

Graduate and Professional Student Association of the University of Idaho

CONSTITUTION & RULES

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MISSION: *Our mission as the Graduate and Professional Student Association of the University of Idaho – Moscow (GPSA) is to support our members through extracurricular programming; facilitate graduate and professional student engagement with the University and City of Moscow; represent our members on University committees; and advocate for institutional policy that addresses graduate student concerns.*

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Statement: *GPSA is committed to strengthening diversity at the University of Idaho by promoting inclusion and fostering engagement of our membership to build a more equitable campus. We are open, welcoming, and encouraging of different perspectives across our diverse membership, fostering an inclusive environment that values all backgrounds and experiences. We strive to create an organization where everyone is valued, feels a strong sense of belonging, and contributes to creating a vibrant community that enhances student success*

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1. NAME AND OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

1) NAME

- (1) The organization is named "The Graduate and Professional Student Association of the University of Idaho – Moscow".

2) ACRONYM DEFINITIONS

- (1) The Graduate and Professional Student Association of the University of Idaho – Moscow, referred to as GPSA.
- (2) Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, referred to as JEDI.
- (3) The University of Idaho, referred to as UI.
- (4) Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho, referred to as WWAMI.
- (5) Graduate Student Organization, referred to as GSO which may be pluralized to GSOs.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership includes all fee-paying students enrolled in online and in-person graduate or professional programs at the Moscow campus of UI, except for programs offered by the College of Law and UI WWAMI.

3. GPSA COUNCIL

1) COUNCIL COMPOSITION

- (1) The GPSA Council is composed of:
 - a) seven Executive Board positions elected by GPSA members. The elected positions are: the President, the Vice President, the Chair of Finance, the Chair of Awards, the Chair of Communications, the Chair of Initiatives, and the Chair of Programming;
 - i) election procedures are described in Chapter 6.
 - b) Council Representative positions elected by GPSA members, the number of which is to be determined on an ad hoc basis by the GPSA Executive Board;
 - i) election procedures are described in Chapter 6.
 - ii) the GPSA Executive Board must recruit one Council Representative from every college within UI, except the College of Law and WWAMI.
 - A. A two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council can confirm the recruited Council Representatives.
 - B. The GPSA President can appoint a Council Representative from a UI college to fill any vacant positions after the conclusion of the general election and a recruitment phase by the GPSA Executive Board.
 - c) the GPSA Faculty Advisor, which is a de jure ex officio position held by UI's Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.
- (2) For all GPSA Council positions except the GPSA Faculty Advisor:
 - a) tenure of each position is one year in office;
 - b) tenure begins on May 1 and ends on April 30 of the following year.
 - c) The GPSA Faculty Advisor's term is indefinite, as the position is held by the contemporary UI's Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

2) COUNCIL MEMBER DUTIES

- (1) The GPSA Council is bound by duty to:
 - a) assemble at least three times during the Fall and at least three times during the Spring academic semesters, to discuss GPSA matters;
 - b) determine the number of Council Representative positions required for the subsequent year and recruit Council Representatives, in the case of vacancies.
 - c) ensure that efforts are underway to fill any vacancies of Executive Board positions.
 - d) disseminate awareness regarding Council meetings for allowance of any interested GPSA member to attend the Council meetings;
 - e) assemble for special meetings, which are called by:
 - i) the President,
 - ii) the Vice President,
 - iii) a motion and a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council,
 - iv) petition of ten percent of the GPSA membership;

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- f) debate and approve a suitable annual budget for GPSA;
- g) debate and approve rules, guidelines, and criteria for all GPSA-related activity;
- h) evaluate and vote to approve or reject applications requesting GSO status;
- i) ensure implementation of the GPSA Mission through the creation, passage, and subsequent revision of necessary legislation.

