

Graduate and Professional Student Association

Resolution 2014-2015_2

Constitutional Amendment Resolution

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Association adopted its new name during the 2013-2014 term.

WHEREAS, Penn State Union and Student Activities refused to accept the Graduate and Professional Student Association's desired name change until its Constitution was updated to adhere to new policies.

WHEREAS, as an official registered student government, the Graduate and Professional Student Association is responsible for ensuring that its governing documents are up to date and follow all policies set forth by Union and Student Activities.

WHEREAS, The Graduate and Professional Student Association is tasked with making regular updates to its governing documents to increase clarity and improve policies.

RESOLVED, that the following amendments and additions be made to the Graduate and Professional Student Association Constitution:

Additions

Article I

SECTION B. All references herein, and throughout the materials of the Graduate and Professional Student Association, to the Graduate Student Association are understood to refer to what is now the Graduate and Professional Student Association.

Article III

SECTION D. The majority of the active membership of the Graduate and Professional Student Association must be graduate or professional students of The Pennsylvania State University. Only currently registered students of The Pennsylvania State University are eligible for active membership.

Article XV - FINANCES

1. No dues shall be required of the members of this organization as a condition of membership.
2. All organizational funds of the Graduate and Professional Student Association will be handled exclusively through the Associated Student Activities office and the organization will not maintain any off-campus account with a bank, savings and loan association, lender, or other financial institution.

The expenditure of \$750 or more by the officers of this organization or their designees towards any event, purchase, or expense shall require a vote of approval by the assembly.

Article XIII – RATIFICATION

3. All amendments to this Constitution are subject to the approval of the Office of Student Activities and a copy of this Constitution will be made available to anyone upon request.

ARTICLE XIV – ELECTIONS

A. Elections shall be held once a year in the spring semester.

B. No individual who is an official candidate may be involved in conducting elections.

C. The President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of External Affairs, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast in an election. In the event of a tie vote in the election, the tie breaker shall be a vote of the General Assembly between the two candidates. Whichever receives a majority vote shall be declared the winner.

D. Newly elected officers shall begin their terms at the last meeting of the Spring Semester.

E. Subject to these provisions, all elections shall be carried out in accordance with the manner specified in the Bylaws of this organization.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION D. ADVISOR

The Graduate and Professional Student Association must, at all times, retain an advisor who is a full-time faculty, staff, or administrator at the Pennsylvania State University. As per the Graduate and Professional Student Association's status as a student government organization, the Vice President of Student Affairs shall nominate an advisor, who will be brought before the Assembly for an approval vote.

Amendments

Article V Section C. MEETINGS

4. **Special** meetings of the Assembly shall be called by the Chair of the Judiciary upon receipt of a petition, duly signed by ten percent of the delegates to the Assembly.