



**Resolution No. 1415-03**

**A Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Professional Council to Add and Codify  
Rules of Order for the General Assembly**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** neither the bylaws nor the constitution of the Graduate Professional Council currently have any clear rules of order for business conducted in the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS,** the lack of clear rules of order has led to some concerns about efficient use of time at General Assembly meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** observing and maintaining consistent rules of order is a critical aspect to ensure business is effectively conducted; and

**WHEREAS,** as the representative body of the graduate and professional students, the General Assembly has a duty to be judicious in the use of its time and energies; 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.

**SUBMITTED,**

Mr. Eric A. Hucker  
Vice-President

## SECTION V: GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.2 ~~Rules of order shall be specified in the GPC Representative Handbook.~~ Rules of Order- The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order will be the General Assembly's guide for any situation not covered by ~~GPC's~~ rules of order **herein established by the General Assembly. The Presiding Officer shall be compelled to obey the following rules or order when presiding over normal meetings of the General Assembly except in any case where the General Assembly, by majority vote, alters them:**

- 1) Officer reports shall be limited to three minutes per officer.
- 2) Committee reports shall be limited to five minutes total.
- 3) Liaison reports shall be limited to five minutes total.
- 4) Each guest presentation shall be limited to ten minutes of speaking time with a two-minute questioning period, totaling twelve minutes.
- 5) Each general funding request presentation shall be limited to five minutes with a two-minute questioning period, totaling seven minutes.
- 6) 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.