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An Amendment to the Fourth Chapter of the Bylaws Codifying the Presidential and Vice Presidential Oaths of Office

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, one of the goals of Judiciary Establishment and Election Code Amendment Task Force (commonly known as the JEECAT Force) is to simplify and increase the clarity of the Election Code and the election process; 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, it is precarious that the Presidential and Vice Presidential Oaths of Offices are not codified anywhere in LSA SG Governing Documents; and,

Whereas, it is government procedure to codify current practices if they are essential to the action of the government.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws be amended as illustrated in Appendix A; and,

Be it finally resolved, that this amendment take effect immediately.

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

The Executive Officers

4.01.00 President.

(a) The president shall perform the following duties

- (i)* ~~(a)~~ **Representative.** The President (or their designee) shall represent the Government at meetings of the University Council, and shall be the main representative voice of the students of the College of LSA.
- (ii)* ~~(b)~~ **Information.** The President shall collect and disseminate information to the Government regarding the activities of the College.
- (iii)* ~~(c)~~ **Spokesperson.** The President shall be the chief spokesperson for the Government except when and in such cases that the Government shall designate another spokesperson.
- (iv)* ~~(d)~~ **Oversight and Coordination of Activities.** The President shall oversee and coordinate all Government activities except when the Steering Committee or the Government decides otherwise or when the Constitution or the Bylaws specify otherwise.

(b) The President-elect shall take the following oath of office before being sworn in to their position: "I solemnly swear [or affirm] to uphold the mission of LSA Student Government, to promote diversity in LSA Student Government and in the College as a whole, to lead with fairness and equality, to represent LSA Student Government with the highest integrity, and will to the best of my abilities support the work of LSA Student Government, its representatives and committees, as we seek to serve the students of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts."

4.01.01 Vice President.

(a) The Vice President shall perform the following duties:

- (i)* ~~(a)~~ **Office Space.** The Vice President shall be responsible for managing the Government's office. The Vice President shall work with interested members to improve the appearance and functionality of the office.
- (ii)* ~~(b)~~ **Steering Committee.** The Vice President shall preside at Steering Committee meetings.
- (iii)* ~~(c)~~ **Internal Elections.** The Vice President shall compile a list of nominations during the Appointments, Elections, and Nominations period of the general meeting one week, and/or immediately before the Internal Elections (refer to Chapter 7).

(b) The Vice President-elect shall take the following oath of office before being sworn into their position: "I solemnly swear [or affirm] to uphold the mission of this government, to assist in the just leadership of LSA Student Government, and to the best of my ability support the work of this government, its representatives and committees, as we seek to serve the students of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts."