

Graduate Student Council Administrative Policy Decision 01-06

Date: 9/12/05 – Proposed
9/26/05 – All parts but “e” adopted

Issue: Proposed bylaws amendments

Resolution: All parts but “e” adopted.

Proposal Text:

- a) **General Realignment** – The flow of a procedural document is nearly as important as the content. Related subjects must be grouped together to allow the document to flow smoothly. The current bylaws are jumbled around. The proposed realignment seeks to alleviate the problems posed by the current bylaws by developing a continuous structure to articles.
- b) **Departmental Designation** – Redesignates departments as departments and/or schools, due to the fact that some schools like the School of Business and Economics and the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences do not have departments underneath them like the colleges do.
- c) **Term References** – Replaced all term references with “semester” to reflect change from quarter system to semester system.
- d) **Departmental/School E-board Restriction** – Eliminated the limit on number of officers and committee chairs that could come from a department/school.
- e) **Article I, Section A, Subsection iii, Part 2** – Clarifies representation for departments with “on-campus” students, since this is the constituency which the Graduate Student Council is able to represent the interests of.
- f) **Article I, Section A, Subsection iii, Part 3** – Redefines representation, entitling every department with at least one representative, and further allowing representation to be defined as one Voting Representative per forty graduate students. This is proposed to help keep the group at a reasonable size. This change, along with the next, are intended to keep the membership around thirty members.
- g) **Article I, Section A, Subsection iv** – Clarifies that enrollment figures be distributed to the Graduate Student Council. Changes the timing of the mandate to the second meeting in order to give the Secretary and the Graduate School time to finalize these numbers.
- h) **Article I, Section A, Subsection vii** – Defines conditions and procedures for addressing dereliction of duties by a Voting Representative.

- i) **Article I, Section B, Subsection I, Part 2** – Clarifies that exemption from serving on a standing committee must be defined in these Bylaws.
- j) **Article I, Section B, Subsection I, Part 8** – Omits “Graduate Student Organization” and adds “Discretionary” as the qualifier to “Funding Applications”. There is no definition of a Graduate Student Organization, and this change broadens the definition so the Council may generally accept applications for discretionary funding.
- k) **Article I, Section C, Subsection vii** – Deletes the subsection. The current bylaws provide for a procedure by way of some conflict of interest, a Voting Representative may delegate voting responsibility to someone else in their department. Parliamentary procedure provides for any Voting Representative to abstain from any vote, and therefore the current subsection is unnecessary.
- l) **Article II, Section A, Subsection ii, Part 4, Subpart a** – Further clarifies Social Committee charge as generating a sense of community in all graduate students and in the Council.
- m) **Article II, Section A, Subsection ii, Part 4, Subpart b, Clause iii** – Deletes clause requiring Social Committee to hold a social seminar series.
- n) **Article II, Section B** – Defines the existence of “Ad Hoc Committees”
- o) **Article II, Section B, Subsection i** – Allows the President to designate special committees to address specific issues.
- p) **Article II, Section B, Subsection ii** – Defines the scope in which ad hoc committees may be assigned tasks.
- q) **Article III, Section A, Subsection ii, Part 1** – Deletes the Part. Defining points to be redefined in new Part 1, currently Part 2.
- r) **Article III, Section A, Subsection ii, Part 1** – Redefines the dates for opening of nominations and elections for Officers, Committee Chairs and Advisors in one part, rather than split among sections.
- s) **Article III, Section A, Subsection iii, Part 4** – Deletes the Part. Majority votes in the presence of a quorum are implied in parliamentary procedure, unless otherwise specified.
- t) **Article III, Section A, Subsection v**, – Adds Advisor to the list of positions that can be considered for dereliction of duty.
- u) **Article IV, Section A** – Renames the position as Public Relations Director.

- v) **Article VII, Section A** – Defines the scope of the Section as the General Budget. This refers to the money allocated to the Council from Graduate Student Activity Fees, and separates it from the travel grant money entrusted to the Council from the Graduate School for disbursement to eligible candidates.

- w) **Article VII, Section C, Subsection ii** – Establishes a procedure for allocating up to \$10,000 from reserve fund within the GSC account on a discretionary basis. Requires 2/3 majority to move on the request immediately. Requires that knowledge of where the reserve level is known before voting on an allocation from it, and establishes prominence to the action by requiring a 2/3 majority for approval.

- x) **Article VII, Section C, Subsection iii** – Redefines section as “Changes to graduate student fees” rather than specifying just the graduate student activity fee.