



Resolution No. 1819-02

A Resolution for Expanding the General Assembly Through Non-Voting Membership

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly is comprised of voting members consisting of Representatives from various Represented Areas, At-Large Representatives, and Executive Officers, and

WHEREAS, In recent years, participation in the General Assembly has declined as a result of restructuring of academic programs, availability of Representative positions, and other factors, and

WHEREAS, There has previously been increased interest in the Graduate Professional Council by individuals wanting to get involved with internal committees, programing and professional development opportunities, and various other graduate and professional student initiatives, and

WHEREAS, Those individuals have been unable to become involved as a result of occupied Representative positions in their Represented Areas and unavailability of At-Large positions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council does amend its Bylaws in accordance with the Appendix of this Resolution, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Let it be the intention of these Bylaw changes to allow for increased involvement of those individuals interested in Graduate Professional Council programming and activities, who would have no other avenue of participation, to actively engage with and be recognized by the Graduate Professional Council.

SUBMITTED,

Jesse Wyatt, GPC Vice President

Appendix A

1.3. Liaisons and Associated Members

1.3.1. Liaisons

1.3.1.1. Non-voting members of the General Assembly, who represent various organizations or entities related to graduate and professional students. An individual may serve as a Liaison in addition to serving as a Representative, with the role and duties of the Representative superseding that of a Liaison.

1.3.1.2. Shall have the right to give reports during monthly General Assembly meetings on, but not limited to: activities, programming, policies, and stances of the organization or entity being represented.



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1.3.2. Associated Members

1.3.2.1. Individuals, not representing a Representative Area, or serving as an At-Large Representative, may serve on GPC internal committees and be appointed, when necessary, to external committees. This is a non-voting position.

1.4. Definition of “Good Standing” for Representatives

Good Standing for a Representative shall be defined as follows:

1.4.1. Attending, or having a proxy attend, the majority of Assembly meetings each semester; and

1.4.2. Attending and actively participating in the majority of committee meetings per semesters OR adequately fulfilling the committee responsibilities in a manner approved by the committee chair.

1.4.3. “Good Standing” for Represented Areas (departments, divisions, colleges, schools, etc.) is defined below in Section 6.2.

1.5. Removal from Office

Representatives who do not satisfy the requirements for “Good Standing” may be immediately brought up for removal. Representatives brought up for removal may request a review by the Executive Officers, who will determine the validity of any excuses for failing to fulfill the requirements of “Good Standing”.