Resolution # 68-07
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
Proportional Representation
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The GPSA representation is determined in the Constitution by proportional representation.

The Judiciary has proposed proportional representation based on the past three years of enrollment for each constituency. However, a maximum number of delegates for a constituency is not in line with proportional representation.

During discussion regarding Resolution # 68-01, concern was voiced of delegates from a single constituency numbering in double digits if the Assembly and Executive Board use the at-large delegate seats to stack representation from a single constituency.

To prevent an overload of an individual constituency’s presence in at-large delegate seats, a requirement can be made that each at-large delegate be from a separate constituency.

Recommended Course of Action:

It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendments to the GPSA Constitution.
ARTICLE V – THE ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES, SECTION C. of the Constitution will have the following struck:

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 Intercollege 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. There shall be no more than one Graduate Student Council Caucus Delegate from any one constituency. There shall be no more than one At-Large Delegate from any one constituency.

Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, At-Large

President ___________________________________________________________ Affirm Veto

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