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**An Amendment to the Twelfth and Nineteenth Chapters of the Bylaws Establishing Duties of the  
LSA Student Judiciary**

*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”;<sup>1</sup> and,

**Whereas**, LSA SG utilizes its Bylaws to structure and facilitate official business, and recognizes the need for amendments to the Bylaws to improve its function; and,

**Whereas**, The Judiciary of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SJ) will soon become a fully-fledged branch of LSA SG; and,

**Whereas**, the Manual of Procedures of LSA SJ defines the jurisdiction LSA SJ as matters relating to LSA SG and its elections and matters relating to the LSA SG Governing Documents.; and,

**Whereas**, it is essential that matters in the Bylaws falling under the jurisdiction of LSA SJ are properly delegated to LSA SJ.

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Bylaws be amended in accordance with the language in Appendix A; and,

**Be it finally resolved**, that this amendment take effect upon the confirmation of Justices to LSA SJ .

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

## Appendix A

**12.02.00 Complaints Against Government Actions.** In order that our constituents have a greater sense of connection with their government, this shall be the system that the Government shall follow.

(a) **Motion.** Any constituent of the College may bring up a complaint against the Government. The complaint must be sent in writing and through a form made available on the LSA SG Website. The form shall include details such as the constituent(s) name(s), specific government action, justification for the complaint, and requests from the government.

(b) **Internal Review Committee.** The Committee shall ascertain what action should be taken because of the motion. Should the constituent request be unclear or misunderstood, the Committee shall refer back to the constituent(s) for further information. Based on information given by the constituents, the Committee may decide by majority whether to give this motion to the committee or Government, to reject or to abstain from the motion.

(c) **Seeking Committee and Government Action.** The Committee shall inform and recommend to the Steering Committee any actions that should be taken concerning the constituent's plea. Should the constituent's complaint concern a bylaw, constitutional amendment or resolution, the IRC must report any recommendations and actions taken to all committees and representatives concerned. The IRC may mediate a discussion between the constituent and the Government to understand what can be done. The Government and concerned committee(s) shall then respond to the constituent's request.

(d) **Information.** At each stage, the IRC shall remain in contact with the constituent(s) until the matter has been settled by the Government.

(e) **Appeal.** In recognition of the fact that an appeals process is integral to ensuring a fair process, the IRC acknowledges that there is no internal mechanism for appealing Government decisions and as such designates the ~~Central~~ LSA Student Judiciary as the Court of Appeals for all Government decisions. This appeals process will follow the procedures set forth in the ~~Central~~ LSA Student Judiciary Manual of Procedure for appeals.

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**19.02.03 Impartiality.** All election staff must be impartial towards candidates and issues. Allegations of partiality may be brought before and decided by the ~~Central~~ LSA Student Judiciary.