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An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Bylaws Defining Resolution Procedures

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, clarity on the manner that resolutions are considered and passed is an asset for the current and future members of LSA SG; and,

Whereas, the Bylaws should be brought into compliance with common practices of the Government.

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

Be it finally resolved, that these changes take immediate effect.

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

Appendix A

Resolution Procedures

2.03.00 **Introduction and Discussion.** ~~A resolution must be introduced to the floor by a majority vote.~~ *Resolutions considered under Old and New Business are automatically introduced without the need of a motion, so long as at least one sponsor is present.* Following its introduction the sponsors shall speak first on behalf of the motion before it is then opened to the floor to ask the sponsors questions or make comments on behalf of the resolution. This shall continue until there are no questions left.

2.03.01 **Resolution Amendments.** Following discussion of the resolution the Chair shall ask for all friendly amendments, these defined as changes that have the approval of all the sponsors. After friendly amendments the chair shall ask for unfriendly amendments, these defined as changes that do not have the approval of all the sponsors. Each unfriendly amendment is then voted upon in order and must have a simple majority to be added to the resolution.

2.03.02 **Calling ~~to~~ the Question.** This requires a speakers list of at least one for and one against. Sponsors take priority in speaking for the resolution before other members of the government. If no members of the government care to speak, then no speakers list must be formed and the government may proceed with calling the question. After this the resolution is then voted upon with a default ~~vote by voice~~ *vote placard*, *unless a different manner of voting is specified by the member who called the question.*