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**An Amendment to the Fifteenth Chapter of the Bylaws to Task the Election Code Review and Amendment Formation Task Force with the Creation of the New LSA Student Judiciary**

*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 student body voted “yes” on LSA SG’s binding ballot question regarding the creation of a judiciary in the Fall 2020 election cycle;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, it is LSA SG’s responsibility to heed the desires and express wishes of the student body both generally and with respect to binding ballot questions; and,

**Whereas**, the “yes” vote on the binding ballot question gives LSA SG one year to create a student judiciary; and,

**Whereas**, the creation of the student judiciary certainly falls under the tasks of the Internal Affairs Bloc; and,

**Whereas**, this judiciary would have the responsibility of handling disputes in elections and with reference to the election code.

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

**Be it finally resolved**, that this amendment 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

<sup>2</sup> F2020 LSA SG Election Results.

<https://lsa.umich.edu/content/dam/lsasg-assets/lsasg-docs/f2020-regular-election/Constitutional%20Amendment%20and%20Ballot%20Q%20pt%201.png>

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15.03.00 **Purpose.** ~~The Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force~~ ~~The Election Code Review and Amendment Formation Task Force~~ (hereafter *JEECAT Force* ~~ECRAFTF~~) shall review and suggest amendments to the Election Code of College of Literature, Science, and the Arts *and take charge in the creation of an LSA Student Judiciary (hereafter LSA SJ).*

15.03.01 **Scope.** The JEECAT Force shall meet weekly to discuss matters related to the Election Code of College of Literature, Science, and the Arts *and the creation of an LSA SJ.* The JEECAT Force shall suggest amendments to the Election Code of College of Literature, Science, and the Arts to the government, *as well as the LSA SG Constitution and Bylaws.*

15.03.02 **Task.** The task of the JEECAT Force shall be to determine the best set of guidelines by which the government should conduct its elections *and create its judiciary*, and offer amendments to bring these suggestions to fruition.

15.03.03 **Leadership.** The JEECAT Force shall be led by a Chair and Vice-Chair elected by the government.

15.03.04 **Expiration.** The JEECAT Force shall be dissolved, and the relevant chapters in the Bylaws eliminated, once:

- (a) It is the opinion of the leadership of the JEECAT Force that no further changes need to be made to the Election Code; or,
- (b) An amendment is adopted by the government that repeals and replaces the Election Code; or,
- (c) The government votes to dissolve the JEECAT Force; or,
- (d) If none of the above conditions are met by April 30, 2021, the JEECAT Force shall be automatically dissolved.

15.03.05 **Membership.** All government members may attend and participate in meetings of the JEECAT Force. Any Election Director hired by the government is welcome to attend meetings of the JEECAT Force and provide their input on the Election Code, though this is not required.

15.03.06 **Meetings.** The weekly meetings of the JEECAT Force shall be held on the same day as IRC