



Resolution No. 1617-02
**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Create a State Affairs
Committee and Clarify Executive Officer Responsibilities**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, GPC's Bylaws were revised last semester (Spring 2016); and

WHEREAS, it is vital that regular revisions take place, so that GPC's organization and mission can be codified; and

WHEREAS, as the representative body of the graduate and professional students, the Bylaws of GPC change as the needs of graduate and professional students change; and

WHEREAS, the GPC has been increasingly involved in legislative issue on the state level, requiring the formation of a State Affairs Committee and clarification of the Director of State Affairs position; be it

RESOLVED, by majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered, that the Graduate Professional Council Bylaws shall be amended to reflect the following changes, which shall be valid at the October 2016 General Assembly meeting:

SUBMITTED,

Michael Hendricks

Director of State Affairs

Co-Sponsors:

Rachel Bauer

President

Kevin Kaifer

Director of National Affairs

Glenn Baker

Secretary

Bylaws:

SECTION IV: DUTIES AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS [...]

4.5 The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- 1) Distribute contact information (names, addresses, and phone numbers of Officers, General Assembly Representatives, and Representatives to external bodies) to the General Assembly;
- 2) Record minutes of all meetings of the General Assembly;
- 3) Organize/supervise monthly General Assembly mailings (e.g., minutes, agendas and other supplementary materials) to GPC representatives and officers;
- 4) Serve as Membership Chair, seeking representatives to fill vacancies on the General Assembly;
- 5) Serve as the historian for the GPC by creating and maintaining all historical records and files;
- 6) Monitor attendance and voting, unless doing so would constitute a conflict of interest;
- 7) Verify the signatures on all petitions, unless doing so would constitute a conflict of interest;
- 8) Reserve rooms and make other arrangements (e.g., refreshments, overhead projector) for General Assembly meetings;
- 9) Prepare an information packet to be distributed to all General Assembly representatives at the first meeting of the year or the first meeting the representatives attend; and
- 10) ~~Co chair the GPC Student Affairs Committee.~~ Chair the GPC Student Affairs Committee.

4.8 The Duties of the Director of National Affairs shall be to:

- 1) Attend the National Association of Graduate Professional Students (NAGPS) national conference and serve as the voting voice of the University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council.
- 2) Attend the NAGPS Regional Conference and serve as the voting voice of the University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council.
- 3) Stay informed of international, national, and regional issues and events affecting graduate and professional students.
- 4) Give a report of NAGPS activity and national issues at regular meetings of the Executive Board and the General Assembly.
- 5) Actively participate in the NAGPS Legislative Concerns Committee or hold an office in NAGPS;
- 6) Work with the Director of State Affairs on local, regional, national, and international issues (e.g., reporting hot policy updates on Web site; organizing letter writing campaigns); and,
- 7) ~~Serve as the representative for GPC on the SOGA committee.~~

- ~~8)~~ 7) Attend all NAGPS Legislative Concerns Committee Conference Calls.
- ~~9)~~ 8) Attend all NAGPS Legislative Action Days (LAD) and serve as a GPC representative to LAD. (A) Organize the GPC delegation attending LAD (e.g. scheduling meetings with Members of Congress and Congressional Committees and coordinate LAD attendees from other Missouri institutions).
- ~~10)~~ 9) Participate in all NAGPS Calls-to-Action.
- ~~11)~~ ~~Co chair the GPC Student Affairs Committee.~~
- ~~12)~~ 10) Chair the GPC National Affairs Committee.
- ~~13)~~ 11) Work with ASUM and MSA on national and international issues.
- ~~14)~~ 12) Organize the Educate the Vote candidate assessment for Presidential and Midterm Elections with the assistance of ASUM.
- ~~15)~~ 13) Communicate with the Missouri Congressional Delegation regarding federal legislation affecting graduate and professional students.
- ~~16)~~ 14) Work with the support of GPC National Affairs Committee and Student Affairs Committee while providing direction and leadership of the committees.

4.9 The duties of the Director of State Affairs shall be to:

- 1) Attend all Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) meetings and functions both at the UM System and university level;
- 2) Serve as the voting voice of the University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council on the ASUM Board of Directors at the UM System level;
- 3) Work with ASUM and MSA on state and local issues;
- 4) Stay informed of national, regional, state, and local issues and events affecting graduate and professional students;
- 5) Report to the General Assembly regarding local and statewide issues affecting graduate and professional students;
- 6) Work with the Director of National ~~Issues Affairs~~ on local, regional, state, national, and international issues (e.g., reporting hot policy updates on Web site; organizing letter writing campaigns);
- ~~7) Actively serve on the GPC National Affairs Committee; and~~
- ~~8) Co chair the GPC Student Affairs Committee while providing direction and leadership to the committee.~~
- 7) Chair the State Affairs Committee.
- 8) Attend all NAGPS Legislative Action Days (LAD) and serve as a GPC representative to LAD if the GPC budget allows.
9. The Director of State Affairs is tasked to work on civic engagement with ASUM, MSA, RHA and other relevant student organizations.
- 10) Work with the support of GPC National Affairs Committee and Student Affairs Committee while providing direction and leadership of the committees.
- 11) Work with ASUM in organizing the Educate the Vote candidate assessment for Presidential and Midterm Elections.

SECTION V: COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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6.2 The National Affairs Committee

The primary function of the National Affairs Committee is to advocate on behalf of graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and postdoctoral students at the University of Missouri-Columbia at the regional and national level.

6.3 The State Affairs Committee

The primary function of the State Affairs Committee is to advocate on behalf of graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and postdoctoral students at the University of Missouri-Columbia at the local and state level.