MEASURE OF THE SENATE

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Whereas, The Unified Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as the USGA, holds itself and its members accountable to and responsible for its Articles of Governance, and,

Whereas, The current descriptions of duties and responsibilities of the positions of the Executive Committee are incomplete and require modifications to reflect the updated Articles of Governance and the developments of each position that have gradually occurred over time, and,

Whereas, The current members of the USGA Executive Committee were consulted in making edits to their positions and their input was considered in the construction of these amendments, and,

Whereas, The manner in which the USGA functions, and the Articles of Governance by which the USGA operates should be clear and transparent to any and every member of the Loyola University Chicago community, and,

Whereas, These Executive Committee Position edits more clearly and concisely define the operation of the Executive Committee and the positions therein, and,

Therefore, Be it resolved that the following changes be made to the USGA Articles of Governance:

1. Article 15: Membership and Duties of the Executive Committee §1 shall be altered to read:

   §1. Executive Authority: All executive authority shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the duty and power to carry out actions and implement changes as legislated by the Senate.

2. The following section shall be added beneath Article 15: Membership and Duties of the Executive Committee:

   §2. All members of the Executive Committee shall submit weekly reports to the Chief of Staff of the USGA regarding the execution of their responsibilities, allocated duties, and any other updates relevant to the USGA.

3. The following shall be added beneath Article 15: Membership and Duties of the Executive Committee to codify the process of internal elections and Executive appointments:
§3. Internal Election

(A) Non-elected executive officers and other associated presidential appointments shall be filled through an application and nomination process. After conferring with the Vice President, the President shall, from a pool of applicants, nominate to the Senate one candidate for each position, which the Senate shall confirm or reject with a majority vote.

i. Applications for any open presidentially appointed position must be advertised to the entire student body of Loyola University Chicago and made public for at least one week before the nominee is selected.

ii. The USGA Advisor shall be consulted before appointment nominees are selected to ensure eligibility based on academic performance and student conduct within the university.

4. §2 President and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §4 President and shall include additions and amendments to read as follows:

§4. President

(A) As the elected undergraduate student body president, the President shall have executive power and responsibility for the effective and efficient administration of the affairs of the USGA and the leadership of the Loyola University Chicago undergraduate student body.

i. The effectiveness of the government shall be the President’s primary responsibility.

ii. The President may choose to establish administrative procedures, job description(s), commissions, or groups which they deem necessary for the effective and efficient administration of the USGA.

(B) The President shall be the official spokesperson of the USGA.

i. As spokesperson the President shall be limited to relaying votes, current USGA initiatives, and any other material confirmed by a simple majority of the Senate.

(C) The President shall nominate student representatives to the Board of Trustee subcommittees.

i. The nominees must be approved by Senate.

(D) The President shall nominate individuals to any vacant appointee positions.

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(E) The President shall have the authority to issue Executive Orders to further the official governance of the USGA. All Executive Orders shall conform to the USGA bylaws.

i. Such Executive Orders shall stand permanent until changed by the Senate or succeeding Executive Orders.
The President shall have the power to veto legislative measures, in part or in full, that have been passed by the Senate. The President shall return vetoed legislative measures to the Senate with a written statement including specific recommendations for change.

i. If the President fails to sign a legislative measure within 13 days of its approval by the Senate, it shall be deemed vetoed.

ii. At a scheduled Senate meeting, the President shall submit and present specific written recommendations for change on a vetoed legislative measure within 14 days of the legislation’s initial passing.

The President shall ratify legislative measures by affixing their signature upon them.

