

Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduate and Professional Student Government, University of
Iowa

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Article I: Members

Section 1. Member Governments of GPSG. GPSG is comprised of seven “member governments” which includes the following colleges and their respective student governments:

1. College of Dentistry: Iowa American Student Dental Association [“IASDA”];
2. Graduate Colleges: Graduate Student Senate [“GSS”];
3. College of Law: Iowa Student Bar Association [“ISBA”];
4. Carver College of Medicine: Carver College of Medicine Student Government [“CCOMSG”]
5. College of Pharmacy: Student Leadership Council [“SLC”]
6. College of Public Health [“CPHGSA”]
7. Association of Graduate Nursing Students [“AGNS”]

New member governments and their addition to GPSG shall follow the rules outlined in the GPSG Charter.

Section 2. Delegates. Hereafter in this Constitution, the term ‘delegate’ shall refer to a student that is elected or appointed by their respective member government to a seat on the Delegate Council of GPSG. The seats on GPSG will be constituted in the following manner for a total of 18 seats:

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| 1. Carver College of Medicine | (2) |
| 2. College of Dentistry | (2) |
| 3. College of Law | (2) |
| 4. College of Nursing | (2) |
| 5. College of Pharmacy | (2) |
| 6. College of Public Health | (2) |
| 7. Graduate Student Senate | (5) |

The five Graduate Student Senate seats shall be apportioned as described below, at the discretion of the Graduate Student Senate:

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| 1. Arts and humanities | (1) |
| 2. Social science and education | (1) |
| 3. Natural and life sciences | (1) |
| 4. Physical sciences and engineering | (1) |
| 5. At-large (usually the President of GSS) | (1) |

New delegates may be added either by an amendment to this document or upon the admission of new member governments. Any member governments representing more than a majority of the student body represented by GPSG will maintain a number of delegates equivalent to 1/3 (one-third) of the Delegate Council. Any additional seats as allocated by this clause will be considered at-large and will be appointed at the discretion of the member government.

Appointment to these seats will be carried out by the officially recognized student governments of the respective colleges as outlined above which, hereafter, will be referred to as “member governments.”

GPSG President and Vice President shall not count against their member government’s delegate count. None of GPSG officers shall have voting privileges except in the case of a tie, when

GPSG Vice President shall cast a tie-breaking vote. Other GPSG liaisons and executives may have voting privileges only if they are voting delegates serving as interim liaisons or committee chairs, thus, this individual would count against their member governments' delegate count unless restricted by other stipulations in this document. Only voting delegates count toward quorum.

Each member government is required to appoint alternates as it sees fit unless the member government is granted an exception by the GPSG Delegate Council. In the absence of a voting delegate, this alternate may assume voting privileges for the meeting and count towards quorum. Member governments may appoint any individual from their constituency at any time to serve as an alternate.

A single student in a dual-degree program may not simultaneously sit in two of the seats on the GPSG Delegate Council. Delegates of GPSG are subject to removal from GPSG only by the member government that appointed them to the position.

Each delegate is required to be a member of a minimum of one Chaired Committee. The Cabinet Director will form all the committees chaired by an officer based on delegate preferences and the committees shall be confirmed by the delegate body. No more than one professional delegate from the same member government or two delegates representing the graduate college will be members of the same committee.

Article II: Officers, Chairs, and Liaisons

Section 1. GPSG Office-Holding Limitations. All GPSG Officers positions are elected positions. Any officer position may be any member of the GPSG Constituency. A GPSG Officer cannot simultaneously hold an officer and a delegate position. No member shall hold more than one office at a time. The following represent the elected positions available within GPSG.

