The following changes were proposed over the past four years by CSA Senators seeking to make the Constitution a more user-friendly and accessible document. Most of the changes are formatting, grammatical and structural. The few substantive changes will have no effect on the usual operations of Senate and put more power in the hands of the student body at-large.

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A Summary of Proposed Constitutional Changes:

PREAMBLE
- The preamble was shortened and condensed and obscure vocabulary (e.g., concomitant) was removed.

ARTICLE I - Rights and Responsibilities of the CSA
- Statements about the importance of students’ participation in the formation of college policy were retained, while material already expressed later in the constitution, or in the Carleton College Mission Statement (https://apps.carleton.edu/about/mission/), was removed.

ARTICLE II - General Meetings of the CSA
- Title was changed from “General Meetings of the CSA” to “General Meetings and Referenda” to better reflect the content of this article.
- The article was re-organized and re-formatted for clarity, while no procedural changes were made.

ARTICLE III – Senate
- Added titles to each section describing their content.
- In Article III, Section 2 (“Mission of the Senate”) sub-section “B” about the CSA Senate’s ability to serve as the voice of students regarding non-college issues beyond the Carleton campus was removed. This will result in no substantive changes in Senate’s activities.
- In Article III, Section 4 (“Elections and Appointments”) the need for the President to interview all applicants for open Senate or committee seats was removed and replaced by a thorough application review process. Because of the volume of appointments made each term the application process has been effectively used to stand in for interviews for years. Thus, the constitution will now reflect Senate’s current procedures.

ARTICLE IV - Senate Officers
- Section titles were added and confusing grammar and sentence structure was corrected.

ARTICLE V - Constitutional Amendments
- This article was re-titled “Amendments” to properly reflect its contents pertaining to amendments to both the Constitution and the CSA Bylaws.
- The barrier to formally proposing (but not to approving) a constitutional amendment was lowered from a majority of the student body to one-fourth of the student body.
- Section titles were added and confusing grammar and sentence structure was corrected.

ARTICLE VI - Constitutional Ratification
- No changes were made.