(2) The GPSA President is bound by duty to:

- a) preside over GPSA Council meetings and call on the Chairs to report on progress and activities during the Council meetings
- b) advise and supervise all GPSA-related entities and activities;
- c) ensure all GPSA Council acts are in the interest of GPSA membership and, if necessary, veto acts of the GPSA Council;
 - i) a presidential veto can be overridden by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA membership, provided at least fifteen percent of the GPSA membership votes in a special election called by the GPSA Council.
- d) act as the liaison between GPSA and UI administration, the UI Board of Regents, and other local, state, and federal agencies;
 - i) ensure GPSA is represented of UI committees, by appointing Council Representatives as needed.
- e) cultivate graduate student activity at UI through regular outreach with and encouragement of graduate student clubs, including:
 - i) coordinating with GSOs to ensure they receive GSO benefits;
 - ii) maintaining regular office hours to interact with GPSA membership.
- f) as and when required, form GPSA ad hoc committees and ensure proper function of these committees;
- g) represent GPSA on the UI Faculty Senate, the UI Graduate Council, the UI Student Conduct Board, and the UI Student Media Board;
- h) prepare and present at least two presidential activity reports during each academic semester.
 - i) The presidential activity report shall include reports from GPSA representatives on UI committees and any other external committees.

(3) The GPSA Vice President is bound by duty to:

- a) ensure all bills and referenda are properly written and submit such items to the GPSA Council for consideration, debate, and a vote;
- b) lead the Executive Board's efforts to recruit Council Representatives to fill vacant positions in the Council;
- c) submit all bills to the GPSA President for signature or veto within one day of the passage by the GPSA Council;
- d) create committees for the proper functioning of GPSA and ensure the proper functioning of those committees;
- e) represent GPSA on the UI Graduate Council, the UI Student Conduct Board, and the UI Student Activity Fee Committee.

- (4) The GPSA Chair of Finance is bound by duty to:
 - a) present an expenditure report for GPSA's overall expenses once per academic semester;
 - b) establish an annual budget by consulting with the GPSA Council;
 - c) ensure GPSA's finances follow the annual budget;
 - d) process leadership awards for all GPSA Council members, once per semester;
 - e) advise and supervise all GPSA-related financial activity;
 - f) represent GPSA on the UI Budget and Finance Committee.
- (5) The GPSA Chair of Awards is bound by duty to:
 - a) establish rules and forms for application of travel, publication, workshop/short-course, and outstanding student awards;
 - b) establish rules and forms for reimbursement of travel, publication, workshop/short-course, and outstanding student awards;
 - c) preside over the GPSA Awards Committee;
 - d) evaluate award applications and grant awards to eligible applicants, according to the annual budget;
 - e) appoint a co-chair of Awards that;
 - i) must represent a different college than the Chair of Awards,
 - ii) will be responsible for serving on the ASUI funding board regarding the funding of clubs,
 - iii) will chair the Awards Committee in the event of an absence of the Chair of Awards,
 - iv) will audit all awards and facilitate communication between GPSA and the University of Idaho Department of Student Involvement,
 - v) serve as a non-voting member of the executive board and a voting member of the GPSA Council.
 - f) present a breakdown of award application statistics after each award cycle that include:
 - i) details about the number of applicants,
 - ii) number of awards granted,
 - iii) number of applications rejected,
 - iv) reasons for rejecting the applications,
 - v) award recipient numbers organized by college and department.
- (6) The GPSA Chair of Communications is bound by duty to:
 - a) make arrangements to facilitate GPSA Council meetings;
 - b) record minutes at all GPSA Council meetings;
 - c) maintain an up-to-date GPSA website;
 - d) maintain GPSA's social media accounts;
 - e) when necessary, facilitate communications with GPSA and other organizations within and outside of UI;
 - f) disseminate information regarding GPSA Council activity to GPSA members;
 - g) represent GPSA on the UI Library Affairs Committee and the UI Curriculum Committee.

- (7) The GPSA Chair of Initiatives is bound by duty to:
 - a) preside over the GPSA Initiatives Committee;
 - b) organize the GPSA regalia rental program;
 - c) ensure the GPSA regalia rental program functions properly;
 - d) document any new initiatives for the GPSA Council to consider;
 - e) represent GPSA on the UI Student Activity Fee Committee.
- (8) The GPSA Chair of Programming is bound by duty to:
 - a) facilitate, arrange, and host events to engage GPSA members with each other, the GPSA Council, the general UI community, and the Moscow, ID community at large;
 - b) preside over the GPSA Programming Committee;
 - c) present an activity report for each academic semester.
- (9) The GPSA Council Representatives are bound by duty to:
 - a) serve on at least one of:
 - i) the GPSA Awards Committee;
 - ii) the GPSA Programming Committee;
 - iii) the GPSA Initiatives Committee;
 - iv) the GPSA Elections Committee;
 - v) one or more of the UI committees.
 - A. The GPSA President will appoint Council Representatives to serve on committees in the event of a Council Representative not choosing a committee themselves.
 - B. A Council Representative cannot serve on the same committee for more than two years in a five-year period.

