Resolution #69-14

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

of the 69th Assembly
February 26, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Bylaw Amendment: Addition of Professional Student Affairs Committee
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

On July 1, 2014, the Graduate Student Association was renamed to be the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), as it is currently named, to recognize the addition of professional students to GPSA’s constituency. Although GPSA has formally represented professional students at University Park for approximately 6 years, GPSA has not always been fully aware of issues that are affecting professional students and therefore not able to provide adequate programming and advocacy to these students.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association will form a Professional Student Affairs Committee to better address the programming and advocacy needs of the professional student body. This committee will not be a standing committee, as professional students will still serve on a standing committee and be fully integrated into the organizational structure of GPSA. The Professional Student Affairs Committee will be similar to the Audit Committee in that it will only meet as needed with a minimum number of meetings per year.

The addition to the Bylaws will be as follows:
ARTICLE IV – SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Section O. The Professional Student Affairs Committee shall be tasked with developing and sustaining positive relations between the GPSA and professional students through regular meetings between the delegates from professional schools, the GPSA president, and the Speaker of the Assembly. The committee will meet at least once per semester.

Respectfully submitted,

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President _____________________________________________________ Affirm    Veto

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