Section 2. President (Prez). The President of GPSG is responsible for both the operation and procedural aspects of GPSG according to this charter and any other procedural documents approved by GPSG. The President is also responsible for external communication to and from GPSG, for working with GPSG to lay out the calendar for the following year, and for representing the graduate and professional student body to campus administrators, the University President, the Board of Regents, the state of Iowa, the Iowa General Assembly, the Governor, and other relevant external authorities. The President appoints the chairs of any ad hoc committee that may be formed during their tenure subject to the approval of GPSG delegates. The President shall serve as the official means of contact from individuals and organizations outside the member governments of GPSG and will be identified as the contact for GPSG on the website as well as all other media. The President is also responsible for the ongoing governmental advocacy efforts of GPSG. At the beginning of the President's term, the President shall plan and implement GPSG's governmental advocacy agenda. The President may also collaborate with the appropriate undergraduate student government counterpart. The duties of GPSG President include but are not limited to representing the council on the following University Committees: Shared Governance Council; Student Activity Fee Committee; Graduate Student Employment Committee; and the Hancher-Finkbine Committee as well acting as the

main liaison on the Presidential Student Leadership Meetings, the Board Regents, State of Iowa meetings as well as various meetings with the UI Provost and the Student Life Administration.

Section 3. Vice President (VP). The Vice President of GPSG assists the President in carrying out the internal communication functions of the Graduate and Professional Student Government, for planning and presiding over Delegate Council meetings, and acting as the main communication between the GPSG delegates and the GPSG executive board. The Vice President will assume GPSG President's duties in the case of their absence. The Council of Delegates will report directly to the Vice President and the President Pro Tempore of the Delegate Council. The duties of GPSG Vice President include but are not limited to representing the council on the following University Committees: Shared Governance Council; Student Activity Fee Committee; Graduate Student Employment Committee, as well acting as a liaison on the Presidential Student Leadership Meetings, the State Board Regents meetings as well as various meetings with the UI Provost and the Student Services Administration. The GPSG Vice President will also serve as a Co-Chair of the Nominations Committee for Presidential Charter Committees.

Section 4. Cabinet Director (CD). The Cabinet Director shall serve as principal advisor to the President and Vice President. The Cabinet Director shall ensure that the agenda set by the President and Vice President is carried out. The Cabinet Director serves as a resource to all Executive Officers and Committee Chairs in the fulfillment of their respective job duties and responsibilities. The Cabinet Director ensures that tasks and projects assigned to the Directors are completed efficiently and in a manner that best represents GPSG. The Cabinet Director will work with the President to conduct regular officer performance evaluations and shall meet regularly one-on-one with the Executive Officers and Committee Chairs to address any needs.

Section 5. Finance Director (FD). The Finance Director will serve as the budget director for GPSG. The Finance Director will also oversee the operations of the Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC) and the Graduate and Professional Grants Committee via the GPAC Chair and Grants Director, and report directly to the GPSG President and Delegates. The Finance Director will oversee the finances related to those two committees but will not participate in the decision-making process and will not hold voting rights in the committees. The Finance Director will consolidate applications and distribute Student Organization funding requests and GPSG grant applications to the GPAC Chair and Grants Director, respectively. The Finance Director will also be responsible for communicating the maximum allowable funds for each budget or grants cycle. The Finance Director, at every regular Delegate Council meeting, shall provide updates on the functioning of GPAC and the Grants Program to the Council.

Section 6. Communications Director. The GPSG Communications Director is responsible for recording minutes at GPSG meetings and for distributing those minutes as appropriate. The Communications Director is also responsible for the distribution of the meeting agenda. The Communications Director will attend any meetings with UI administrators as requested by the President. The Communications Director is also responsible for maintaining and updating the GPSG website in cooperation with GPSG officers and committee chairs. If GPSG chooses to sponsor or collaborate on programming, the Communications Director is ultimately responsible for arranging the collaborative efforts and for publicizing the events. The Communications Director is responsible for publicizing GPSG functions and deadlines. The Communication

Director can be designated to speak on behalf of GPSG or otherwise represent GPSG, provided that he/she/they acts in close collaboration with the President.

Section 7. Graduate/Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC) Director. The GPAC Director will oversee allocations to student organizations in collaborations with USG's SABAC Chair. The GPAC Director shall report directly to the Finance Director who will work in close collaboration with the President, Vice President, and Cabinet Director. The duties of the GPAC Director shall be outlined in the GPAC Charter and Bylaws.

