

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



of the 70th Assembly
November 11, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Bylaws Amendment
Specification of Proxy Process
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 In the Bylaws, the process for finding a proxy is not clearly outlined. For example, delegates
3 are currently encouraged in meetings to find proxies from their own college, but this is not
4 currently outlined in the Bylaws. The language about finding a proxy (“delegates may appoint
5 a proxy”) also does not represent the importance of finding a proxy for assembly meetings.
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7 **Recommended Course of Action:**

8 It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendment to the GPSA Bylaws:
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10 **ARTICLE I – ASSEMBLY OF DELGATES**

11 G. Delegates ~~may~~ are strongly encouraged to appoint a proxy in the event of their absence.
12 Delegate proxies shall be presented to the Speaker of the Assembly before the start of the
13 applicable meeting. No person shall serve as a proxy for two (2) delegates during the same
14 meeting. No delegate may serve as a proxy for another delegate. No delegate who has been
15 removed from their position within the last two (2) Assembly terms may serve as a proxy.
16 Delegates are encouraged to find a proxy from their own academic college or constituency,
17 though this is not required. The Faculty Senator that is elected by the graduate student body
18 is eligible to be a proxy, as they do not have voting privileges in the GPSA.

Respectfully submitted,

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Affirm

Veto

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