The President shall chair the Executive Committee

i. The President shall be responsible for compiling a written report of the action of the Executive Committee and providing a written report to the Secretary of the Senate no less than 48 hours before the weekly Senate meetings.

ii. The President reserves the right to create and fill positions that are necessary and proper to the functioning of the Executive Committee.

iii. The President reserves the right to remove positions of their committee, however the decision to remove an executive member must be sustained by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

The President shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the USGA Retreat.

i. The USGA Retreat shall take place in the fall semester of the term after Fall Elections are completed.

ii. The retreat shall be mandatory for all active members of USGA.

a. Absences may be excused by the advisor.

iii. The President shall confer with the Speaker of the Senate and the Chief Justice regarding the planning and execution of the USGA Retreat.

5. §3 Vice President and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §5. Vice President and shall include additions and amendments to read as follows:

§5. Vice President

(A) The Vice President shall assist the President in maintaining the efficient operation of the Executive Branch.

(B) The Vice President may serve as Acting President at the written request of the President.

(C) The Vice President shall act as the liaison between University Senate and the USGA, and shall make monthly reports to the Senate on the activities of University Senate.

(D) The Vice President shall oversee the activities of USGA appointees.

(E) In the absence of a Chief of Student Organizations, the Vice President shall serve as the Chief Executive of CAN until the election of a CSO.

(F) The Vice President shall report once per semester to the USGA on the business of the University Board of Trustees.
6. §4. Chief Financial Officer and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §6. Chief Financial Officer. No edits shall be made to the content of the position.

7. §5. Chief Communications Officer and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §7. Chief Communications Officer and shall include additions and amendments to read as follows:

§7. Chief Communications Officer
(A) The Chief Communications Officer, hereafter referred to as the CCO, shall be responsible for communicating the USGA agenda and actions to the student body.
(B) The CCO shall be charged with maintaining and updating the USGA website, luc.edu/usga, with minutes, legislation, events, and updated contact information for all USGA members.
(C) The CCO shall be charged with the professional and punctual production of an update detailing the activities and initiatives of the USGA to the student body.
   i. The CCO shall solicit the content of this update from all USGA committee chair persons.
   ii. This update shall issued 3 times each semester and spaced monthly.
(D) A USGA newsletter shall be published at least once a semester and contain progress reports from the Speaker of the Senate, Chief Justice, Chief Communications Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Student Organizations, Vice President and President.

8. §6. Chief of Student Organizations and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §8. Chief of Student Organizations. No edits shall be made to the content of the position.


10. §8. Speaker of the Senate and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §10. Speaker of the Senate and shall include additions and amendments to read as follows:

§10. Speaker of the Senate
(A) The Speaker of the Senate shall be the primary representative of the Senate to the Executive Committee.
(B) The Speaker shall attend all Executive Committee meetings.
(C) The Speaker shall not have the power to vote within the Executive Committee.
(D) The Speaker shall give reports of the actions of the Senate to the Executive Committee.
(E) Responsibilities of the Speaker within the Executive Committee shall be determined in a meeting held between the President and the Speaker.

11. §9. Chief Justice and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §11. Chief Justice. No edits shall be made to the content of the position.
12. The title *Chief Sustainability Officer* shall be changed to *Executive Sustainability Officer* and, thus, all CSO-acronyms shall be replaced by the acronym ESO.

13. §10. Chief Sustainability Officer and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §12. Executive Sustainability Officer and shall include additions and amendments to read as follows:

§12. Executive Sustainability Officer
(A) For the purposes of the Executive Sustainability officer, hereafter referred to as the ESO, and the USGA, sustainability is defined as: “Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
(B) The ESO shall be responsible for coordinating activities and programs that support and promote campus sustainability.
(C) The ESO shall be responsible for informing the USGA on all issues related to campus environment and sustainability in the form of a report to be given under the “Executive Committee Report” agenda item.
(D) The ESO shall act as the Executive Committee advisor to the President on environmental and sustainability policy.
(E) Further duties may be assigned by the President.

14. §11. Appointed Positions and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §13. Appointed Positions. No edits shall be made to the content of the section.

15. §12. Order of Succession and the contents therein shall be enumerated beneath §15. Order of Succession. No edits shall be made to the content of the section.