

Resolution 2: Resolution Establishing a Vice President for Strategy and a Vice President for Administration on the Executive Committee

Abstract: The GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.01 establishes four officers, including: (1) the President, (2) the Executive Vice President, (3) the Vice President for Operations, and (4) the Vice President for Communications. These GPSA Officers all serve vital functions for the GPSA, but they do not fulfill all functions needed to serve the graduate and professional community. Additionally, the small size of the Executive Committee, relative to our competitor schools, prevents the GPSA from recruiting volunteers to fill all of the vacant roles that make up the GPSA. This phenomenon is attributable to the workload expected of the Executive Committee Officers, as well as the various Standing Committee (SC) Chairs and Members. Therefore, the Assembly moves to create the roles of Vice President for Strategy and Vice President for Administration to perform vital functions that have thus far been filled on an ad hoc basis by the current Executive Committee Officers. The Vice President for Strategy and the Vice President for Administration will assume all responsibilities that are traditionally affiliated with managers of strategy and administration, thus ensuring that all GPSA business is administered by graduate and professional students with the proper expertise. The residual effects will be a better work product, a reduced workload on all Executive Committee Officers, and an increased pool of volunteers who want to serve.

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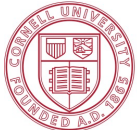
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Whereas, the GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.01 establishes the GPSA Executive Committee (EC) and four EC Officers, including: (1) the President, (2) the Executive Vice President, (3) the Vice President for Operations, and (4) the Vice President for Communications.

Whereas, the GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.03 establishes the responsibilities of each EC Officer.

Whereas, the EC Officers and SC Chairpersons additionally are responsible for ad hoc assignments that are often critical for University operations, including: (1) serving on working groups and committees of the broader University, (2) socializing and gaining the support of the graduate and professional student body for various University actions, and (3) assisting



32 administrators, staff, faculty, and students with various requests that fall under the GPSA
33 purview.

34 **Whereas**, the responsibilities assigned to each of the EC Officers and SC Chairpersons make it
35 difficult for each of them to balance GPSA responsibilities, coursework, other extracurricular
36 activities, and their personal lives.

37 **Whereas**, the responsibilities assigned to each of the EC Officers and SC Chairpersons often
38 include responsibilities that would be more appropriately assigned to a different role that has the
39 necessary expertise to successfully carry out those responsibilities.

40 **Whereas**, the responsibilities assigned to each of the EC Officers and SC Chairpersons prevent
41 students, who would otherwise be interested and qualified, from volunteering to serve in some
42 vital GPSA roles.

43 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the GPSA Executive Committee will be expanded to include a
44 Vice President for Strategy and a Vice President for Administration.

45 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.01 will be revised to include
46 a Vice President for Strategy and a Vice President for Administration.

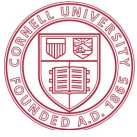
47 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.02 be revised to include
48 Officer Election procedures for a Vice President for Strategy and a Vice President for
49 Administration.

50 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.03 be revised in the
51 following ways:

- 52 1. Include a portfolio of responsibilities for a Vice President for Strategy,
- 53 2. Include a portfolio of responsibilities for a Vice President for Administration, and
- 54 3. Reflect the changes in the responsibilities of the President, Executive Vice President,
55 Vice President for Operations, and Vice President for Communications, resulting from
56 the reorganization and expansion of the EC.

57 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter, Article V, Section 5.04 be revised to include
58 procedures for the replacement of the Vice President for Strategy and the Vice President for
59 Administration. The procedures for replacing a Vice President for Strategy and a Vice President
60 for Administration are as follows:

- 61 1. Pertaining to the Vice President for Strategy
 - 62 a. The Vice President for Communications shall assume the position of the Vice
63 President for Strategy.
 - 64 b. If the Vice President for Communications declines the position, the GPSA
65 members will elect a new Vice President for Communications from among the
66 Voting members.



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- 67 2. Pertaining to the Vice President for Administration:
68 a. The GPSA Voting Members will elect a new Vice President for Administration
69 from among the Voting Members.

70 **Be it finally resolved,** that the GPSA Charter, Article V, Sections 5.01-5.04 will create a new
71 hierarchical organization chart that includes a Vice President of Strategy and a Vice President of
72 Administration. The new hierarchy within the EC will be as follows:

- 73 1. President
74 2. Executive Vice President
75 3. Vice President for Operations
76 4. Vice President for Strategy
77 5. Vice President for Communications
78 6. Vice President for Administration

79 Respectfully Submitted,

80 James Rowe

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