

Resolution # 70-09

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



of the 70th Assembly
September 30, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Constitutional Amendment
Membership Eligibility
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 Currently, it is unclear whether the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) or
3 the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) or both represent students in
4 Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) degree programs. IUG programs typically take five
5 years to complete and students are usually enrolled in both graduate and undergraduate classes
6 during years three through five. Students pay undergraduate tuition if they are taking any
7 undergraduate courses. All students are eligible for all programs and services funded by the
8 student fee.
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10 Also, while the GPSA and others at Penn State are exploring avenues for representation of
11 students at Special Mission Campuses, GPSA does not currently represent any Special Mission
12 Campus, including Dickinson School of Law.
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14 **Recommended Course of Action:**

15 It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendment to the GPSA Constitution to
16 ensure that we make clear that GPSA does represent students enrolled in IUG programs and
17 does not represent students enrolled in Dickinson School of Law. The UPUA also plans to
18 propose similar changes to their governing documents, where the UPUA will also represent
19 students enrolled in IUG programs if they are enrolled in at least one undergraduate credit.

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ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A:

All students enrolled in the Graduate School and Penn State Law, ~~and/or Dickinson School of Law~~ shall be members of the GPSA, including students in Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) programs enrolled in one or more graduate credit(s). 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Kelling
Graduate Council Student Caucus Chair

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association