

C W2021.02

An Amendment to the Third, Fourth, and Seventh Articles of the Constitution of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts Student Government to Create the Position of Speaker of the Government

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

Whereas, bylaw amendment B W2021.06 creates the language in the bylaws requisite for the creation of the role of Speaker of the Government; and,

Whereas, it would be fitting to include complementary language in the Constitution to cement this new position into a firm constitutional footing; and,

Whereas, until a constitutional amendment is approved by the student body by referendum on this subject, the duty of the President to “preside at all General Meetings of the Government”³ shall be understood to have been voluntarily delegated at their own discretion to the position of Speaker of the Assembly, should be created with the passing on B W2021.06; and,

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.

Appendix A

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 IV, Section A.

Article III – Composition

The Government shall consist of the following members:

N. Speaker of the Government. The Speaker shall chair all Regular and Special Meetings of the Government. The Speaker shall be elected by the voting members of the government. The Speaker shall yield their right to vote when chairing a meeting, apart from instances where their vote would change the outcome of a vote, at which time they should be the last person to cast their vote. The Speaker shall vote as normal during secret votes.

Article IV – Officers

- A. **President.** The President shall be President of the Student Body of the College, and chief executive officer of the Government. ~~*When the President is present, the President shall preside at all General Meetings of the Government.*~~ The President shall be the chief spokesperson for the Government, except when and in such cases that the Government shall designate another spokesperson.

Article VII - Operating Procedures

- A. **Chair.** The Chair of the Government *when assembled at Regular or Special Meetings* shall be the *Speaker of the Government. President.* *The Bylaws may provide further details about the movement of the Chair when the Speaker is unable to fulfill their duties.*