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An Amendment to the Constitution of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts Student 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 vote²; 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 process of calling a Special Election to consider by referenda constitutional amendments that are required for the continued functioning of LSA SG are onerous and expensive, and often require a timeline extending beyond more than six weeks; and,

Whereas, it is in the interests of our constituents that our government continue to serve them without possible hindrance from a constitutional crisis.

Be it therefore resolved, that a Constitutional Amendment question be placed as a binding item on the November 18-19, 2020 election ballot; and,

Be it further resolved, that, if adopted, this change would take effect immediately; and,

Be it finally resolved, that the language in Appendix A be considered for an Amendment to the Constitution.

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.

Appendix A

Article IX – Amendments

A. Government Initiated. The Government may, by a two-thirds vote, initiate an amendment to this Constitution and refer it to the Student Body of the College. If a majority of those voting on the proposed amendment in the referendum approve it, the amendment shall be adopted.

B. Petition Initiated. An amendment to this Constitution may be initiated by a petition signed by at least one thousand students currently enrolled in the college. The procedure for filing a petition shall be described in the Bylaws. If a majority of those voting on the proposed amendment in the referendum approve it, the amendment shall be adopted.

C. Student Process. The adoption of an amendment, or of this Constitution, shall be an entirely student process. No non-student body shall review, suspend, or approve this Constitution or amendments to this Constitution in any way.

D. Effective Date. No amendment to this Constitution shall take effect until thirty days after the referendum in which it was adopted unless a different effective date is specified in the referendum question. No amendment shall take effect, in any case, until after the results of the election in which it was adopted are certified.

E. Required Amendments. *Any amended so required by the Center for Campus Involvement or a similar supervisory body that is essential to LSA SG's continued status as a Sponsored Student Organization may be adopted without referral to the student body by referendum. Amendments of this nature must still be adopted by the Government in the same manner as outlined in Article IX, Section A.*