Section 8. Grants Director. The Grants Director shall oversee the GPSG Grants Program and shall have general responsibility for ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the program. The Grants Director shall report directly to the Finance Director who will work in close collaboration with the President, Vice President, and Cabinet Director.

Section 9. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Director(s). The DEI Director(s) shall plan, coordinate, and implement diversity-related initiatives for GPSG. The DEI Director(s) shall serve as the primary contact between GPSG and campus offices related to equal opportunity and diversity. The DEI Director(s) shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in diversity-related activities and initiatives.

Section 10. Mental Health Director(s). The Mental Health Director(s) is/are responsible for the creation of student mental health initiatives in GPSG, in collaboration with the GPSG President and Vice President and the USG Student Safety Coalition. At the direction of the President and Vice President, the Mental Health Director(s) shall plan and implement GPSG's student mental health agenda.

Section 11. Physical Safety Director(s). The Physical Safety Director(s) is/are responsible for the creation of student physical safety initiatives in GPSG, in collaboration with the GPSG President and Vice President and the USG Student Safety Coalition. At the direction of the President and Vice President, the Physical Safety Director(s) shall plan and implement GPSG's student physical safety agenda.

Section 12. Sustainability Director(s). The Sustainability Director(s) will work in conjunction with the USG Director of Sustainability Advocate and the Office of Sustainability to support university sustainability initiatives. The Sustainability Director is also responsible for the creation of GPSG related sustainability initiatives throughout the year.

Section 13. Interprofessional (IP) Director(s). The IP Director(s) shall work with the IP committee to plan, coordinate, and implement initiatives that span multiple member government student constituencies. This includes, but is not limited to academic, social, and advocacy events.

Section 14. Governmental Relations (GR) Director(s). The GR Director(s) shall work with the President to develop an advocacy plan for the year. The advocacy plan shall include priorities for the federal, state, and local level. GPSG shall focus its advocacy efforts to those issues relating to graduate and professional students at the University of Iowa.

Section 15. International Affairs Director (IA) Director(s). The IA Director(s) shall work with the President, Governmental Relations, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Physical Safety, Mental Health, and Interprofessional Directors to cater towards advocating for the concerns of international graduate and professional students to University personnel, local, state, and federal legislators.

Section 16. Ad-Hoc Chairs and Constituency Liaisons. The President may appoint, with approval of the delegates, ad-hoc committee chairs or constituency liaisons as he/she sees fit to meet the executive support needs of the student government. These ad-hoc chairs or liaisons shall hold office for the term of the President that appointed them.

Article III: Council of Delegate Meetings.

Section 1: Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall occur no less frequently than monthly. The Chairperson, in collaboration with the Vice-Chairperson, will establish an agenda for each meeting. The agenda, together with additional materials, will be distributed to all committee members at least 24 hours before the regular meetings. Meeting minutes shall be drafted by the Communications Director and approved by the delegates at the following meeting.

Section 2: Special Meetings. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the President. Alternatively, any three delegates may request, in writing, a special meeting at any time. Special meetings may be called to address urgent issues for which a regular meeting would not fulfill.

Section 3: Quorum. A simple majority of delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4: Voting. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on each matter presented before the Committee. The Chairperson is entitled to a casting vote on matters concerning ties, and any vote by the Chairperson will follow Speaker Denison's rule.

Section 5: Veto. Upon the unanimous decision by the delegates of any individual member government or at the discretion of the GPSG President, any legislation may be vetoed. A veto shall require a 2/3 (two-third) majority vote of all present delegates to override.

Section 6. President Pro Tempore of the Delegate Council. The GPSG delegate or alternate delegate who has served the earliest on GPSG in an official capacity as either a delegate or officer shall serve as the President Pro Tempore of the Delegate Council. In the absence of the Vice President, the President Pro Tempore of the Delegate Council shall preside over sessions of the Delegate Council unless another presiding officer is appointed.

