



**Resolution No. 1819-09**

**A Resolution for Updating the Definition of Represented Areas**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** Noting that to be a fully effective and representative student government, the General Assembly of the Graduate Professional Council is comprised of Representatives from numerous Represented Areas across the University of Missouri campus, and
- WHEREAS,** It has been historically the task of the Vice President and Secretary to compile and maintain a list of Represented Areas across the University of Missouri campus and to further maintain a list of the number of Representative positions open for each of the Represented Areas, and
- WHEREAS,** Fluctuations in sizes of Represented Areas and the restructuring of various departments and programs across the University of Missouri campus has made it difficult to maintain accurate lists of Represented Areas and the number of Representatives allocated to each of these Areas, and
- WHEREAS,** Every year census/enrollment data is released for these Areas in October, two months after the start of the General Session of the General Assembly, and
- WHEREAS,** This census/enrollment data would provide a logical and consistent means of determining the overall size of the General Assembly and the allocation of Representatives to Represented Areas for the coming year, and
- WHEREAS,** Existing language in the Constitution of the Graduate Professional Council does not clearly define what a Represented Area is with the current structure of the campus, nor does the existing language provide a flexible means to accommodate future structural changes across campus, and
- WHEREAS,** Currently, the Constitution defines membership for Post-Doctoral Students per every 500 students enrolled in a Post-Doctoral program and noting that currently at the time of this Resolution there are four individuals considered Post-Doctoral Students, and
- WHEREAS,** These Post-Doctoral Students are considered students in name only, and thus are for all other purposes considered Post-Doctoral Fellows and therefore not constituents of the Graduate Professional Council, and
- WHEREAS,** The classification of Post-Doctoral Students existed solely because of an interpretation of a particular training grant many years ago, and so it is likely that this classification will go away altogether in the near future, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council does amend its Constitution in accordance with the Appendices of this Resolution to make clear and expand the terminology of a Represented Area, and be it further
- RESOLVED,** These changes shall take place effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, whereby the total number of Representatives from a Represented Area shall be calculated based upon census/enrollment data for the 2018-2019 academic year.

**SUBMITTED,**  
**Executive Board**



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**APPENDIX I – CONSTITUTION**

- 3.2. ~~Members of the Assembly shall be chosen from each of the graduate school departments and professional schools. There shall be one representative for each one hundred students or fraction thereof (e.g., 101 students registered within a particular school receives two representatives). Each department shall be entitled to at least one representative.~~
- 3.1. Represented Areas of the General Assembly shall be chosen from:
  - 3.1.1. Departments, or equivalent entities, with graduate programs of the colleges, schools or various entities, where such graduate programs are overseen by the Graduate School.
  - 3.1.2. Graduate programs not housed under a department or equivalent entity, but which are housed under, or recognized by, the Graduate School.
  - 3.1.3. Professional programs of the professional schools.
- 3.2. The size of Represented Areas shall be evaluated and updated as necessary prior to or during each Spring semester from the most recent graduate and professional student Census Data.
  - 3.2.1. In the event of a merger or splitting of a Represented Area, or some other state of affairs which would cause a dramatic change in the enrollment status of a Represented Area, the Executive Board will reevaluate the size of each affected Represented Area.
- 3.3. The Secretary shall contact each ~~department or school~~ Represented Area at the University of Missouri to encourage them to select Representative(s). Persons selected ~~Selected persons~~ to be Representatives must be registered with the Secretary as soon as possible.
- 3.4. Selection of GPC Representatives
  - 3.4.1. Each Represented Area will be responsible for holding ~~to hold~~ elections or ~~be~~ appointing ~~ed by their respective departments~~ their Representative(s).
  - 3.4.2. Representatives shall serve two academic semesters. If a Representative can only serve during the first term, a new Representative will be appointed or elected within the first month of the new semester.
  - 3.4.3. All Representatives must be enrolled in their respective Represented Areas as a graduate, professional, or post-baccalaureate student.
  - 3.4.4. ~~Post Baccalaureate and Post Doctorate Representatives:~~
    - 3.4.4.1. ~~Post Baccalaureate and/or Post Doctorate Students shall be entitled to one representative in the Assembly for every 100, or fraction thereof, Post Baccalaureate and/or Post Doctorate Students enrolled during the first week of the Fall Semester.~~
    - 3.4.4.2. ~~Persons desiring to represent Post Baccalaureate and/or Post Doctorate Students also must be classified as one during their term of office. These persons shall submit their name to the Secretary who shall present them to the Assembly at the next meeting of that body.~~
    - 3.4.4.3. ~~The Assembly shall select the Representatives for the positions from among the applicants. The availability of these positions must be advertised, or otherwise made known to the Post Baccalaureate and/or Post Doctorate Students at the University, prior to the Assembly's selection of persons to fill these positions.~~
- 3.3.4. At-Large Representatives



