



Resolution No. 1516-11
A Resolution to Amend the Bylaws to Change Officer Reports and Add
General Assembly Conduct Guidelines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, GPC's Constitution and Bylaws were revised last year; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions apply specifically to rules of order of the General Assembly; 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; 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 April 2016 General Assembly meeting:

SUBMITTED,

Ms. Hallie J. Thompson

GPC President

Co-Sponsors:

Ben Vega

General Assembly At-Large Representative

Jain Jimit

General Assembly Representative from Health Administration

Glenn Baker

General Assembly Representative from Psychological Sciences

5.3 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~~ four 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.
- 7) General Assembly members shall conduct themselves according to the following "Culture of Respect":
 - (A) General Assembly members will refrain from disparaging the race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, veteran status, and sexual orientation of any General Assembly member;
 - (B) General Assembly members will refrain from disparaging the academic discipline of other members of the General Assembly;
 - (C) Disparaging conduct includes talking over or using dismissive or insulting language toward another member of the General Assembly.

5.4 A Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President and Vice President of GPC.

- 1) The Parliamentarian shall serve as the arbiter of disputes regarding parliamentary procedure;
- 2) The Parliamentarian shall ensure that the "Culture of Respect" (Section 5.3) is adhered to during General Assembly Meetings.