

Resolution # 70-16

**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,*

**Constitutional Amendment**  
**Clarifying Constitution Articles XI and XIII**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

Currently, it is unclear that “an act,” as written in the GPSA Constitution Articles XI and XIII, means legislation. Minor adjustments to this wording will allow the Constitution to better reflect this meaning.

Also, the current language describing how referenda may be proposed in Article XI, Section A of the Constitution requires the graduate and professional student body and the Assembly to propose referenda jointly. This could potentially limit both parties in their ability to successfully propose referenda. This can be remedied by changing the word “and” in Article XI, Section A., Line 1, to “or.”

Lastly, the word “brought,” which is used nowhere outside of Article XIII in the Constitution, should be changed to “proposed,” to be consistent with Assembly powers listed in Article VI of the Constitution.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendments to the GPSA Constitution.

**ARTICLE XI – REFERENDA**

1 A referendum shall be defined as a vote of the graduate and professional student body to  
2 decide an action of the GPSA.

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4 SECTION A.

5 Referenda may be proposed either by:

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- 7 1. ~~An act of the~~ A resolution proposed by the Assembly; ~~or and~~
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- 9 2. A petition of three percent (3%) of the enrolled graduate and professional student body.

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13 **ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS**

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15 SECTION A. Constitutional Amendments

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- 17 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be ~~proposed brought~~, at any time, by the Assembly
- 18 as ~~a resolution an Act~~, subject to standard submission and perfection rules.
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- 20 2. Amendments on the agenda and discussed at a minimum of two Assembly meetings are
- 21 eligible to be called to a vote. The Assembly may pass the amendment with a 3/4 vote of the
- 22 Assembly.
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- 24 3. All amendments are subject to approval by the Office of Student Activities, per the
- 25 University’s policies for registered Student Government Associations.

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27 SECTION B ~~D~~. Bylaw Amendments

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- 29 1. Amendments to the Bylaws may be ~~proposed, brought~~ at any time, by the Assembly ~~as a~~
- 30 resolution, subject to standard submission and perfection rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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President \_\_\_\_\_ Affirm Veto