4. GPSA COUNCIL LINES OF SUCCESSION

If any position in the GPSA Council is vacant or vacated during the tenure of that position the line of succession for each position is detailed in this chapter.

(1) Presidential vacancy:

- a) the Vice President;
- b) the Chair of Finance;
- c) the Chair of Awards;
- d) the Chair of Communication;
- e) the Chair of Initiatives;
- f) the Chair of Programming;
- g) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
- h) GPSA body-wide election.

(2) Vice Presidential vacancy:

- a) the Chair of Finance;
- b) the Chair of Awards;
- c) the Chair of Communication;
- d) the Chair of Initiatives;
- e) the Chair of Programming;
- f) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
- g) appointment by GPSA President;
- h) GPSA body-wide election.

(3) Chair of Finance vacancy:

- a) the Chair of Awards;
- b) the Chair of Communication;
- c) the Chair of Initiatives;
- d) the Chair of Programming;
- e) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
- f) appointment by GPSA President;
- g) GPSA body-wide election.

(4) Chair of Awards vacancy:

- a) the Chair of Communication;
- b) the Chair of Initiatives;
- c) the Chair of Programming;
- d) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
- e) appointment by GPSA President;

- f) GPSA body-wide election.
- (5) Chair of Communications vacancy:
- a) the Chair of Initiatives;
 - b) the Chair of Programming;
 - c) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
 - d) appointment by GPSA President;
 - e) GPSA body-wide election.
- (6) Chair of Initiatives vacancy:
- a) the Chair of Programming;
 - b) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
 - c) appointment by GPSA President;
 - d) GPSA body-wide election.
- (7) Chair of Programming vacancy:
- a) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
 - b) appointment by GPSA President;
 - c) GPSA body-wide election.
- (8) Council Representative vacancy:
- a) appointment by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
 - b) appointment by GPSA President;
 - c) GPSA body-wide election.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GPSA COUNCIL POSITIONS

(1) President:

- a) must have served in the GPSA Council as either Vice President, a Chair, or a Council Representative for at least one year, within the previous three years;
- b) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- c) must not have served as the GPSA President for more than two years in the previous five years.

(2) Vice President:

- a) must have served in the GPSA Council as a Chair or a Council Representative for at least one year, within the previous three years;
- b) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- c) must not have served as the GPSA Vice President for more than two years in the previous five years.

(3) Chair of Finance:

- a) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- b) must not have served as the GPSA Chair of Finance for more than two years in the previous five years.

(4) Chair of Awards:

- a) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- b) must not have served as the GPSA Chair of Awards for more than two years in the previous five years.

(5) Chair of Communications:

- a) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- b) must not have served as the GPSA Chair of Communications for more than two years in the previous five years.

(6) Chair of Initiatives:

- a) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- b) must not have served as the GPSA Chair of Initiatives for more than two years in the previous five years.

(7) Chair of Programming:

- a) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;
- b) must not have served as the GPSA Chair of Programming for more than two years in the previous five years.

(8) Council Representative:

- a) must be in good academic standing, as defined by the UI College of Graduate Studies;

