Resolution # 67-06

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

of the 67th Assembly
January 31st, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

GPSA Constitution Article VII and Bylaws Article VI
Graduate Council Voting Privileges
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The GPSA Constitution Article VII. Section E. states,

There shall be five Graduate Council Student Caucus members elected by the graduate student
body in accordance with the governing documents of the Graduate Council...

The GPSA Bylaws Article VI Section H. states,

The Graduate Council Student Caucus members shall be elected in accordance with the
governing documents of the Graduate Council.

However, the Bylaws of Graduate Council Article 1. Section C. states,

... the members of the Graduate and Professional Student Association shall be called together
by their President to elect graduate student members of the Council and an equal number of
graduate student alternates. The members of the Graduate and Professional Student
Association shall establish by a majority vote their own method of nominating candidates for
election, as well as other rules for the conduct of the election. Nothing in this section shall be
construed to prevent election through a written ballot sent to all eligible voters.
It is necessary to reestablish accordance of the GPSA governing documents regarding the Graduate Council Student Caucus with the Bylaws of Graduate Council.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendment to the GPSA Constitution and the GPSA Bylaws.

Article VII Section E. of the Constitution will now read:

*There shall be five voting and five alternate Graduate Council Student Caucus members elected by the graduate student body in accordance with the governing documents of the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council Student Caucus voting members shall be charged with attending all meetings of the Graduate Council and assigned committees...*

Article VI Section H. of the Bylaws will now read:

*The Graduate Council Student Caucus members shall be elected in accordance with the governing documents of the Graduate Council. The top five vote receiving candidates representing separate colleges shall be voting members of the Graduate Council. The next five vote receiving candidates representing separate colleges shall be the graduate student alternates.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, Intercollege Graduate Degree Programs

**Alex Zhao**
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

President _______________________________ Affirm Veto

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