

Resolution # 71-06

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



**of the 71st Assembly
September 29, 2021**

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**GPSA Representation on Board of Trustees
Allow Vice President to represent GPSA on Board of Trustees in absence of President
(Decided: [Y / N / A])**

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 The GPSA President is tasked with serving on certain committees on the Penn State University
4 Board of Trustees, per Article III, Section A of GPSA Bylaws. The current Bylaws specifically
5 outline that the Vice President can “in the event the President is unable, represent the GPSA at
6 University events or boards with the exception of the Board of Trustees” (Article III, Section C). If
7 the President is unable to represent GPSA in this Board of Trustees capacity, there is currently
8 no specified replacement. This vacancy on Board of Trustees committees could lead to a lack of
9 graduate and professional student representation and advocacy on an especially influential
10 University board.

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12 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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14 The Graduate and Professional Student Association propose that the bylaws be amended to
15 permit the Vice President to represent GPSA on the Board of Trustees, in the event the
16 President is unable to by striking “with the exception of the Board of Trustees” from Article III,
17 Section C of the GPSA Bylaws.

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19 The amended Article III, Section C would then read as “The Vice President shall chair all
20 meetings of the Assembly. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President , represent
21 the GPSA at University events or boards.”

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Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, College of Agricultural Sciences

President _____

Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association