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- 3.3.4.1. For every 500 graduate, and professional, ~~and post-baccalaureate, and post-doctorate~~ students enrolled during the first week of the Fall Semester, there shall be one Representative-At-Large position.
- 3.3.4.2. There shall be one Post-Baccalaureate At-Large Representative, in addition to those At-Large Representatives provided for under Section 3.3.4.1.
- 3.3.4.3. Each ~~graduate/professional department or school~~ Represented Area shall not have more than one At-Large Representative.
- 3.3.4.4. If there is a greater number of interested persons than available positions, each interested person must give their name to the Secretary to be placed on a ballot prior to an election. The election is to be held at the ~~second~~ next meeting of the Assembly. Prior to this election, the availability of these positions shall be advertised or otherwise made known to the graduate and professional student body at the University. Once on the ballot, each candidate will be given the opportunity to speak before the Assembly votes.
- ~~3.3.4.5. Any At-Large Representatives must be enrolled as a graduate, professional, or post-baccalaureate student, or post-doctorate student.~~
- ~~3.3.4.4. — Once the At-Large position of a Representative is vacated for whatever reason, the position will be lost.~~ Once an At-Large Representative Position is vacated for whatever reason, that position will be lost. The Post-Baccalaureate At-Large Representative position shall be exempt from this section and be eligible to be filled by another Post-Baccalaureate student.
- 3.3.4.5. Proxies are not permitted for At-Large Representatives.
- 3.4. When any member of the Assembly, who is not an At-Large Representative, is elected to an executive office, the Secretary shall notify the Representative's constituent ~~Represented Area department or professional school~~. The Represented Area ~~department or professional school~~ will select a new Representative in the manner it deems proper.
  - 3.4.4. In the event that any Assembly member withdraws or is removed, for such cause as the Assembly deems proper, the Secretary shall notify the Representative's constituent Represented Area ~~department or professional school~~. The Represented Area ~~department or professional school~~ shall select a new Representative in the manner it deems proper.
- 3.5. The functions of the Assembly are to:
  - 3.5.4. Elect the Executive Officers;
  - 3.5.5. Elect ad hoc Committee Chairs with Presidential and Vice-Presidential confirmation;
  - 3.5.6. Approve the annual budget and approve the allocation of miscellaneous funding and programming expenditures;
  - 3.5.7. Make resolutions;
  - 3.5.8. Propose amendments to this constitution;
  - 3.5.9. Establish and amend the Bylaws
  - 3.5.10. Create its own procedural rules;
  - 3.5.11. Serve as a forum for graduate-professional student interaction; and
  - 3.5.12. Take any other reasonable action it deems necessary to fulfill the stated purpose of GPC.



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- 3.6. The function of Committees shall be to serve the stated purpose of the particular committee in order to meet the needs of the of the graduate, professional, and post-baccalaureate students, ~~and post-doctorate students.~~
- 3.7. The Assembly shall meet at least once a month during the fall and spring semesters.
  - 3.7.4. A majority vote of either the Executive Officers or the Assembly shall be necessary to call a special meeting.
  - 3.7.5. A majority vote of either the Executive Officers or the Assembly can vote not to hold a meeting under special circumstances (e.g., three meetings in one month or a scheduling conflict with finals).
- 3.8. Quorum shall be one-third of the total number of Assembly members registered with the Secretary and shall be necessary to transact all business except that fewer members may adjourn a meeting. Note in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, quorum must be called at a given meeting in order to affect business that may come before the GPC.
- 3.9. A simple majority of those members present shall be sufficient to pass any resolution. A vote of two-thirds of those members present shall be necessary to pass a resolution authorizing an expenditure in excess of four percent of the annual budget or to amend the Constitution and Bylaws.

## APPENDIX II – BYLAWS

- 1.2.1 Be a current graduate, professional, or post-baccalaureate student within the same ~~represented area~~ Represented Area as the absent Representative;
- 1.6.3 “Good Standing” for Represented Areas ~~Represented Areas (departments, divisions, colleges, schools, etc.)~~ is defined below in Section 6.2.



