG may be amended in a two stage process: first with an amendment that received  $\frac{2}{3}$  approval of the government, and then with the approval of the student body with a simple majority vote<sup>2</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, LSA SG has the enumerated power “To adopt legislation to address and improve upon concerns of the College”<sup>3</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, as an organization, LSA SG has a need to consistently evolve and adapt its best practices to serve its constituents; and,

**Whereas**, the calculation of elected representative seats has been done inconsistently in the past, and adds additional complications to an integral governmental process; and,

**Whereas**, allowing for a set number of representatives to be elected will remove inconsistencies of calculating the number of seats to be filled; and,

**Whereas**, the number of seats may be increased in future through an additional constitutional amendment, in order to account for a dynamic student population; and,

**Whereas**, and expansion of the LSA SG voting body will allow for more students to have their voices heard in university affairs; and,

**Whereas**, the 2020 elections held at the local, state, and federal levels may encourage more students to become involved in organizations like our own, thus encouraging us to expand our ranks to include them; and,

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

<sup>2</sup> The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article IX, Section A.

<sup>3</sup> The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article V, Section B.

**Whereas**, the position of Appointed Representative, while an integral part of the government, is not established within the Constitution; and,

**Whereas**, minor errors (like the presence of “24” randomly in the middle of Article VII) should be corrected when noted by the Government; and,

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the amendment to the text of the Constitution be adopted by LSA SG, and be referred to the student body for their consideration in the next eligible election; and,

**Be it further resolved**, that an updated copy of the Constitution be published on the website of LSA SG upon the passage of this amendment and the approval of this amendment in a vote of the student body; and,

**Be it finally resolved**, that the amendment, if passed by a vote of the student body, take effect immediately following the certification of the election results.

## Appendix A

### Article III – Composition

The Government shall consist of the following members:

**A. Elected Representatives.** Representatives, elected from and by the Student Body of the College, shall be members of the Government. There shall ~~be one representative per 750 students in the College of LSA, determined by the average of the most recent Winter Term and Fall Term enrollment. Such apportionment shall be tabulated once each year - preceding the November Election. If, after the total enrollment of the College is divided by 750, the remainder is greater than 375, then one additional representative shall be added.~~ be thirty (30) elected representatives, fifteen (15) of which are elected in the fall election and fifteen (15) of which are elected in the winter election. Each elected representative shall have one vote for two consecutive semesters, *not considering Spring and Summer semesters*.

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**K. Appointed Representatives.** *Vacancies in Elected Representative seats may be filled for a period lasting equal or less than one semester (not considering Spring and Summer semesters). The process for the appointment of Appointed Representatives shall be defined in the Bylaws. Appointed Representatives shall serve as members of the government and be entitled to vote on matters before the government, excluding any matters defined in the Bylaws that they are discharged from.*

### Article VII - Operating Procedures

**I. Actions Effective.** Actions of the Government shall become effective immediately after the meeting at which they are taken ~~24~~ has adjourned, unless specified otherwise in the action being taken. This shall not include amendments to this Constitution.