

Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA),
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SENATE BILL F18-001

TITLE: The “Establishment of the GPSA Graduate Student Clubs’
Approval and Support Process” Statute

TYPE: Bylaws Amendment Bill

PROVIDING FOR: Amendment to the GPSA Bylaws, to reflect the establishment of the GPSA graduate student clubs’ approval and support process (hereby referred to as “the process”). The amendment also designates GPSA’s Rules & Administration committee (hereby referred to as “the R&A committee”) to be the stewards and regulators of the newly established process. The GPSA Senate (hereby referred to as “the Senate”) is tasked with the oversight of R&A committee’s stewardship and regulation of the process.

PREMISE: For being an umbrella organization of graduate students and for receiving a portion of student activity fee, GPSA is responsible to support graduate club activities. This responsibility had previously been neglected and ignored by GPSA. To rectify the ignorance harbored towards graduate clubs, GPSA’s executive-board of FY 2018 (July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019) would like to establish a GPSA graduate club support process.

INTENT: All student clubs at the UIIdaho must be affiliated with their respective student umbrella. Graduate student clubs must be affiliated with the GPSA. As such, there exists a requirement to regulate the student club affiliation’s approval process. In addition, since GPSA receives a portion of student activity fee, it is responsible to provide monetary and organizational management support for graduate student clubs. As such, there exists a requirement to regulate the student club support process as well.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

SECTION 1: The process is hereby considered to be formally established. Under the Senate’s oversight, the R&A committee is formally tasked with the stewardship of the process. To this extent, the R&A committee is expected to maintain a standing application document, which allows a graduate student club to apply for the status of a GPSA-affiliated Student Organization (hereby referred to as GSO). The standing application is also expected to outline the process’ approval criteria and the support logistics.

SECTION 2: Graduate club is defined as any club, whose majority membership (51% or higher) consists of graduate students. To be considered a GSO, each graduate club must submit an application to the R&A committee. The R&A committee shall review the application and make a recommendation to the Senate. The Senate, via majority vote, shall make the final decision with respect to the application. Upon Senate’s approval, the applicant club shall become a GSO. The decision will be communicated to the applicants by the R&A committee. Upon Senate’s rejection, if the applicants are unsatisfied with the decision, they may be entitled to an appeal, at the discretion of the GPSA Vice President. If the GPSA Vice President so decides, the application will be reviewed once again, following the same process, as laid out earlier in this Section.

SECTION 3: Each GSO is entitled to receive a maximum of \$250 from GPSA, to be used towards supporting the club’s initial operations and functions. Any graduate student club, that seeks to

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obtain the \$250 funding is required to obtain administrative support writ from a department within the UIIdaho. The funds will only be transferred to the supporting department and clubs are expected to work with their departments to facilitate reimbursements or other mechanisms of funds' release.

SECTION 4: To maintain their GSO status, all GSOs are required to present an activity report to the Senate, at the end of every academic year. GSOs shall consult with the R&A committee regarding the specifics of content to be included in such an activity report. If a GSO does not present an activity report at the end of every year, their GSO status shall be revoked. A GSO whose status has been revoked shall go through the application process, as laid out in Section 2, to obtain the GSO status once more. Exceptions to annual reporting condition maybe granted by the majority vote in the Senate, upon receiving a petition from a GSO.

SECTION 5: During FY 2018, all approved GPSA-affiliated clubs will receive their funds from the GPSA rollover budget. The GPSA Treasurer is formally tasked with the oversight of such club-related outflows and is expected to include this outflow stream in their expenditure reports. From FY 2019 onwards, the GPSA Treasurer is expected to allocate a reasonable amount of funds for this outflow stream in their annual budget document.

BILL SUMMARY: Establishment of the GPSA Graduate Student Clubs' Approval and Support Process. Provision of regulations to govern the newly established process.

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Senate Vote	In favor: 26	Opposed: 0	Abstentions: 3
Pass: YES	Fail: NO		

GPSA President:			Veto: NO
Veto Override	In favor:	Opposed:	Abstentions:
Pass:	Fail:		

Senate Speaker:	Vice-President:	Treasurer:
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