Resolution # 70-11

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

of the 70th Assembly
October 14, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Delegates,

Constitutional Amendment
Track Changes in the Constitution
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:
The GPSA has existed since 1950 to represent the voices of the graduate and professional students at Penn State University. Despite its long history, GPSA has only kept detailed digital records a few years ago, including amendments to its Governing Documents. Records for previous assemblies are not readily available. There is currently no standard for documenting changes to the Governing Documents in the GPSA Constitution or Bylaws.

Recommended Course of Action:
It is proposed that GPSA establish a procedure for recording changes to the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws. It will effectively act as a Track Changes log to the Governing Documents. The Internal Development (ID) Committee will decide on the format and the Judiciary will record changes to the Governing Documents. The ID Committee also recommends that the Executive Board, led by the President, Secretary, and Chief Justice, retrieve as many historical changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as possible so that these changes can be reflected in the logs.

It is proposed that GPSA adopt the following constitutional amendment:
ARTICLE XVI – RATIFICATION AND PROTECTIONS

SECTION E: All amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be recorded in a Track Changes log within their respective appendices. The Judiciary shall record all amendments in the logs.

SECTION FE. This Constitution shall be protected by the standards established herein for all entities and actions of the GPSA. Neither the GPSA nor any entity of the University may dissolve the organization as it stands in this document without surpassing the highest challenges this document establishes which may be determined as a combination or mix of one or more provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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