



Resolution No. 1819-13
A Resolution for Updating Standing Committees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** The Graduate Professional Council maintains a number of standing committees which carry out an array of tasks relating to graduate and professional students, and
- WHEREAS,** The current state of operations of the Graduate Professional Council required an evaluation of how these standing committees operate, and
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Officers have evaluated their respective committees during the 2018-2019 academic year and have made recommendations on how the standing committees should be reorganized or consolidated, and
- WHEREAS,** These recommendations aim to structure the organization to allow for a more dynamic system of governance while lowering the overall time commitment by members of the General Assembly, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By two-thirds 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 update the Standing Committees.

SUBMITTED,
Executive Board



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APPENDIX I – BYLAWS

*All relevant numbers will be updated to match the continuous formatting of the Bylaws.

- 1.1.1.2 To serve on at least ~~one external committee (Faculty/Student, GPC/MSA Campus Programming, or specially appointed) and be involved with at least~~ one GPC internal standing committee or sub-committee during his/her term; and
- 2.1 GPC openings on campus, student-faculty, and internal committees/task forces shall be filled by an Executive Officer appointment. Current Representatives or At-Large Representatives in “Good Standing” (defined in section 1.6) will be given priority in the appointment process. When a sufficient number of representatives in “Good Standing” are not available to fill all external committees, graduate and professional students who are not representatives may be appointed to fill these positions. All non-GPC Assembly member representatives will be held to the same guidelines as Representatives.
- ~~4.3.9 Chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee;~~
- 4.4.11 Chair the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; and
- 4.6.5 Chair the Student Concerns and Advocacy sub-committee ~~Affairs Committee~~; and
- ~~4.9.4 Chair the Communication Committee; and~~
- 4.10.5 Co-Chair the ~~National~~ Legislative Affairs Committee;
- 4.11.4 Co-Chair the ~~State~~ Legislative Affairs Committee;
- 6.4 The Constitution and Bylaws shall be evaluated by the Executive Board each year prior to the first General Assembly meeting of the Fall Semester to decide if the governing documents require updates to formatting, language, or other forms of updates.
 - 6.4.1 If the governing documents require updates, Representatives will be appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws Ad-hoc Committee, which will convene for a duration of no longer than one semester.
 - 6.4.2 The President shall chair the Constitution and Bylaws Ad-hoc Committee.
 - 6.4.3 The Constitution and Bylaws Ad-hoc Committee shall draft resolutions necessary to update the governing documents and present these resolutions to the General Assembly no later than the second to last monthly meeting of the Assembly.
 - 6.4.4 The governing documents must be reviewed for updates by no later than three years from the previous review by the Constitution and Bylaws Ad-hoc Committee.

SECTION VII – STANDING COMMITTEES ~~RESPONSIBILITIES~~

7.1. The Finance Committee

- 7.1.1 The ~~p~~Primary function of the Finance Committee is to receive and process GPC group ~~general~~ funding request and GPC travel award applications.
 - 7.1.1. ~~General~~ Group Funding Requests



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- 7.1.1.1. The Finance Committee shall use criteria approved by the Assembly to determine eligibility for ~~group general~~ funding requests.
- 7.1.1.2. The following are the eligibility criteria for ~~Group General~~ Funding Requests:
- 7.1.1.2.1. A written proposal for the ~~Group General~~ Funding Request must be submitted to the ~~Chairman of the Finance Committee~~ Treasurer at least one week prior to the Assembly meeting. The ~~notification of the request should be given proposals shall be forwarded~~ by the ~~Chairperson of the Finance Committee~~ Treasurer to the ~~Vice President~~Secretary.
 - 7.1.1.2.2. The following limits shall be placed on ~~Group General~~ Funding Requests
 - 7.1.1.2.2.1. Only on ~~Group General~~ Funding Request may be submitted per student group per semester.
 - 7.1.1.2.2.2. Functions with a limited or restricted audience (e.g. graduate department organizations or graduate centered organizations) ~~that primarily benefit a single department~~ shall be limited to \$250.
 - 7.1.1.2.2.3. Functions open to all graduate and professional students and which have broad interest ~~available to the whole University student body~~ shall be limited to \$600.
 - 7.1.1.2.2.4. Spending restrictions may be placed on the moneys awarded to student groups at the discretion of the Assembly.
 - 7.1.1.2.2.5. Any ~~function funding~~ awarded funds by the Assembly ~~to a student group~~ must be advertised as co-programming with GPC.
 - 7.1.1.2.3. Proposed changes to the ~~group general~~ funding eligibility criteria may be moved by the Finance Committee or any Assembly member in "Good Standing". ~~Changes shall require simple majority approval of the members present.~~
 - ~~7.1.1.2.4. Changes to general funding request eligibility criteria shall require simple majority approval of the members present.~~
- 7.1.2. Travel Awards
- 7.1.2.1. The Finance Committee shall use criteria approved by the Assembly to judge travel award applications.
 - 7.1.2.2. Proposed changes to the travel award judging criteria may be proposed in accordance with the provisions in Section 3.
 - ~~7.1.2.3. Proposed changes to the criteria for Professional Development Travel Award should be developed in conjunction with the Director of Professional Development.~~
 - 7.1.2.4. The Finance Committee shall oversee two travel award categories:
 - 7.1.2.4.1. ~~Conference~~ Presentation Travel Award (CPTA)
 - 7.1.2.4.1.1. The ~~CPTA Presentation Travel Award~~ shall be for ~~presentation opportunities to present research papers, posters, or creative works at conferences, meetings, or and~~ workshops.
 - 7.1.2.4.1.2. Eligibility for the ~~CPTA Presentation Travel Award~~ shall not be withheld for receiving other travel awards from the Graduate Professional Council.
 - 7.1.2.4.2. Professional Development Travel Award (PDTA)



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7.1.2.4.2.1. The ~~PD~~TA ~~Professional Development Travel Award~~ shall be for non-presentation opportunities at conferences, meetings, workshops, or other relevant outlets that contribute toward preparing the student for employment in their chosen career path.

