

Resolution # 70-26

**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,

Removal Proceedings Constitutional Amendment
Constitutional Amendment to Distinguish Removal Proceedings for Absenteeism
from the the Removal Proceedings as Outlined in the Constitution
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

1 The GPSA Constitution and Bylaws has outlined procedures for the discipline and
2 removal of members. However, there are some notable differences when compared to
3 the removal procedures due to absenteeism. For instance, according to Article X, Section
4 C of the GPSA Constitution, the threshold for removal is 3/4 majority vote of the Assembly:
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6 Delegates, Executive Officers, the University Faculty Senators, and Justices may
7 be removed by a 3/4 vote of present and voting members of the Assembly for
8 failure to fulfill the duties of office, violation of University policies, failure to follow
9 the will of the Assembly, and other reasonable grounds.
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11 However, this section contradicts with Article VII, Section E of the GPSA Bylaws, which
12 requires a simple majority vote for removal due to absenteeism:
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14 Any person brought forward for removal due to absenteeism will be removed by a
15 majority vote of the Assembly. Any person who fails to show up for a removal

1 proceeding, after notice, without an approved excuse shall be automatically
2 removed.

3 Additionally, removal due to absenteeism is initiated when the Secretary notifies the
4 Judiciary while removal due to any other reason is initiated when a bill for removal is
5 submitted for approval.

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7 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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9 Article X, Section C of the GPSA Constitution will now read:

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11 SECTION C. Removal
12 Delegates, Executive Officers, the University Faculty Senators, and Justices may be
13 removed by
14 a 3/4 vote of present and voting members of the Assembly for failure to fulfill the duties
15 of
16 office, violation of University policies, failure to follow the will of the Assembly, and other
17 reasonable grounds [outside of absenteeism. Removal procedures due to absenteeism](#)
18 shall be [outlined in the Bylaws](#).

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21 Respectfully submitted,

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President _____ Veto Affirm