



Resolution No. 1819-03

A Resolution for Amending the Criteria for “Good Standing” for a Represented Area

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** The General Assembly votes on Resolutions which represent the collective voice of the graduate and professional student population, and
- WHEREAS,** The collective graduate and professional student voice is often only shared to departments and organizations on campus via Representatives serving on the Graduate Professional Council’s external committees, and
- WHEREAS,** The series of events and collection of services the Graduate Professional Council offers could not function at the levels they do without the help of dedicated individuals in the General Assembly who serve on internal committees, and
- WHEREAS,** In the recent past, the General Assembly has seen attendance slowly decline, and
- WHEREAS,** There are often Represented Areas which have at least one seat unfilled, and
- WHEREAS,** There are Represented Areas which send only one Representative when they have more than one seat available, and
- WHEREAS,** The structure of the Bylaws have allowed for Represented Areas which have multiple seats available to them to send only one representative to “a majority” of a semester’s General Assembly Meetings (typically three out of four meetings per semester), and
- WHEREAS,** The Professional Schools (i.e., Law, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine) are structured in such a way that attendance at the General Assembly is typically more difficult for Professional students, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council amends its Bylaws such that it adopts the language changes present in Appendix A, and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That these changes to the Bylaws introduce the concept of “Meeting Credits”, which are earned by one representative attending one meeting during a regular semester; for example, two Representatives attending a General Assembly Meeting for an Area will earn two Meeting Credits for that Area (one each); and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That these changes to the Bylaws reflect that a “Meeting Credit” can only be earned if a Representative signs in to a meeting in the way deemed appropriate by the Secretary; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That these changes to the Bylaws then reflect the concept of a Represented Area’s “Maximum Possible Meeting Credits” for a semester; for example, an Area which has four seats will have a Maximum Possible Meeting Credit amount of sixteen for the semester, because there are four representatives that could attend all four regular General Assembly meetings in the semester; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That these changes to the Bylaws require a Represented Area of Graduate Students to earn two-thirds (2/3) rounded up of their Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits in a semester to be considered in “Good Standing” for the following semester; and be it further



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RESOLVED, That these changes to the Bylaws require a Represented Area from a Professional School (i.e., Law, Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine) to earn one-half (1/2) of their Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits in a semester to be considered in “Good Standing” for the following semester; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a Represented Area which does not earn enough of their Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits in a semester to be considered in “Good Standing” will not be considered in “Good Standing” for the following semester, and that Area will not receive the benefits of “Good Standing” during that semester.

SUBMITTED,

Al Willsey, GPC President

Appendix A

Bylaws:

6.2. “Good Standing” for Represented Areas (departments, divisions, colleges, schools, etc.)

6.2.1. Definition

Represented Areas are in “Good Standing” provided that the Representative or Representatives, or a relevant number of Proxies, have earned for that Area a sufficient amount of that Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits, as defined and explained in Section 6.2.1.1—6.2.1.4.

6.2.1.1. Meeting Credits

A Meeting Credit will be earned for a Represented Area by one Representative, or a Proxy for that Representative, attending a single meeting of the General Assembly.

6.2.1.1.1. A Representative can only earn at most one Meeting Credit for at most one Represented Area per attended General Assembly Meeting.

6.2.1.1.2. A Meeting Credit is earned by signing-in to a General Assembly meeting in the way deemed necessary by the Secretary.



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6.2.1.2. An Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits

A Represented Area will have a certain number of Maximum Possible Meeting Credits as determined by the maximum number of Representatives who could attend a General Assembly meeting for that Area, multiplied by the maximum number of regular monthly General Assembly meetings for the given semester.

6.2.1.3. Minimum Amount of Acceptable Meeting Credits for a Represented Area of Graduate Students

A Represented Area of Graduate Students must earn two-thirds ($2/3$) rounded up of that Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits (as defined in Section 6.2.1.2) in order for that Area to be considered in “Good Standing”.

6.2.1.4. Minimum Amount of Acceptable Meeting Credits for a Represented Area of Professional Students

A Represented Area of Professional Students (i.e., Areas from Law, Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine) must earn one half ($1/2$) of that Area’s Maximum Possible Meeting Credits (as defined in Section 6.2.1.2) in order for that Area to be considered in “Good Standing”.

6.2.2. Determination and Posting of “Good Standing” Status

Following the final Assembly meeting each Fall and Spring semester, the attendance logs for the semester will be reviewed by the Secretary and a list of ‘Represented Areas in Good Standing’ will be created and posted to the GPC website. “Good Standing” for those Represented Areas will be determined by calculating the Represented Area’s total Meeting Credits earned, as outlined in Section 6.1.2.1-6.1.2.4. “Good Standing” may only be reinstated provided a successful passing of an end-of-semester review.

6.2.3. Implications



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6.2.3.1. Organizations wholly within a Represented Area that is in “Good Standing” are eligible for GPC group funding (co-programming), and individual students in the Represented Area are eligible for 100% of the maximum GPC travel award.

6.2.3.2. Organizations wholly within a Represented Area that is not in “Good Standing” are not eligible for GPC group funding (co-programming), and individual students in the Represented Area are eligible for at most 50% of the maximum GPC travel award.

6.2.4. Exemptions and Appeals

6.2.4.1. Represented Areas with fewer than 10 on-campus enrolled students are exempted from Sections 6.2.1 – 6.2.3.

6.2.4.2. Represented Areas may appeal the results of an end-of-semester evaluation to the Executive Officers.

6.2.4.2.1. Preemptive Petitions

A Representative may preemptively petition the Executive Officers in writing (whether by email or by formal letter) at any time prior to the conclusion of an academic semester to make sure that their Represented Area does not fall out of “Good Standing.”

6.2.4.2.2. Represented Areas which are systematically unable to meet at the General Assembly meetings for a given semester (say, due to an academic conflict which precludes any member from attending a General Assembly meeting) may preemptively petition the Executive Officers about this, or may appeal a decision of their Area falling out of “Good Standing” Status for this reason, by presenting a written explanation of this systematic inability to attend General Assembly meetings to the Executive Board for review.



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6.2.4.3. Represented Areas may petition the Executive Board to be evaluated at a lower acceptability rate than that outlined in Sections 6.2.1.3.-6.2.1.4. There must be compelling reasons why that Represented Area should not be evaluated at the same standard as other Represented Areas in the General Assembly in order to be granted a lower evaluation standard.

6.2.4.3.1 A Represented Area’s amended acceptability rate will return to that outlined in Sections 6.2.1.3.-6.2.1.4. at the beginning of the semester following when the request was made for, unless there was also a time limit request that was approved by the Executive Officers.

6.2.4.4. All petitions, appeals, and requests to the Executive Officers may also include a time limit for how long the Represented Area would like an exemption to last, and/or how long the Represented Area would like to be evaluated at a lower acceptability rating than that outlined in Sections 6.2.1.3.-6.2.1.4. This time request is subject to approval by the Executive Officers separately from the approval of the request for exemption and/or lower acceptability rating.

6.2.4.4.1. Time requests of “in perpetuity” and “indefinitely” are allowed, though encouraged only if there is a significant reason why a Represented Area must be exempted from “Good Standing” considerations for that length of time, and/or why that Area must be evaluated at a lower acceptability rating than that outlined in Sections 6.2.1.3.-6.2.1.4 for that length of time.

6.2.4.5. All decisions on appeals, petitions, and requests concerning “Good Standing” made by the Executive Officers may be further appealed to the Advisor of the Graduate Professional Council.