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An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Codifying the Responsibility of the Election Director to Advise Candidates

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, the duties of the Election Director ought to be well-defined, in order to guide them in their work; and,

Whereas, recent and current LSA SG elections staff have expressed no opposition of these suggested changes, and in fact have taken it upon themselves to well-advise candidates without this duty being specifically enumerated; and,

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

Be it finally resolved, that these changes take effect March 26, 2021.

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

Appendix A

2.01.02 **Duties.** The duties of the Election Director shall be as follows:

- (a) Thoroughly understand the Election Code and in conjunction with the Counsel, advise candidates on questions pertaining to the Election Code when necessary
- (b) Confirm the receipt of applications with candidates via email within 24 hours of receipt, as in Section 2.02.04
- (c) Schedule, preside at, and announce the Candidates Meeting at least 48 hours prior to its commencement, as in Section 2.03.03
- (d) Schedule, organize, and advertise for the Candidates Forum, as in Section 2.03.05
- (e) Schedule, organize, and advertise for the computer polling stations in the LSA SG Office on the days of the Election
- (f) Set up and be responsible for managing the online voting system, as in Section 2.04.00
- (g) Tabulate and verify with the LSA SG Counsel the Election Results, as in Section 2.04.04-2.04.09
- (h) Review complaints and issue violations, as in Section 1.08
- (i) Defend the actions of themselves and LSA SG, with the aid of the Counsel, if a violation decision or any other issue with election is brought to **LSA SJ or** CSJ, except for a suit by LSA SG against the Election Director
- (j) Formulate and distribute an orientation packet to the newly elected representatives
- (k) Formulate a report of the Election Cycle and submit this to the LSA SG Executive Board for review.
- (l) Advise candidates, constituents, and government members in a uniform manner on matters regarding proper campaign methods, matters related to the Bylaws, and any other election related questions, between the period from the commencement of the filing period through the submission of their final report. Queries should be responded to within twenty-four (24) hours of their reception, and answers should be provided as quickly as possible.***