



Resolution No. 1819-08

A Resolution for Updating the Mechanisms for Guest Presentations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** Noting that the aim of meetings of the General Assembly are to provide an efficient forum for discussion and debate on the numerous topics presented before the General Assembly, and
- WHEREAS,** On occasion discussions relating to guest speakers have required multiple votes by the Assembly to expand the allotted time for discussion, and
- WHEREAS,** Current allotted times for speakers are restrictive and do not permit a fluid flow of discussion for special topics requiring additional time, 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 to extend the current times of guest speakers and create a special category of speakers, and be it further
- RESOLVED,** These changes aim to provide a more efficient mechanism for guest speakers by extending the base allotment of speaking time thereby minimizing the occurrences by which the General Assembly must vote to extend time.

SUBMITTED,

Executive Board

Appendix

- 6.3.4. A regular guest presentation shall be limited to ten minutes of speaking time with a ~~two~~ five-minute questioning period, totaling fifteen minutes.
- 6.3.5. The Executive Board may designate a guest as a Special Guest speaker, where a special guest presentation shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes.
- 6.3.5.1. The presentation time shall be allotted into a fifteen-minute presentation period and a fifteen-minute discussion period, as default.
- 6.3.5.2. Upon the request of the Special Guest speaker, the presentation times may be adjusted to an alternative format, including but not limited to, a town-hall discussion or a differing presentation period.
- 6.3.6. A general funding request presentation shall be limited to five minutes with a five-minute questioning period, totaling ten minutes.
- 6.3.7. When entering comments or debate following the consideration of a business item, the default amount of time given for comment and debate shall be ten minutes.
- 6.3.8. Assembly members shall conduct themselves according to the following "Culture of Respect":
- 6.3.8.1. Assembly members will refrain from disparaging the race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, veteran status, and sexual orientation of any Assembly member.
- 6.3.8.2. Assembly members will refrain from disparaging the academic discipline of other members of the Assembly.
- 6.3.8.3. Disparaging conduct includes talking over or using dismissive or insulting language toward another member of the Assembly.