



**Resolution No. 1617-22**  
**A Resolution to Adopt Changes to the MSA/GPC Articles of Cooperation**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** the Articles of Cooperation shall be reviewed by MSA and GPC every two years. The results of the review shall be reported to the Advisors of MSA and GPC and to the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS,** agreements and relationships must contain the same language for both organizations. In order for changes to be made to a specific agreement or relationship, both organizations must approve said edits via their legislative bodies. Either organization may propose said changes; and

**WHEREAS,** a review between members of MSA and GPC occurred on February 13th; and

**WHEREAS,** a similar resolution will be entertained by MSA on May 3, 2017; be it

**RESOLVED,** by majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered, that the following changes to the Articles of Cooperation between MSA and GPC be adopted, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes effectively upon adoption:

**SUBMITTED,**

Ms. Rachel E. Bauer  
President



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**ARTICLES OF COOPERATION**

Between the  
**Graduate Professional Council**  
And the  
**Missouri Students Association**

~~Revised December, 2014~~

Revised April, 2017

(A) INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNICATION:

- (1) Executive, Legislative Officers or Leaders and Advisors: To ensure communication between MSA and GPC, the Advisors, Presidents, Vice Presidents, and MSA Speaker of the Senate and, if they should choose, any other MSA/GPC Executives, shall **strive to** attend meetings twice a semester to discuss issues of either government, planned referenda, position statements, policy decisions, inter-organizational workings, and the composition of internal and external committees.
- (2) MSA Senate and GPC General Assembly: During October of each year, the MSA and GPC officers or Leaders **should shall strive to** appear before the other's legislative body to make a presentation, discussing planned student activities, and programming for the next year, the goals and activities of each government, and function/membership of policy boards and internal committees.
- (3) Minutes: MSA and GPC shall send copies of the minutes and programming events of their senate meetings to the presiding officer of the other legislative body.

(B) ~~The Student Fee Review Committee~~ **THE STUDENT FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- (1) ~~PURPOSE~~ **Purpose**: MSA and GPC shall assist the operations of the Student Fee Review Committee in the review of mandatory non-academic fees assessed to students.
- (2) ~~AUTHORIZATION~~ **Authorization**: The Student Fee Review Committee is a committee governed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and serves as a Vice Chancellor's Standing Committee. The Student Fee Review Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs regarding the allocation of mandatory non-academic fees assessed to students.
- (3) ~~APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR~~ **Appointment of the Chair**: The Chair must be a full-time student of the University of Missouri throughout their full term and must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average or equivalent. The chair is appointed, **through an application process**, by a majority vote of the ~~Student Fee Review Committee Appointment Committee composed of the~~ MSA President, GPC President, and outgoing Student Fee Review Committee Chair.
- (4) ~~MSA AND GPC REPRESENTATIVES~~ **MSA and GPC Representatives**:
  - (i) ~~The~~ MSA Senate Budget Committee Chairperson and the GPC Treasurer shall serve as co-vice-chairs of the Student Fee Review Committee. ~~They shall be selected according to the rules of each organization.~~



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(ii) The regular membership of the Student Fee Review Committee shall be composed of three full time graduate-professional students and seven full time undergraduate students, two of whom shall be freshman in standing at the time of their service. Regular members shall be appointed by an application process.

(5) **Special Rules:**

- (i) **BYLAW MODIFICATIONS**—Bylaw Modifications: Changes to these bylaws governing the Student Fee Review Committee shall not go into effect until ~~These bylaws governing the Student Fee Review Committee shall not be modified without the consent~~ without consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs' staff advisor for the Student Fee Review Committee.
- (ii) **DISPLAY OF COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE**—Display of Committee Governance: Rules for the governance of the committee shall be displayed prominently on the website for the Student Fee Review Committee and not in these bylaws.

