Resolution # 68-05
The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University

of the 68th Assembly
October 24th, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

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

Nature of the Situation:

Inconsistencies in constituency definition should be addressed as the Constitution references varying groups in passages addressing the same constituencies or structures of the GPSA.

Recommended Course of Action:

A requirement for University Park residency is proposed in order for a student to sit on the structural entities of the GPSA. However, all graduate and professional students are and will continue to be considered members, can sit as non-voting members on committees, and attend meetings to remain involved.

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

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, SECTION A. of the Constitution will now read:

All students enrolled in the Graduate School, Penn State Law, and/or Dickinson School of Law graduate and professional students at the Pennsylvania State University shall be members of the GPSA. All members shall be considered general election members and do not have speaking or voting privileges
unless yielded by the Assembly. Only currently enrolled students of The Pennsylvania State University are eligible for active membership.

ARTICLE IV – STRUCTURE, SECTION A. of the Constitution will now read:

There shall be three entities within the GPSA that will serve as distinct functions cooperatively to fulfill GPSA’s mission and execute the GPSA’s authority:

1. An Assembly of Delegates from the academic colleges, the Intercollegiate Graduate Degree Programs, the School of International Affairs, Penn State Law and the graduate and professional student body at-large to decide business.

2. An Executive Board to execute business, provide counsel, and represent the positions of the Assembly to stakeholders and the administration.

3. A Judiciary to adjudicate disputes on matters of rule, equity, and Constitutional law within the GPSA.

ARTICLE V – THE ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES, SECTION C. of the Constitution will now read:

The Assembly shall consist of Delegates elected by constituencies defined and established herein and in accordance with the Bylaws. There shall be at least one (1) Delegate for each academic college, the Intercollegiate Graduate Degree Programs, the School of International Affairs, and the Penn State School of Law represented proportionally based on enrollment. Each college shall have a maximum of three (3) Delegates. The Assembly shall also include an additional five (5) At-Large Delegates selected in accordance with the GPSA Bylaws. and an additional five (5) Graduate Student Council Caucus Delegates.

ARTICLE XIII – ELECTIONS, SECTION D. of the Constitution will now read:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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President _____________________________ ________________________
Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association