7.1.2.4.2.2. Eligibility for the ~~PD~~TA ~~Professional Development Travel Award~~ shall not be withheld for receiving other travel awards from the Graduate Professional Council.

~~7.2. The Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee~~

~~7.2.1. The Primary purpose of the Constitutional and Bylaw Review Committee is the monitoring and the review of the Constitution and Bylaws as they exist for the current operating year. This committee will be chaired by the President.~~

~~7.2.2. Specific Responsibilities~~

~~7.2.2.1. Complete a yearly review of the operating guidelines of GPC as written in the Constitution and Bylaws.~~

~~7.2.2.2. Make recommendations for revisions and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to the Assembly as needed.~~

7.3. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee

7.3.1. The primary function of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee is the monitoring of academic and student issues on campus. Members of this committee are selected by the Vice President to serve on various student-faculty committees that impact the state of academic and student affairs at the University. ~~This committee will be chaired by the Vice President.~~

7.3.2. Sub-Committees

7.3.2.1. International Student Affairs

7.3.2.1.1. The function of the International Student Affairs sub-committee is to monitor and respond to the concerns of international graduate and professional students on campus, to aid in the development of programming opportunities with the Director of Professional Development and the Director of Programming, and help facilitate working relationships between the various entities on campus that have interactions with international students.

7.3.2.2. Student Concerns and Advocacy

7.3.2.2.1. The function of the Student Concerns and Advocacy sub-committee is to monitor and respond to issues on campus that affect the quality of life of graduate and professional students, including but not limited to housing, food security, transportation, and health and wellness, and to help facilitate working relationships with appropriate entities on campus as deemed appropriate by the Vice President.

~~7.3.3. Specific Responsibilities~~

~~7.3.3.1. Appoint Representatives to external committees related to academic affairs~~

~~7.3.3.1.1. Grad Faculty Senate~~

~~7.3.3.1.2. Faculty Council~~

~~7.3.3.2. Planning of the Gold Chalk Awards~~

~~7.3.3.3. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Assembly on campus-wide academic issues.~~



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7.4. The Professional Development Committee

7.4.1. The primary function of the Professional Development Committee is the planning and development of programming pertaining to professional development, alternatives to academic (Alt-Ac) and ~~non-academic (Non-Ac)~~ career **pathway** development, and to prepare graduate and professional students for employment in a variety of careers in a dynamic and evolving job market within the Academy and beyond.

7.5. The Programming Committee

7.5.1. The primary function of the Programming Committee is the planning and publicizing of GPC activities, **including but not limited to the Research and Creative Activities Forum (RCAF), monthly social events with one family friendly event per semester, and community and outreach events.** ~~This committee will be chaired by the Director of Programming.~~

~~7.5.2. Specific Responsibilities~~

~~7.5.2.1. Planning of the Research and Creative Activities Forum (RCAF).~~

~~7.5.2.2. Planning of monthly social events, including at least one family friendly event per semester.~~

~~7.5.2.3. Planning of community service and outreach events.~~

~~7.6. The Student Affairs Committee~~

~~7.6.1. The primary purpose of the Student Affairs Committee is the monitoring of student issues on campus as well as activities occurring at a national level that may affect the quality of student life on campus. This committee will be chaired by the Secretary.~~

~~7.6.2. Specific Responsibilities~~

~~7.6.2.1. Monitor activity at a national level that may affect the quality of student life on campus, such as proposed legislation in the United States Congress.~~

~~7.6.2.2. Monitor activity on campus that may affect the quality of student life on campus, such as housing, transportation, etc.~~

~~7.6.2.3. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Assembly on activity that may affect the quality of student life.~~

7.7. The Legislative Affairs Committee

7.7.1. The primary function of the Legislative Affairs Committee is to stay informed of policies or events affecting graduate and professional students at the local, state, regional, and national level, and to develop responses and plans to advocate on behalf of graduate, professional, and post-baccalaureate students at the University of Missouri.

~~7.8. The National Affairs Committee~~

~~7.8.1. The primary function of the National Affairs Committee is to advocate on behalf of graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and post-doctoral students at the University of Missouri at the regional and national level.~~

~~7.9. The State Affairs Committee~~

~~7.9.1. The primary function of the State Affairs Committee is to advocate on behalf of graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and post-doctoral students at the University of Missouri at the local and state level.~~



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APPENDIX II – VISUAL OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE CHANGES

2018/2019 Committees	PROPOSED Committees for 2019/2020	PROJECTED Committee Size
Finance	Finance	20
Professional Development	Professional Development	15
Programming	Programming	15
Academic Affairs	Academic and Student Affairs (merged)	30
Student Affairs	Student Concerns and Advocacy	14
National Affairs	International Student Affairs	14
State Affairs	Legislative Affairs (merged)	15
Constitution and Bylaws Review	<i>(Ad-Hoc Bylaws Review; roughly yearly)</i>	0
Total: 8 Standing Committees	Total: 5 Standing Committees	Total: 123