Resolution # 67-09

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

of the 67th Assembly
March 28th, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Bylaws and Constitution Amendments
Adding GPSA Faculty Senator and Removing Redundancy in Election Procedure
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The GPSA has been without a specific representative in Faculty Senate, however precedent is to include a Faculty Senator representative of the GPSA specifically.

The determination of election results is redundantly stated in both the Constitution and Bylaws of the GPSA. This risks contradiction in the governing documents and creates added length.

There is also a location in the Bylaws, Article III Section C., where Section C. is repeated.

Recommended Course of Action:

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

Article V Section H. of the Constitution will now read:

All voting privileges of the Assembly are vested in the Assembly of Delegates. Delegates, Executive Officers, Graduate Council Members, the University Faculty Senators, ...
Article VI Section G. of the Constitution will now read:

In cases of a vacancy for any Executive Officer, Graduate Council member, or either Faculty Senator, ... 

Article VII preface of the Constitution will now read:

... 5. University Faculty Senators ... 

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

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, University Faculty Senators, and Chair of the Graduate Council Student Caucus...

Article VII Section F. 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 shall be bound by the legislative authority of the GPSA, while the University Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body shall not be bound by the legislative authority of the GPSA.

Article IX Section C. of the Constitution will now read:

Delegates, Executive Officers, Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates, the University Faculty Senators, ...

Article XIII Section A. of the Constitution will now read:

... Elections for the Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates, University 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 XIII Section C. of the Constitution will now read:

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

Article XIII Section D. of the Constitution will now read:

All delegates, except for At-Large Delegates, shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in the election by the graduate and professional students from their specific colleges, as defined by this Constitution and the Bylaws.

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

All graduate and professional students shall be eligible to vote in the election.

Article VI Section H. - J. shall be struck from the Bylaws.
Article III Section G. of the Bylaws will now read:

The Faculty Senators shall be responsible for attending all appropriate meetings of the University Faculty Senate and speaking on behalf of the graduate and professional student body. The Faculty Senators shall report back to the Assembly and Executive Board on all issues relating to the business of the Senate.

The second Article III Section C. and each subsequent section in Article III shall be appropriately retitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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President _____________________________ Affirm Veto

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