

GSGA42-A05

An Act to Create an Ad Hoc Communications Committee

Summary: This act creates an ad-hoc Communications Committee for GSG and charges it with keeping graduate students informed about the ongoing work of GSG.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF facilitating communication between GSG and its constituents.

BY creating an ad-hoc Communications Committee pursuant to the GSG Constitution Section 4.3.D.

AND BY charging the Communications Committee with providing timely updates to graduate students on the substantive issues being addressed by GSG, auditing and evaluating current communications channels, and developing new materials and processes for GSG's ongoing communications efforts.

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An Act Editing the Bylaws to Create a Speaker Position

Summary: This legislation creates the Speaker of the Assembly as a distinct position from the Vice President of Legislative Affairs through an edit of the Bylaws. The aim is to increase legislative oversight by establishing the Speaker, as a Graduate Student Government Executive Staff member.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF increasing accountability on the preparation, discussion, and voting on the legislation of the assembly and;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF paying this newly created position a fair wage for the work that it requires;

BY: Amending the Bylaws to add the Speaker of the Assembly as an Executive Staffer and assigning the respective duties related to the speaker which will amend Bylaws Sections 1.3.A, 1.3.B, and 1.3.C, along with temporarily relieving the Vice President of Legislative Affairs of the duties assigned in Constitution Section 3.3.C, per Bylaws Section 9.1.

AND BY: Moving the current Vice President of Legislative Affairs from a Graduate Assistantship to a 10-hour employee for the remainder of the 2022-2023 academic year per Bylaws Section 9.1

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Bylaws Section 1.3.A Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Speaker of the Assembly

1.3.A. Serve as the chair, with voting privileges, of ~~the Rules Committee and~~ the Legislative Action Committee. Serve as a member of the Elections Committee.

~~1.3.B. Oversee preparation and dissemination of minutes from Assembly meetings.~~

~~1.3.C. Prepare, in consultation with the Executive Committee, a schedule of Assembly meetings for each legislative session, to be called the GSG Assembly Meeting Calendar.~~

1.3.G Act as Speaker of the Assembly should the Speaker not be able to run the assembly due to a last-minute emergency. Last minute is here defined as anything that will keep the Speaker from running the assembly that happens within 72 hours of the scheduled assembly meeting. What exactly constitutes must include illness or injury of the speaker or a loved one, along with the death of a loved one, along with other unexpected life events defined by that individual and the executive board.

1.5.C Speaker of the Assembly

1.5.C.1 Act as a neutral Speaker of the Assembly during meetings following Robert's Rules of Order.

1.5.C.2 Serve as the chair, with voting privileges, of the Rules Committee.

1.5.C.3 Oversee preparation and dissemination of minutes from the Assembly meetings.

1.5.C.4 Prepare, in consultation with the Executive Committee, a schedule of Assembly meetings for each legislative session, to be called the GSG Assembly Meeting Calendar.

1.5.C.5 To maintain neutrality the Speaker of the Assembly may not write, sponsor, nor vote on any legislation during their term.

GSGA42-A07

An Act to Reallocate the GSG Budget to Reflect COLA Increase

Summary: This act adjusts the 2022-2023 Graduate Student Government budget to reflect the 4.5% COLA increase for graduate assistants and reallocate the budget.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF aligning the GSG budget with current needs and using the accurate/updated numbers to utilize the funds intended for this year's use.

BY: Reassessing and allocating the budget passed for the 2022-2023 academic year as outlined in GSG Bylaws Section 7.3.

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