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**APPENDIX III — LIST OF REPRESENTED AREAS FY20\***

*(\*Subject to revision upon receiving new information.)*

Accountancy	Informatics
Ancient Mediterranean Studies	Information Science & Learning Technology
Animal Science	Journalism
Anthropology	Law
Applied Social Science	Learning, Teaching and Curriculum
Architectural Studies	Mathematics
Biochemistry	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Biological Engineering	Medical Pharmacology & Physiology
Biological Sciences	Microbiology
Biomedical Sciences	Music
Business Adm	Nuclear Engineering
Chemical Engineering	Neuroscience
Chemistry	Nursing
Civil & Environmental Engineering	Nutrition & Exercise Physiology
Clinical & Diagnostic Science	Occupational Therapy
Communication Science & Disorders	Personal Financial Planning
Communications	Philosophy
Computer Science	Physical Therapy
Economics	Physics & Astronomy
Education Leadership & Policy Analysis	Plant-Insect & Microbial Science
Education School & Counseling Psychology	Political Science
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Psychology
Engineering	Public Affairs
English	Public Health
Food Science	Religious Studies
Genetics Area Program	Romance Languages & Literatures
Geography	School of Medicine
Geological Science	School of Natural Resources
German and Russian Studies	Social Work
Health Administration	Sociology
Health Informatics	Special Education
Health Science	Statistics
History	Textiles and Apparel Management
Human Development & Family Science	The School of Visual Studies
Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering	Theatre
	Veterinary Medicine & Surgery



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**APPENDIX IV — 2018/2019 NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NEEDED MEETING CREDITS\***

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Below is a table which shows, for each Represented Area as listed in Appendix III above, the number of Representatives those Areas may send to General Assembly meetings, and the minimum number of meeting credits needed to be earned *each semester* of the academic year 2019-2020.

The number of Representatives was determined by the size of each Represented Area. The size of each Represented Area which was determined by census data supplied by the Graduate School.

The minimum number of meeting credits needed for each Represented Area was calculated based on the standard four meetings of the General Assembly each academic semester, and the conditions of satisfaction for these meeting credits as defined by Resolution 1819-03. The listed amount in column 3 is the *semester requirement* (not requirements for the entire academic year) in order to maintain “Good Standing”. One meeting credit is earned by one Representative present at one General Assembly meeting, and a Representative may earn a meeting credit for one Represented Area per meeting.

Represented Area	AY20 Representatives	FS19/SP20 Meeting Credits
Accountancy	2	5
Ancient Mediterranean Studies	1	3
Animal Science	1	3
Anthropology	1	3
Applied Social Science	1	3
Architectural Studies	1	3
Biochemistry	1	3
Biological Engineering	1	3
Biological Sciences	1	3
Biomedical Sciences	1	3
Business Administration	2	5
Chemical Engineering	1	3
Chemistry	1	3
Civil & Environmental Engineering	1	3
Clinical & Diagnostic Science	1	3
Communication Science & Disorders	1	3
Communications	1	3
Computer Science	2	5
Economics	1	3



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Education Leadership & Policy Analysis	4	11
Educational, School & Counseling Psychology	6	16
Electrical & Computer Engineering	1	3
Engineering	1	3
English	1	3
Food Science	1	3
Genetics Area Program	1	3
Geography	1	3
Geological Science	1	3
German and Russian Studies	1	3
Health Administration	1	3
Health Informatics	1	3
Health Science	1	3
History	1	3
Human Development & Family Science	1	3
Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering	1	3
Informatics	2	5
Information Science & Learning Technology	4	11
Journalism	2	5
Law	3	6
Learning, Teaching and Curriculum	4	11
Mathematics	1	3
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	1	3
Medical Pharmacology & Physiology	1	3
Microbiology	1	3
Music	1	3
Nuclear Engineering	1	3
Neuroscience	1	3
Nursing	3	8
Nutrition & Exercise Physiology	1	3
Occupational Therapy	1	2



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Personal Financial Planning	1	3
Philosophy	1	3
Physical Therapy	2	4
Physics & Astronomy	1	3
Plant-Insect & Microbial Science	1	3
Political Science	1	3
Psychology	1	3
Public Affairs	3	8
Public Health	2	4
Religious Studies	1	3
Romance Languages & Literatures	1	3
School of Medicine	5	10
School of Natural Resources	2	5
Social Work	3	8
Sociology	1	3
Special Education	1	3
Statistics	1	3
Textiles and Apparel Management	1	3
The School of Visual Studies	1	3
Theatre	1	3
Veterinary Medicine & Surgery	5	10