**R1—CHARTER AND BYLAWS CHANGES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

A series of changes to the charter and bylaws that includes the creation of a vice president of communications that will become a member of the executive committee

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On behalf of: The Operations and Staffing Committee the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

**WHEREAS,** in section 3.03.d.v-vii of the Bylaws of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, hereafter referred to as GPSA, reads:

“v. The Chairperson is charged with requesting revisions to the GPSA Bylaws from standing committee chairs.

vi. The revisions are to be incorporated into the GPSA Bylaws.

vii. The revised GPSA Bylaws are to be presented as a resolution at the second meeting of the current GPSA term for approval.”;

**WHEREAS,** Article X of the GPSA Charter provides the procedure for the amendment of the GPSA Charter and GPSA Bylaws;

**WHEREAS,** the committee chairs have made their requests for changes to the GPSA Charter and GPSA Bylaws known to the Chairperson of the Operations and Staffing Committee;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,** that section 5.01.a of the GPSA Charter be amended to read,

“The officers of the GPSA shall be the President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President for Operations, and the Vice President for Communications.”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 5.02.c of the GPSA Charter be amended to read,

“The order of election shall proceed as follows: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Operations, Vice President for Communications, and Counsel to the Assembly.”;

**RESOLVED,** that within section 5.03 of the GPSA Charter a subsection be added between subsections c. Vice President for Operations and d. Counsel to the Assembly that reads,

“Vice President for Communications

* + 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President for Communications to:
       1. Chair the Communications Committee,
       2. Maintain an accurate list of committee appointees,
       3. Chari meetings in the absence of the President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Operations.”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 5.03.d.iii.4 of the GPSA Charter be amended to read,

“The Counsel to the Assembly must have previously served as a GPSA President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Operations, or Vice President for Communications.”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 5.04.b.i.1 of the GPSA Charter be amended to read,

“1. The Executive Vice President shall assume the position of President.”

**RESOLVED,** that section 5.04.b.iii of the GPSA Charter be amended to read,

“1. The Vice President for Communications shall assume the position of the Vice President for Operations.

2. If the Vice President for Communications declines the position, the GPSA members will elect a new Executive Vice President from among the Voting members.”

**RESOLVED,** that a section 5.04.b.iv be added to the GPSA Charter that reads,

“Vice President for Communications

1. The GPSA Members will elect a new Vice President for Communications from among the Voting members.”

**RESOLVED,** that a section 5.04.b.v be added to the GPSA Charter that reads,

“Lack of Available Voting Members

1. Should all eligible voting members refuse to be nominated to the any of the officer positions, the GPSA Members will elect a new officer from amongst the Field Representatives.”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 6.02.a of the GPSA Charter be amended to read,

“The standing committees of the GPSA shall be the Executive Committee, Operations and Staffing Committee, Elections Committee, Appropriations Committee, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission (GPSAFC), the Communications Committee and other committees as described in the GPSA Bylaws.”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.01 of the GPSA Bylaws be renamed “Responsibilities for All Committees”;

**RESOLVED,** that the word “three” in section 3.02.c.i of the GPSA Bylaws be changed to “four”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.03.f.i of the GPSA Bylaws be amended to read,

“By the end of September, the Committee shall set the size of and appoint members to the Appropriations Committee, Communications Committee, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission, Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board, Faculty Awards Committee, Diversity and International Students Committee, and Student Advocacy Committee. These appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.03.g.i of the GPSA Bylaws be amended to read,

“The Operations and Staffing Committee shall appoint the following representatives:

1. Eight graduate or professional students (two from Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and Physical Sciences of which one from each division will be appointed annually for a two year term) to the Graduate School Academic Integrity Committee,

2. One graduate or professional student to the Trustee Nominating Committee,

3. One liaison officer (a current member of the GPSA) each to the Faculty Senate, the Employee Assembly and the Student Assembly as ex-officio, non-voting members,

4. One graduate or professional student to each of the following Faculty Senate committees,

a. Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty,

b. Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education,

c. Educational Policy Committee,

d. ROTC-University Relations Committee,

e. University Faculty Library Board,

f. University Lectures Committee,

5. One graduate or professional student to each of the following Student Assembly committees,

a. Dining Services

b. Inclusion and Diversity Initiatives Committee

6. One graduate or professional student to the Cornell Cinema Student Advisory Board,

7. Two graduate or professional students to the Gorge Safety Committee,

8. One graduate or professional student to the Learning Technologies Governance Committee,

9. One graduate or professional student to the President’s Sustainable Campus Advisory Committee,

10. One graduate or professional student to the Public Safety Advisory Committee,

11. Two graduate or professional students to the Student Insurance Advisory Committee

12. One graduate or professional student to the Student Library Advisory Council,

13. Three graduate or professional students to the University Council on Mental Health and Welfare,

14. One graduate or professional student to the University Diversity Council,

15. One graduate or professional student to the University Neighborhood Council,

16. Two representatives to the Family Life Advisory with one position reserved for a graduate or professional student with a child or children and the other reserved for the partner of a graduate student,

17. Three graduate or professional students to the Big Red Barn Advisory Board,

18. Two graduate or professional students to the Campus Planning Committee,

19. Two graduate or professional students to the Transportation Hearing and Appeals Board,

20. One graduate or professional student to the Council on Hazing Prevention,

21. Two graduate or professional students to the President’s Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs,

22. Three graduate or professional students to the University Assembly’s University Sustainability Committee,

23. Two graduate or professional students to the University Assembly’s Transportation Advisory Committee,

24. One current GPSA member to each of the following University Assembly committees,

a. Campus Infrastructure Committee,

b. Campus Welfare Committee,

c. Codes and Judicial Committee,

25. One graduate or professional student to each of the following University Assembly committees,

a. Campus Infrastructure Committee,

b. Campus Welfare Committee,

c. Codes and Judicial Committee,”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.05.e.ii of the GPSA Bylaws be amended to read,

“Meetings of the Committee shall generally be open to the graduate and professional student community. However, the Chairperson, in consultation with the Committee, may decide to close parts of the meetings in order protect sensitive information from being made public,”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.05.e.iii of the GPSA Bylaws be removed;

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.05.e.v of the GPSA Bylaws be amended to read,

“Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. However, the Chairperson or any of the commissioners may call for a vote to be taken by secret ballot,”;

**RESOLVED,** that section 3.06.b.i of the GPSA Bylaws be amended to read,

“The Vice President for Communications shall serve as the chairperson of the Communications Committee.”;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that a section 3.06.d.vi be added to the GPSA Bylaws that reads,

“Chiefs of Communication

1. Each division caucus will elect from amongst themselves a Chief of Communication.
2. A Chief will be a voting member that is not a member of the Executive Committee.
3. If a Chief of Communication is elected to a position on the Executive Committee or is otherwise vacated, then a new Chief of Communication will be elected by the division caucus as soon as arrangements can be reasonably made.
4. The Vice President for Communications may appoint interim Chiefs as necessary. These appointments are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
5. Each Chief of Communication is a member of the Communication Committee.
6. Each Chief of Communication is the primary person responsible for transmitting information between the GPSA and the Field Representatives, Field Organizations, Deans, students, and other members of their respective division.
7. Each Chief of Communication is encouraged to make themselves known to, and meet periodically with the Field Representatives, Field Organizations, and other members whom they are responsible to.
8. Chiefs of Communication are to assist the Vice President for Communications in any other way as needed.
9. Chiefs of Communication can be removed from their position by a majority vote of their division caucus.”

Respectfully submitted:

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