6. ELECTIONS

- (1) Every academic year a general GPSA election shall be held to:
 - a) elect the GPSA President;
 - b) elect the GPSA Vice President;
 - c) elect the GPSA Chair of Finance;
 - d) elect the GPSA Chair of Awards;
 - e) elect the GPSA Chair of Communications;
 - f) elect the GPSA Chair of Initiatives;
 - g) elect the GPSA Chair of Programming;
 - h) elect GPSA Council Representatives from each college within UI, with the exceptions of the UI College of Law and UI WWAMI;
 - i) vote on referenda and amendments to the GPSA of UI Constitution.
- (2) The GPSA general election shall be held during the week before UI's spring break commences.
- (3) GPSA general election results shall be disclosed to GPSA membership the week after UI's spring break ends.
- (4) GPSA general election results shall be transparent and shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a) election results for each elected position including statistics for:
 - i) number of GPSA members that voted in each election;
 - ii) number of votes each candidate received;
 - iii) number of write-ins received;
 - iv) the percentage of GPSA membership that voted in each election.
 - b) number of positions left vacant following the GPSA general election;
 - c) the status of any referenda and amendments to the GPSA of UI Constitution including:
 - i) whether the proposed referenda and amendments passed or failed;
 - ii) the number of votes for and against each referendum or amendment;
 - iii) the percentage of GPSA membership that voted on each referendum or amendment.
- (5) In case of conflict with the UI academic calendar, where the conflict would impede the proper functioning of the election, the general election can be rescheduled by a two-thirds majority vote of the GPSA Council.
- (6) Nominations, including self-nominations, shall be presented to the GPSA Elections Committee at least one week before the opening of voting in the GPSA general election.
- (7) Every GPSA member is eligible to vote with membership being defined by Chapter 2.
- (8) A special GPSA election may be held anytime, as required.
- (9) Special elections can be called by:
 - a) the GPSA President;

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- b) the GPSA Vice President;
 - c) the GPSA Faculty Advisor;
 - d) a motion and a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council;
 - e) a petition signed by ten percent of the GPSA membership.
- (10) All GPSA elections shall be conducted by the GPSA Election Committee.

7. REPEAL, RECALL, AND IMPEACHMENT

- (1) The process by which GPSA membership may repeal any GPSA act or referenda is:
 - a) by presenting a petition bearing signatures of ten percent of the GPSA membership and describing the act or referenda to be repealed to the GPSA President;
 - i) the GPSA President will have two weeks to:
 - A. validate the signatures on the petition;
 - B. call a special GPSA election.
 - b) The special election shall be open to all GPSA members and will require a simple majority affirmative vote to repeal the act or referenda provided that at least fifteen percent of GPSA membership votes in the special election.
- (2) The process by which GPSA membership may recall any GPSA Council member is:
 - a) by presenting a petition bearing signatures of ten percent of the GPSA membership and describing the reason for recall to the GPSA Faculty Advisor;
 - i) the GPSA Faculty Advisor will have two weeks to:
 - A. validate the signatures on the petition;
 - B. call a special GPSA election.
 - b) The special election shall be open to all GPSA members and will require a simple majority affirmative vote to recall the GPSA Council member provided that at least fifteen percent of GPSA membership votes in the special election.
- (3) The process by which the GPSA Council may impeach a GPSA Council member is:
 - a) the articles of impeachment, which name the GPSA Council member to be impeached and the rationale for impeachment is presented to the GPSA Faculty Advisor;
 - b) the GPSA Faculty Advisor will hold an impeachment hearing before the GPSA Council within two weeks of receiving the articles of impeachment;
 - i) during all proceedings of this hearing, for the protection of their legal rights and defense, the GPSA Council member named in the articles of impeachment may have:
 - A. legal counsel;
 - B. witnesses;
 - C. and documents related to the articles of impeachment.
 - ii) during this hearing the GPSA council may present witnesses and documentation to support the impeachment rationale presented in the articles of impeachment.
 - iii) the GPSA Council is allowed a closing argument before the GPSA Council member named in the articles of impeachment is allowed their closing argument;
 - iv) the GPSA Council member named in the articles of impeachment is allowed a closing argument before a vote is taken;
 - v) a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council will impeach the GPSA Council member named in the articles of impeachment.

