

Resolution # 70-13

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



of the 70th Assembly
October 28, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Bylaws Amendment
Repetition of Election of Speaker
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

In the Bylaws, the process for electing a Speaker is listed twice. In Article 1, Section H, the Bylaws state “At the first meeting of the term, the Assembly shall elect a Speaker of the Assembly. Nominations shall be solicited from the Assembly.”

In Article II, Section D, the Bylaws state “Delegates shall nominate and elect a Speaker of the Assembly at the first meeting of the legislative session in accordance with rules set forth in these Bylaws and the Constitution.”

This is repetitive information in two sections of the Bylaws.

Recommended Course of Action:

It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendment to the GPSA Bylaws to reduce repetition:

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE ASSEMBLY

D. ~~Delegates shall nominate and elect a Speaker of the Assembly at the first meeting of the legislative session in accordance with rules set forth in these Bylaws and the Constitution.~~

The Speaker shall be responsible for distributing and setting the Assembly agenda,

- 1 monitoring all standing and ad hoc committees, and representing the properly legislated
- 2 voice of the Assembly to the University, among all other defined duties assigned in these
- 3 Bylaws and the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Graduate Council Student Caucus Chair

President _____ Affirm Veto

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