



Resolution No. 1920-09

A Resolution for Reduction of Time Allocation for General Assembly Operations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, The function of the General Assembly is crucial in guiding the Graduate Professional Council through legislative means, communication to the graduate and professional student body, election of Executive Officers, and tasking those Officers with carrying out the mission of the Graduate Professional Council; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that the General Assembly is composed of Representatives from across the varying Represented Areas of the University of Missouri who volunteer time to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Graduate and professional students through their academic programming and research, have complex schedules implying any time allocated to the Graduate Professional Council should be respected; and

WHEREAS, Current regulations in the Bylaws of the Graduate Professional Council allow for extensive use of time for Officer, Committee, and Liaison Reports, and for guest speakers; 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 reduce the total time allocated for Officer, Committee, and Liaison Reports, and Speaker times to better reflect the actual utilization of time in General Assembly meetings; and be it further

RESOLVED, These changes provide a reduction in time utilized for varying Reports and speaking times to better respect the time volunteered by Representatives to the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, The General Assembly encourages all Officers, Committee, and Liaison Reports to be presented to the Assembly in written form to help in the reduction of time utilized for the aforementioned Reports.

SUBMITTED,

Jesse Wyatt, GPC Vice President



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Appendix A - Bylaws

1.1. Rules of Order -

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

- 1.1.1. Officer reports shall be limited to ~~four~~ ~~three~~ minutes per officer.
- 1.1.2. Committee reports shall be limited to ~~five~~ ~~three~~ minutes total.
- 1.1.3. Liaison reports shall be limited to ~~five~~ ~~three~~ minutes total.
- 1.1.4. A regular guest presentation shall be limited to ten minutes of speaking ~~and questioning~~ time. ~~with a five-minute questioning period, totaling fifteen minutes.~~
- 1.1.5. The Executive Board may designate a guest as a Special Guest speaker, where a special guest presentation shall be limited to a total of ~~thirty~~ ~~twenty~~ minutes.
 - 1.1.5.1. The presentation time shall be allotted into a ~~fifteen-minute~~ ~~ten-minute~~ presentation period and a ~~fifteen-minute~~ ~~ten-minute~~ discussion period, as a default.
 - 1.1.5.2. Upon the request of the Special Guest speaker, the Presentation times may be adjusted to an alternative format, including but not limited to, a town-hall discussion or a differing presentation period.
- 1.1.6. A general funding request presentation shall be limited to five minutes with a five-minute questioning period, totaling ten minutes.