Resolution # 69-01

The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University

of the 69th Assembly
October 2, 2019

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Constitutional Amendment
Faculty Senators
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

Currently there is no distinction between the two Faculty Senators. One Faculty Senator is appointed by GPSA. The other Faculty Senator is voted on by the graduate student body during yearly elections. The Faculty Senator who is voted on by the graduate student body should not be considered a voting member of GPSA executive board because they are not a representative of both the graduate and professional students at large.

Recommended Course of Action:

It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendment to the GPSA Constitution:

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Constitution will now read:

The following shall be considered members of the Executive Board:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. University GPSA Faculty Senators
6. Graduate School Student Faculty Senator*
7. Chair of the Graduate Council Student Caucus*
8. Chief Justice*
9. Speaker of the Assembly*
10. Advisor*

*Non-voting member

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION B. Voting of the Constitution will now read:

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the University GPSA Faculty Senators shall be considered voting members of the Executive Board. Quorum shall be 2/3 of the voting members.
A simple majority carries the vote. The presiding officer of the Executive Board shall only vote in the event of a tie.

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION E. University Faculty Senators of the Constitution will now read:

The University Faculty Senators shall attend all meetings of the University Faculty Senate and assigned committees. The University Faculty Senator representing the GPSA (GPSA Faculty Senator) shall be bound by the legislative authority of the GPSA and be a voting member of the executive board, while The University Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body (Graduate School Student Faculty Senator) shall not be bound by the legislative authority of the GPSA nor be a voting member of the executive board.

ARTICLE XIV – ELECTIONS, SECTION A. of the Constitution will now read:

Elections shall be held once a year in the spring semester. All elections shall be carried out in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws. Elections for the Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates, University Graduate School Student Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body, and University Park Allocation Committee representatives shall be conducted in accordance with their respective governing documents.

ARTICLE XIV, SECTION C. of the Constitution will now read:

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and University Park Allocation Committee representatives shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast in the election by the graduate and professional student body. The Graduate School Student Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body and Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast in the election by the graduate student body. The GPSA Faculty Senator representing the GPSA shall be filled by presidential appointment and approved by a majority vote of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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