8. FINANCES

- a) Following UI's fiscal year, GPSA's fiscal year shall begin on July 01 and end on June 30 of the subsequent year.
- b) For every fiscal year, the Chair of Finance will draft an annual budget and present the draft budget to the GPSA Council.
- c) The GPSA Council shall debate and revise the draft budget for every fiscal year.
- d) The final version of the budget has the following allocation requirements:
 - i) Awards committee expenditures shall not exceed sixty-eight percent of the annual budget;
 - ii) expenditure for leadership awards shall not exceed nineteen percent of the annual budget;
 - iii) Programming committee expenditure shall not exceed more than eight percent of the annual budget;
 - iv) expenditure for start-up funds of GSOs shall not exceed one percent of the annual budget;
 - v) operational expenditure for the entire GPSA Council shall not exceed one percent of the annual budget;
 - vi) at least three percent of the annual budget shall be set aside as a contribution to the GPSA reserve fund;
- e) The GPSA reserve fund can be used for special projects, events, or initiatives granted reserve funds do not drop below twelve percent of the current fiscal year's annual budget.
- f) The GPSA Council shall adopt the revised budget with a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Council.
- g) Use of reserve funds for special projects, events, or initiatives may be allowable if:
 - i) there is a two-thirds majority affirmative vote by the GPSA Council supporting the expenditure;
 - ii) a simple majority affirmative vote of GPSA membership supporting the expenditure, provided at least fifteen percent of the GPSA membership votes in a special election regarding the expenditure;
 - iii) the city of Moscow, Idaho or UI is under a state of emergency and a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the GPSA Executive Board supporting the expenditure, provided all of the GPSA Executive Board vote during a GPSA Council meeting or a special meeting called by the GPSA President.

9. REFERENDA

- a) A referendum is an act brought by the GPSA membership, rather than originating within the GPSA Council.
- b) The process for holding a referendum is:
 - i) a petition outlining the issue to be voted on, signed by at least ten percent of the GPSA membership shall be presented to the GPSA President;
 - ii) the GPSA President will work with the GPSA Council and the party that initiated the referendum to finalize a version to be voted on;
 - iii) the final version of the referendum will be voted on in either:
 - A. the GPSA general election;
 - B. a special GPSA election called by the GPSA president.
- c) The referendum is passed with a simple majority affirmative vote in favor of the referendum provided at least fifteen percent of the GPSA membership votes.

10. AMENDMENTS

- a) Amendments to the GPSA of UI Constitution may be brought forward by the GPSA Council or by a petition bearing the signatures of at least ten percent of the GPSA membership. The process to amend this constitution is:
 - i) a draft of the proposed amendment prepared by the GPSA Council or a petition containing a draft of the proposed amendment and signatures of at least ten percent of the GPSA membership shall be presented to the GPSA President;
 - ii) the GPSA President will work with the GPSA Council to finalize a version of the amendment;
 - iii) the final version of the amendment will be voted on in either:
 - A. the GPSA general election;
 - B. a special GPSA election called by the GPSA president.
- b) The amendment is adopted with a simple majority affirmative vote in favor of the amendment provided at least fifteen percent of the GPSA membership votes.
- c) Adopted amendments go into effect immediately, unless the amendment contains a specific enactment date.
- d) Upon amendment of the constitution all previous versions of the constitution are considered null and void unless a repeal of the amendment occurs.

11. GPSA COMMITTEES

1) GPSA AWARDS COMMITTEE

- a) The purpose of the GPSA awards committee shall be to review and award:
 - i) travel awards;
 - ii) publication awards;
 - iii) workshop/short-course awards;
 - iv) and the outstanding graduate student awards to GPSA members.
- b) The GPSA Awards Committee is chaired by the elected GPSA Chair of Awards.
- c) The membership of the GPSA Awards Committee shall consist of no less than 8 members:
 - i) the Chair of Awards;
 - ii) the co-Chair of Awards;
 - iii) at least six GPSA Council members;
 - A. membership shall not contain more than one member from the same UI college;
 - B. if required, the Chair of Awards can recruit additional GPSA members that are not part of the GPSA Council to serve on this committee.
- d) The responsibilities of the Awards Committee include:
 - i) reviewing and establishing rules, guidelines, and criteria for acceptance for all awards given out by the GPSA Council;
 - ii) determining the eligibility of submitted award applications according to budgetary allocations for every award period;
 - iii) granting award funding to eligible applicants;
 - iv) providing every denied applicant with the reasoning for denying their application;
 - v) ensuring final activity reports are received from the workshop and short-course awardees.

2) GPSA PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

- a) The purpose of the GPSA Programming Committee shall be to host social events for GPSA.
- b) The GPSA Programming Committee is chaired by the elected GPSA Chair of Programming.
- c) The membership of the GPSA Programming Committee shall consist of no less than three members:
 - i) the Chair of Programming;
 - ii) at least two GPSA Council Members;
 - A. if required, the Chair of Programming can recruit additional GPSA members that are not part of the GPSA Council to serve on this committee.
- d) The responsibilities of the GPSA Programming Committee include:
 - i) organizing events that help GPSA members meet, socialize, and network with each other, the UI community, and the city of Moscow community;
 - ii) providing an activity report at the end of each academic semester.

