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An Amendment to the Third Article of the Constitution of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts Student Government to Address the Voting Practices of the President

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, the Constitution of LSA SG may be amended in a two stage process: first with an amendment that received $\frac{2}{3}$ approval of the government, and then with the approval of the student body with a simple majority vote;² and,

Whereas, LSA SG has the enumerated power “To adopt legislation to address and improve upon concerns of the College”;³ and,

Whereas, as an organization, LSA SG has a need to consistently evolve and adapt its best practices to serve its constituents; and,

Whereas, the President, as the spokesperson of LSA SG elected by the students of the College of LSA, should have their voice heard at times when needed to settle matters in a deadlocked government; and,

Whereas, the voting powers of the Chair are established similarly in the Bylaws and in Robert’s Rules of Order; that the Chair may vote in cases where their vote changes the outcome of the question (either in the positive or negative).⁴

Be it therefore resolved, that a constitutional amendment be introduced to the students of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts to vote on the language depicted in Appendix A; and,

Be it finally resolved, that if passed, this amendment takes immediate effect following the certification of the referendum’s results.

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

² The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article IX, Section A.

³ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article V, Section B.

⁴ Bylaws, 2.02.03

Appendix A

Article III – Composition

The Government shall consist of the following members:

...

- A. President.** The President shall be elected by the Student Body of the College during Winter Semester elections. They shall only have a vote in *instances where their vote could change the outcome of a question, including matters requiring more than a simple majority, when they are serving as Chair. The voting right of the President shall not be diminished when the manner of voting is secret, or when they are not serving as Chair. ~~an instance of tie.~~*