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**An Amendment to the First Chapter of the Election Code Addressing the Election Code
Amendment Process**

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, to be fair toward future Election Directors and candidates, LSA SG must set limits regarding how late it may change the Election Code; and,

Whereas, it is logical that this limit be prior to the delivery of the Election Director’s contract, as they are tasked with enforcing the Election Code.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Election Code be amended according to the language 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

Appendix A

Amendments

1.01.00 **Amendments.** The Election Code is to be amended in the same manner as the LSA SG Bylaws, to which it is an addendum. This amendment process is denominated in Sections 1.01.00-1.01.11, and is copied below.

1.01.01 **Amendment Procedure.** Any amendment to the Bylaws must be presented in written form for a first reading at a regular LSA SG general meeting. A first reading is not necessary if the Government receives the proposed changes via email at least two days before the General Meeting in which the amendment will be voted on. A first reading may be made in the absence of quorum, provided that written copies of the proposed amendment are made available via email, one week prior to voting on the amendment. An amendment shall take effect upon approval by a majority vote of LSA SG voting members present at a General Meeting.

1.01.02 **Amendment Format.** Any deletions shall be made by using bold, italicize, and strikethrough font. Any additions shall be indicated with the added sections in bold and italicized font.

1.01.03 **Amendments to Specific Chapters.** Amendment procedures governing a specific chapter shall be included as part of that chapter.

1.01.04 **Effect of the Repeal of a Repealing Amendment.** Whenever an amendment is made striking or repealing sections of the Bylaws, the repealed sections shall not be revived by rescinding or repealing the amendment which originally repealed the sections.

1.01.05 **Amendment by Reference Prohibited.** No amendment to the Bylaws shall be made unless the section(s) to be amended is printed in full with dash marks to indicate words to be stricken (if any) and the new section printed in full, with the added sections in bold and italicized font, as amended unless the section(s) are more than one page long. If the changes are more than one page long, then both the section to be amended and the section after it has been amended shall be made available to any and all LSA SG members.

1.01.06 **Implied Amendments Prohibited.** The Bylaws may only be amended by a motion which states the exact amendment to be made and which complies with all of the other procedural provisions of the Bylaws concerning amendments.

1.01.07 **Counsel.** The Counsel shall assist in the preparation and editing of Bylaws amendments and chapters. The Counsel shall review all amendments to the Bylaws to ensure that the amendments are well written, concise, and consistent with other provisions of the Bylaws.

1.01.08 **Minute Requirement.** Each amendment shall be published in its entirety in the official copy of the LSA SG minutes. Any amendments, which are attached to the minutes, shall be referred to by chapter or section number.

1.01.09 **Failure to Record.** No amendment to the Bylaws shall take effect unless properly recorded and published in the LSA SG minutes. The burden is placed on the LSA SG Counsel and Secretary to ensure that the amendment is properly recorded.

1.01.10 **Effective Date.** Each amendment to the Bylaws shall become effective at the time of the amendment's approval, unless specified otherwise, provided that the amendment meets the requirements of this chapter.

(a) All amendments to the Election Code passed after the Executive Board has delivered the Election Director their contract must not be made effective until the day after the election results are certified. The Executive Board shall inform the Government when the contract has been delivered.