3) GPSA INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

- a) The purpose of the GPSA Initiatives Committee shall be to facilitate programs for the benefit of GPSA members and GSOs.
- b) The GPSA Initiatives Committee is co-chaired by the elected GPSA Chair of Initiatives and the GPSA President.
- c) The membership of the GPSA Initiatives Committee shall consist of no less than four members:
 - i) the Chair of Initiatives;
 - ii) the GPSA President;
 - iii) at least two GPSA Council Members;
 - A. if required, the Chair of Initiatives can recruit additional GPSA members that are not part of the GPSA Council to serve on this committee.
- d) The responsibilities of the GPSA Initiatives Committee include:
 - i) innovating new methods for:
 - A. evaluating new programs that progress the benefits of GPSA and GSO membership;
 - B. increasing the prominence of GPSA on the UI's Moscow campus;
 - C. expanding the impact of services offered by the GPSA Council;
 - ii) developing new avenues for programs that broadly benefit GPSA members;
 - iii) providing an activity report at the end of each academic semester.

4) GPSA ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

- a) The purpose of the GPSA Elections Committee shall be to conduct all GPSA elections.
- b) The GPSA Elections Committee is chaired by the GPSA President.
- c) If the GPSA President is running for re-election or is prohibited from being the chair of the GPSA Elections Committee due to a conflict of interest:
 - i) the GPSA Council elects another GPSA Executive Board member to serve as the chair;
 - ii) if all GPSA Executive Board members are ineligible due to running for re-election or conflicts of interest the GPSA Council elects a GPSA Council Representative to chair the committee;
 - iii) if all GPSA Council Representatives are ineligible due to running for re-election or conflicts of interest the GPSA Faculty Advisor will chair the committee;
 - A. The GPSA Faculty Advisor can promote a proxy to chair the committee, provided the proxy is not running for election or does not have a conflict of interest;
- d) The GPSA Elections Committee is only formed during:
 - i) spring semester, to facilitate the GPSA general election; or
 - ii) during special elections as described in Chapter 6.
- e) The membership of the GPSA Elections Committee shall consist of no less than three members:
 - i) the chair of the GPSA Elections Committee;

- ii) at least two GPSA Council Members;
 - A. membership shall not contain more than one member from the same UI college;
 - B. if required, the Chair of Programming can recruit additional GPSA members that are not part of the GPSA Council to serve on this committee;
 - C. no members shall be allowed to be running in or have any other conflicts of interest with the election.
- f) The responsibilities of the GPSA Elections Committee include:
 - i) informing the GPSA membership about a forthcoming election four weeks before a general election or two weeks before a special election;
 - ii) coordinating all filing and voting procedures for candidates and ballot issues, including:
 - A. providing absentee ballots to any GPSA member, upon request;
 - B. preparing and submitting ballots to the GPSA Council for approval;
 - C. providing sample ballots to all interested parties; and
 - D. coordinating polling and ballot tabulation on election days.
 - iii) notifying all candidates and their sponsors of the election results within two hours of the result tabulation;
 - iv) providing public notice of the results of the election within twenty-four hours of the result tabulation with all the information defined in Chapter 6.

12. RIGHTS OF GPSA MEMBERS

- a) No GPSA member will be denied any rights enumerated in this constitution.
- b) Every GPSA member has the right to attend any and all GPSA meetings or gatherings, including GPSA Council meetings.
- c) Every GPSA member has the right of appeal, whereby they may bring any concern to the GPSA Council for discussion and consideration.
- d) It is the policy of GPSA that equal opportunity be afforded to all qualified persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religious ideology, gender, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, disability, or status as a veteran.
- e) No GPSA member will be prevented from exercising their voting rights in all GPSA elections.
- f) No GPSA member will be prevented from applying to any services provided by GPSA.

13. AUTHORITY

- a) This constitution is the supreme governing authority of the GPSA.
- b) Bills and referenda passed by any organization of GPSA that are inconsistent or in conflict with this constitution are null and void, in perpetuity.