Resolution # 69-10
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,

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

Nature of the Situation:

Currently, there is no minimum number of votes required for a delegate to assume office. This has led to many-way ties due to small numbers of write-in votes that then has to be resolved by the Judiciary. We propose having a minimum of three votes to alleviate a deluge of write-ins.

Additionally, the language surrounding the election of delegates does not explicitly state that they are elected by the plurality of their constituency (At-large and Graduate Council Student Caucus are exempted, per the constitution). We provide language to clarify this point. We also amend language regarding elections for the Executive Board, Graduate School Student Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body, and Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates to be by a plurality, rather than a majority.

Recommended Course of Action:

ARTICLE XIV – ELECTIONS

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

SECTION D.

All delegates, except for At-Large Delegates and Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates, shall be elected by the **plurality of the votes cast in the election by the** graduate and professional students from their specific respective colleges *with a minimum of three total votes*, as defined by this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

**Amanda Burton**
Delegate, College of Agricultural Sciences

President ____________________________________________________________ Affirm   Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association