

Resolution # 71-11

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



of the 71st Assembly
January 26th, 2021

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Reorganization of the GPSA Standing Committees
Realigning the Standing Committees to Increase Efficiency & Clarity
(Decided: [Y / N / A])**

Nature of the Situation:

The GPSA's Community Outreach committee and Programming committee's work is similar in nature- to promote a sense of community by providing graduate and professional students with programming and service opportunities. Given the similarities mentioned, combining these committees will increase the efficiency of this work.

Recommended Course of Action:

It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendments to the GPSA Bylaws:

ARTICLE IV – SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

A. The process of selection of committee Chairs shall be by nomination and approval by the committee members. Graduate and professional students who are not members of the Assembly may also serve on a committee in a non-voting capacity by presidential appointment.

B. Committee Chairs shall give a report on the activities of the committee at each Assembly meeting.

1 C. The following shall be the standing Committees: ~~Student Engagement Programming,~~
2 Professional Development, ~~Community Outreach~~, Advocacy and Diversity, and Internal
3 Development

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5 D. The Following shall be the standing Subcommittees: Climate Action

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7 ~~E. The Programming Committee shall be tasked with fulfilling GPSA’s mission as it~~
8 ~~relates to providing programs, initiatives, and events that promote the sense of~~
9 ~~community within the graduate and professional student body and their families.~~

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11 E. The Student Engagement Committee shall be tasked with fulfilling GPSA’s mission
12 as it relates to providing programs, initiatives, and service opportunities that promote a
13 sense of community and engagement, both within the graduate and professional
14 student body and with the State College and Penn State community at large.

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16 F. The Professional Development Committee shall be tasked with fulfilling GPSA’s
17 mission as it relates to providing support of scholarly activities and professional
18 development.

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20 ~~G. The Community Outreach Committee shall be tasked with fulfilling GPSA’s mission~~
21 ~~as it relates to providing the graduate and professional student body with service~~
22 ~~opportunities and engagement of the State College and Penn State community at large.~~

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24 H. The Advocacy and Diversity Committee shall be tasked with fulfilling GPSA’s mission
25 as it relates to providing a forum to address the ideas and concerns of graduate and
26 professional students. This includes addressing student concerns and promoting
27 diversity, equity, and inclusion by advocating for policies or initiatives to outside parties
28 within the university and in the community.

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Respectfully submitted,

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President _____ Affirm Veto

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