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**An Amendment to the First Chapter of the Bylaws Allowing for the Suspension of the Bylaws**

*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 reflect current practices; and,

**Whereas**, bylaws are typically non-suspendable, excepting sets of bylaws that have a particular rule allowing for their suspension;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, it has been the custom in this body to suspend rules at times when it would make actions more expedient, though the action of suspending the bylaws is not fully within the rules of the government; and,

**Whereas**, enumerating this ability will remove any doubt concerning the legality of this action.

**Be it therefore and finally resolved**, that the Bylaws be amended immediately in accordance with the text attached in Appendix A.

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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> An explanation about suspending rules is available here: <http://www.roberts-rules.com/suspendrules2.htm>

# Chapter 1

## General Provisions

*1.00.09 Suspension of the Bylaws. These Bylaws, or a particular section or set of rules contained within, may be suspended for a particular purpose with the unanimous consent of the government. This should only be considered in rare and exceptional circumstances. This section may not be temporarily amended or suspended in a way to allow a lower threshold of members to bring about a suspension of the bylaws. This section shall not supersede other provisions within these rules that provide for a different threshold for the suspension of a particular section, or a prohibition of a particular section's suspension.*