

Resolution # 70-27

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



**of the 70th Assembly**  
March 17, 2021

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Climate Action Subcommittee Bylaws Amendment**  
**Bylaws Amendment to Recognize Climate Action as a Subcommittee under the**  
**Community Outreach Committee**

(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 It is widely recognized that human activity is the leading cause of climate change  
3 observed over the past century.<sup>1,2</sup> Previously our Assembly passed resolution 70-15  
4 which recognized that climate change is negatively impacting the Penn State community  
5 and the State of Pennsylvania. Furthermore, this resolution outlined some preliminary  
6 steps that Penn State administration can take against climate change. Discussion around  
7 this bill led to the creation of the Climate Action Subcommittee. The vision of this  
8 Subcommittee is to oversee that GPSA activities follow sustainable initiatives, promote  
9 climate change education throughout the graduate and professional student body, and  
10 work with administration and other student bodies to create a cleaner Penn State. More  
11 specifically, this Subcommittee should ensure that Penn State is following the United  
12 Nations Sustainable Development Goals<sup>3</sup>.

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<https://climate.nasa.gov/effects/>  
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/climate/Pages/default.aspx>  
<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

1 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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3 It is proposed that the GPSA recognize Climate Action as a subcommittee housed under  
4 the Community Outreach committee and adopt the following amendment to the Bylaws  
5 and all sections to be re-alphabetized accordingly:  
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8 **ARTICLE IV – SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS**

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10 Section C: The following shall be the standing Committees: Programming, Professional  
11 Development, Community Outreach, Advocacy and Diversity, and Internal Development  
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13 Section D: The following shall be the standing Subcommittees: Climate Action

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15 Section I: The Climate Action Subcommittee shall be tasked with fulfilling GPSA’s mission  
16 as it relates to promoting sustainability initiatives, educating the graduate and professional  
17 student body about climate change, and working with the Penn State administration and  
18 other student bodies to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all as outlined in  
19 the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This Subcommittee shall be housed under the  
20 Community Outreach Committee.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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IGDP Delegate

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Internal Development Committee Chair  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ Veto

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