Resolution # 69-09

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

of the 69th Assembly
December 4, 2019

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Bylaws Amendment
Inclusivity, Equity, and Antidiscrimination
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

The GPSA Constitution currently requires members to abide by the University's nondiscrimination statement, however it does not ensure that external organizations that we partner with also abide by the nondiscrimination agreement. This amendment aims to ensure all dealings tied to the GPSA are inclusive, nondiscriminatory, and promote equity.

Recommended Course of Action:

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

ARTICLE XIII of the Bylaws will now read:

ARTICLE XIII – RELATIONSHIP WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

A. The GPSA must be given one week's notice of collaboration with any external organization. The purpose is to ensure that the organization is in compliance with the University's Core Values including diversity, inclusion, and equity.

B. The GPSA Website Calendar shall display, by request of the organization involved and/or third parties to the Speaker of the Assembly, any event relating to graduate and professional students. The Speaker of the Assembly shall use their own discretion in objecting to inclusion of particular items on the Calendar. Should an item be rejected, the Speaker shall make known to the Assembly at the following meeting:
    - the name of the organization or event which has been rejected from inclusion on the Calendar; and
    - a brief statement on why the particular event was rejected.

C. The GPSA Assembly of Delegates retains the right to pass a resolution overriding the objections made by the Speaker of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Baksa
Delegate, Intercollegiate Graduate Degree Programs

President _____ Affirm Veto

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