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 ])

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

https://climate.nasa.gov/effects/
https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/climate/Pages/default.aspx
https://sdgs.un.org/goals
Recommended Course of Action:

It is proposed that the GPSA recognize Climate Action as a subcommittee housed under the Community Outreach committee and adopt the following amendment to the Bylaws and all sections to be re-alphabetized accordingly:

ARTICLE IV – SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Section C: The following shall be the standing Committees: Programming, Professional Development, Community Outreach, Advocacy and Diversity, and Internal Development

Section D: The following shall be the standing Subcommittees: Climate Action

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

Respectfully submitted,

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IGDP Delegate

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President ___________________________________________________ Affirm

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