

The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

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

i. 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,

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- 47 3. Chari meetings in the absence of the President, Executive Vice President, and
48 Vice President for Operations.”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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69 “Vice President for Communications

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

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

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75 “Lack of Available Voting Members

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

115 a. Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty,

116 b. Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education,

117 c. Educational Policy Committee,

118 d. ROTC-University Relations Committee,

119 e. University Faculty Library Board,

120 f. University Lectures Committee,

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

123 a. Dining Services

124 b. Inclusion and Diversity Initiatives Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 139 14. One graduate or professional student to the University Diversity Council,
140 15. One graduate or professional student to the University Neighborhood Council,
141 16. Two representatives to the Family Life Advisory with one position reserved
142 for a graduate or professional student with a child or children and the other
143 reserved for the partner of a graduate student,
144 17. Three graduate or professional students to the Big Red Barn Advisory Board,
145 18. Two graduate or professional students to the Campus Planning Committee,
146 19. Two graduate or professional students to the Transportation Hearing and
147 Appeals Board,
148 20. One graduate or professional student to the Council on Hazing Prevention,
149 21. Two graduate or professional students to the President’s Council on Alcohol
150 and Other Drugs,
151 22. Three graduate or professional students to the University Assembly’s
152 University Sustainability Committee,
153 23. Two graduate or professional students to the University Assembly’s
154 Transportation Advisory Committee,
155 24. One current GPSA member to each of the following University Assembly
156 committees,
157 a. Campus Infrastructure Committee,
158 b. Campus Welfare Committee,
159 c. Codes and Judicial Committee,
160 25. One graduate or professional student to each of the following University
161 Assembly committees,
162 a. Campus Infrastructure Committee,
163 b. Campus Welfare Committee,
164 c. Codes and Judicial Committee.”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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210 Respectfully submitted:
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212 Vice President for Operations, GPSA