**R. 4 — A Resolution to Amend the GPSA Charter and Bylaws to Change the Term of Appropriations Committee Chair**

**WHEREAS**, The GPSA Appropriations Committee is responsible for the following: 1) managing the GPSA Internal Budget, 2) reviewing the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures, the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations and the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines, and 3) formulating a recommendation to present to the GPSA on the Graduate and Professional Student (GPS) Activity Fee; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee is responsible for overseeing the actions of the committee, in particular, administering the internal funds of the GPSA and initiating the Byline Funding application process; and

**WHEREAS**, Many aspects of the role of Chair of the Appropriations Committee require familiarization with the University financial software and funding procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, GPS Activity Fee process begins in the Spring semester and the process for setting the GPSA internal budget begins during the summer; and

**WHEREAS**, The effectiveness of the position would benefit from increased time to become familiar with the role in advance of critical deadlines that occur during the summer and early fall semester; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Charter of the GPSA shall be amended in Article VI, Section 6.02 “Standing Committees”, renumerating as necessary:

“e. Any matriculated graduate or professional student is eligible to serve on committees.

1. At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the GPSA each term, the GPSA members shall elect, by majority vote, the chairs of the standing committees, with the exception of the Chair of the Appropriations Committee.
2. The Chair of the Appropriations Committee will be elected during the last regularly scheduled meeting of the fall semester. It is strongly encouraged that the Appropriations Chair have served on the committee for at least one semester prior to election.

**RESOLVED**, That the Bylaws of the GPSA shall be amended in Item IV, Section 4.01 “Terms of Office”:

1. The term of office for the GPSA shall be from June 1 to May 31, except for the position of Appropriations Committee Chair which will be from January 1 to December 31.

**RESOLVED**,That this resolution be sent to David Skorton, President; Susan H. Murphy, Vice President for Student and Academic Services; Gina Giambattista, Assistant Director of the Office of Assemblies; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; and Catherine A. Holmes, Associate Dean of Students.

Respectfully submitted,

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