



Resolution 9: Amending the Charter of the GPSA to Fill Vacant Voting Member Seats

Abstract: Reaching a quorum and being able to vote on GPSA resolutions is of the utmost importance. Different graduate and professional divisions have not been able to fill voting member vacancies within the GPSA. Currently there is not a mechanism to fill these specific vacancies with graduate and professional students who are willing to serve.

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Whereas, there are currently three voting member positions that have been unable to be filled after four full GPSA assembly meetings.

Whereas, the current GPSA charter allows GPSA members to fill vacant seats from a Division of the Graduate School during a special election as “at-large” members.

Whereas, the GPSA has been unable to fill these three positions despite interest from other graduate and professional students from other divisions and degree programs.

Be it therefore resolved, that line 249 to line 251 of the GPSA Charter shall be amended to say “If one seat of the seats representing a Division of the Graduate School becomes vacant during the term of office or remains vacant after the fourth meeting of the term, that seat is thrown open as “at-large,” and a member may be elected from among the entire GPSA membership.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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