



2014 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT # 4

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Summary: Recasts the role of Liaison to an appointed Diversity Officer.

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An Act to redefine the Liaison as an appointed Diversity Officer

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “2014 Constitutional Amendment # 4.”

SECTION 2. RATIONALE

The Liaison was intended to serve as a medium of communication between the GPSO and other student organizations. In practice, this position has focused on issues concerning diversity and inclusion. To ensure the goals of this position are effectively realized, the position will be redefined to focus solely on issues of diversity, while the responsibility of maintaining open channels of communication between the GPSO and other student organizations will be placed in the more suited hands of GPSO staff.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS

1. Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

The Executive Committee shall be the executive body of the GPSO. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four elected positions, the four appointed positions, a representative from the University Graduate School and such staff positions as the Assembly may provide. Those elected officers are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. Those appointed officers are the Awards Officer, the Benefits Officer, the Sustainability Officer, and the Diversity Officer.



The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a month. The Executive Committee will seek to reach all decisions through consensus. However, in situations requiring a vote, the voting members shall be the elected officers. Quorum for these meetings shall be three of these four elected officers.

2. Article IV, Section 10, of the Constitution shall be renamed “Diversity Officer”, and shall be amended to read as follows:

The Diversity Officer shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1) to chair and organize the Diversity Council and Diversity Committee, which may function jointly;
- 2) to represent the GPSO on committees relevant to issues of diversity and inclusion;
- 3) to maintain communications with the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs;
- 4) to develop resolutions and initiatives related to furthering diversity and inclusion;
- 5) to update the assembly on initiatives related to diversity and inclusion, when requested;
- 6) to perform other duties requested by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. ENACTMENT

1. This Act shall take effect immediately following the enactment of this Act. The current Liaison will become the first Diversity Officer upon enactment. The 2015-2016 Diversity Officer will be appointed through the normal procedures for appointed Executive Committee members.

GPSO President

Date