**(DC) ~~Funding of Co-Sponsored Activities and Services~~—FUNDING OF CO-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- (1) Budgetary Allocations: Both MSA and GPC provide student services. To avoid unnecessary duplication of services, MSA will continue to offer services to graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate and undergraduate students. GPC will continue to fund these co-sponsored activities at a fixed percentage (50%) of GPC's current student activity fee. In June of each year, MSA shall provide to GPC a summary of student fees spent for the previous academic year.
- (2) Amendment Procedure: If the composition of the co-sponsored services that MSA administers changes significantly, either organization may request that the percentage of GPC's budget (i.e., 0%-100%) allocated to these activities be changed. In order to facilitate budget planning for both MSA and GPC, such a percentage change must be ratified one year in advance of the proposed date of the percentage change. To amend the Articles of Cooperation, both the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly must ratify the proposed **changed changes** and the ratification shall require a two-thirds majority in each legislative body.

**(GD) REPRESENTATION**

- (1) Departmental Committees: The Department of Student Activities shall provide funding, in the amount of \$5000, annually for at least one event for graduate and professional students. GPC shall have one representative guaranteed to each department in MSA, ensuring input of the graduate-professional student body.
  - (i) The amount in D.1 should be revisited with each review of the Articles of Cooperation.
- (2) Advertisements: There shall be an advertisement logo for both MSA and GPC on any co-sponsored activity. GPC and MSA shall be acknowledged as sponsors at any activities or services co-sponsored by the organizations (i.e., introduction of program,



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posters, all publicity, etc.). Advertising of events and programs generally shall strive to make graduate students aware that they are welcome at these events.

(E) **Student Referendums-STUDENT REFERENDUMS**

(1) Formation of Joint Election Committee: On those occasions when a general student referendum is needed or desired, a joint election committee will be formed. The composition of the committee will consist of ~~the~~ three GPC representatives designated by the GPC president and three MSA representatives, designated by the MSA President. The **BEG MSA Board of Election Commissioners (BEC)** shall serve as **non-voting**, ex-officio members of the joint election committee. The joint committee is charged with preparation of the initiative's wording. All decisions must be agreed upon with a 1 vote MSA and a 1 vote GPC decision, and will be subject to the necessary requirements as specified in the MSA Constitution and the GPC Constitution (i.e., 2/3<sup>ths</sup> passage for approval).

(2) The MSA Board of Election Commissioners shall handle the implementation of the election process. Any polling sites shall be identified as "MSA/GPC Poll Sites." Ballots shall be prepared in a manner which gives equal recognition to MSA and GPC.

**(3) If any referendum is found to have not followed the procedure outlined in E.1, then either GPC or MSA may veto the referendum in question, and that referendum shall thereby be immediately removed from the ballot on which it was intended to appear, and it may not appear on another ballot until the procedure outlined in E.1 has been completed. Reversal of the veto may be accomplished only by two-thirds vote of the legislative body of the organization that issued the veto.**

(F) **Amendment Procedure-AMENDMENT PROCEDURE:** To change the Articles of Cooperation, both the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly must ratify the proposed change by two-thirds majority in each legislative body.

(G) **Review Clause-REVIEW CLAUSE:** The Articles of Cooperation shall be reviewed by MSA and GPC every two years, **or earlier if both organizations agree.** The results of the review shall be reported to the Advisors of MSA and GPC and to the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly.

~~(H) Appeals Clause-APPEALS CLAUSE:~~ All conflicts and controversies arising between GPC ~~or~~ and MSA may be appealed ~~SOGA~~ **first to the Director of Student Life** only after the organization initiating the conflict makes a good-faith attempt to resolve it with the other organization. **If no resolution is agreed upon during that first appeal, the conflict or controversy will be appealed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, where a final resolution will be reached.**

**(I) VIOLATIONS CLAUSE:** The failure to require performance of any provision herein shall not affect a party's right to require performance of the same at any time thereafter, nor shall a **waiver of any breach or default of these Articles constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach**



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or default or a waiver of the provision itself. Additionally, if any provision herein is held unenforceable or unsatisfiable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the parties' intention, and the remaining provisions of these Articles will remain in full force and effect.

(I J) ~~Termination Clause~~ **TERMINATION CLAUSE:** Termination of the Articles of Cooperation shall only occur after ~~a good-faith effort to revise the agreement~~ all options in Article H have been exhausted. Then, the legislative bodies of MSA and GPC need to pass by three-quarters majority vote the termination of the Article of Cooperation. Notice will be given to the other party one year in advance before the Articles of Cooperation will be deemed terminated.