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An Amendment to the Second Chapter of the Election Code Addressing Campaigning Outside the Election Period

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 (and further, its Election Code) 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 strives to create an equitable campaign environment for all candidates; and,

Whereas, campaigning prior to the campaign period will provide certain candidate’s an unfair advantage in the election.

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

Be it finally resolved, that this amendment take effect when the results of the W2021 LSA SG election results are certified.

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

Chapter 2
Election Rules and Provisions

2.03.04 **Campaign Period.** The period of time between the end of the Candidates Meeting and the end of the Voting Period in which campaigning is allowed (for Campaign Period rules, see Section 2.06).

Violations and Penalties

2.08.01 **Minor Violations.** Minor violations shall constitute the following:

- (a) An unexcused absence from a required event, such as a General Meeting prior to the election, and/or the Candidates Forum
- (b) Posting in a prohibited area, or by a prohibited fashion, as defined in Section 2.06.04-07
- (c) Implying an elected incumbency status that a candidate does not have, as defined in Section 2.06.00
- (d) Campaigning in any residence hall after 12 AM as stated in Section 2.06.08
- (e) Not denoting the official source of campaign material(s) as stated in Section 2.06.02
- (f) Violation of Section 2.06.09 with email listservs containing 1-100 members
- (g) *Campaigning outside of the campaign period as prescribed in Section 2.03.04*