



2015 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT # 1

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Summary: Rename GPSO as the “Graduate and Professional Student Government”

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An Act to rename the Graduate and Professional Student Organization as the “Graduate and Professional Student Government”

Be it enacted by the Assembly of the Graduate and Professional Student Organization,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “2015 Constitutional Amendment #1.”

SECTION 2. RATIONALE

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) was created in 1983 and served as the precursor organization to GPSO. In 2002, GSO was renamed as the Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSO) and officially recognized by IU President Myles Brand and Chancellor Sharon Stephens Brehm as the sole governing body of graduate and professional students at IU Bloomington. The role of representing graduate students had previously been within the purview of the IU Student Association, which represented all students up until that time.

Thirteen years after being recognized as the sole governing body for graduate students, GPSO still continuously faces considerable confusion about the purpose of the organization. GPSO continues to rest on the four pillars of advocacy, community building, academic support, and resource sharing, and has recently reasserted its commitment to advocate on behalf of graduate students for meaningful policy change at the campus and university level. Still, after 13 years, many students, faculty, and staff continue to presume that IUSA is representative of all students, including graduate and professional students. Even after numerous branding



campaigns, the generic nature of the term “organization” fails to convey the services, mission, and programs offered by GPSO.

“Graduate and Professional Student Government” more adequately conveys the organization’s special and officially recognized status as a representative body. “GPSG” would further reflect the organization’s commitment to advocacy, to providing resources to all students, and to building community across departments. The impending relocation of the GPSO offices offers the perfect opportunity to reconsider the branding of the organization so that it more adequately reflects its mission and purpose.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS

1. Replace all references to the “Graduate and Professional Student Organization” and “GPSO” in the GPSO Constitution and Bylaws to “Graduate and Professional Student Government” and “GPSG,” respectively.
2. GPSO Constitution and Bylaws “Article I Section 1: Name.” shall state:
“The name of this organization shall be the Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG).”

SECTION 4. ENACTMENT

1. This Act shall take effect immediately following passage by the GPSO Assembly.

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GPSO President

04/03/2015

Date