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An Amendment to the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Chapters of the Bylaws to Clarify the Effective Dates of Bylaw Amendments, Update the Duties of the LSA Student Government President, Discontinue End of the Semester Reports and Update Action Plans

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, LSA SG seeks to make its governing practices clear so that the language in the Bylaws is as transparent as possible; and,

Whereas, some amendments to the Bylaws do not take effect immediately upon their approval and may specify a different date upon which they take effect; and,

Whereas, the President does not reserve the right to preside over all meetings of the Government, just General meetings; and,

Whereas, the End of Semester Reports, as outlined in Chapters Four and Five of the Bylaws, are often not completed; when completed, the End of Semester Reports are often not done in the exact format enumerated by the Bylaws; and,

Whereas, Action Plans provide a sufficient substitute for End of Semester Reports as they outline the goals and priorities of the committee for the semester and can be referenced to see what was accomplished during the semester and determine the future direction of the committee.

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

Be it therefore resolved, Chapter 1 of the Bylaws will be amended to indicate that an amendment will become effective at the time of approval unless a different time is specified otherwise on the amendment; and,

Be it further resolved, Chapter 4 of the Bylaws will be amended to clarify that the President shall only preside at General meetings of the Government; and,

Be it further resolved, Chapters 4 and 5 of the Bylaws will be amended to remove the End of Semester Reports; and,

Be it further resolved, Chapter 6 of the Bylaws will be amended to replace the current End of Semester Reports with an updated committee action plan listing accomplishments and future goals for the committee; and,

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