Section 7. Locations. The Cabinet Director is responsible for securing the location of the meeting and ensuring that delegates are informed of the location at least one week prior to the meeting. Beginning with the fall semester of FY2022, GPSG Delegate Council meetings will be conducted in a hybrid manner with accommodations for both in-person and remote attendance. Any anticipated absences or virtual attendance must be communicated to the Cabinet Director at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Section 8. Agenda. The agenda for the meeting shall be collected from delegates and compiled by the Vice President and President Pro Tempore of the Delegate Council. The agenda shall include minutes from the previous meeting and shall be submitted to all delegates at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting by the Communications Director.

Section 9. Minutes. The minutes for the meeting shall be recorded by the Communications Executive and included in the agenda for the next meeting. Minutes shall include a record of all votes as well as relevant topics covered in the meeting.

Article IV: Executive Board

Section 1. Board Composition. The officers and committee chairs of GPSG shall constitute the Executive Board. Within the Executive Board, the President, Vice President, Cabinet Director, and Finance Director shall be distinguished as Senior Executive Officers due to their respective responsibilities.

Section 2. Board's Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Society, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 3. Board Meetings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on at least a monthly basis during all full months of the regular academic session at the University of Iowa. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board.

Section 4. Executive Orders. The President shall have the power to issue Executive Orders pertaining to any decision that does not require the delegate votes. Executive Orders may be repealed by either a majority of the delegates, or by a subsequent Executive Order nullifying one previously issued. All Executive Orders shall expire at the completion of the presidential term.

Article V: Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The standing committees of GPSG shall consist of the following: Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC), GPSG Grants Committee, and future committees as needed by GPSG and voted on by the delegates. All standing committees are required to make regular reports to GPSG.

1. **Constitution and Bylaws Review and Amendments (CoBRA) Committee.** The CoBRA Committee, led by the GPSG President, shall meet regularly to discuss recommendations for the Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of GPSG. Other procedures and duties of the CoBRA Committee are outlined in the CoBRA Committee Charter, as well as Constitution and Bylaws.
2. **Elections Committee.** The Elections Committee, led by the Cabinet Director, shall lead in the planning of the GPSG Elections. Other procedures and duties of the Elections Committee are outlined in the Elections Committee Charter, as well as Constitution and Bylaws.

3. **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee, led by the Finance Director, makes recommendations concerning the allocations of the GPSG budget to the GPSG Delegate Council. Other procedures and duties of the Finance Committee are outlined in the Finance Committee Charter, as well as Constitution and Bylaws.
4. **Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC).** GPSG power to allocate fees is derived from the Board of Regents to the University of Iowa and its duly appointed officers. Distribution of the fees allocated and other GPSG funds shall be vested in the Delegates of the Graduate and Professional Student Government. The GPAC makes recommendations concerning the allocation of student activity fees for student organizations to GPSG.
 - a. GPAC is composed of up to three students from the graduate school, including the head of finances/primary financial contact for GSS, and one student from each of the other member governments, who is the primary point of contact for finances for said member government (ex. Treasurer, Chief of Finances, etc).
 - b. A delegate may be appointed by a member government to function in place of the primary point of finance in the event that the primary point of finance is unable to make a specific GPAC meeting.
 - c. Other procedures and duties for the GPAC are outlined in the GPAC Bylaws. Changes to these Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.
5. **Grants Committee.** The GPSG Grants Committee makes recommendations on the allocation of funds from the GPSG Grants Program. The committee members are charged with reviewing submitted applications, and the Grants Director, in close collaboration with the President, is charged with using said reviews to make recommendations on who should receive GPSG Grant funding.
 - a. Final funding decisions are made by the delegates.
 - b. The procedures for application to the GPSG Grant Program and review of applications shall be approved by the GPSG delegates and made publicly available.
 - c. The full procedures and duties of the Grants Committee are outlined in the Grants Committee Charter and Bylaws. Changes to these Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.
6. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.** The DEI Committee shall be led by the DEI Director. The Committee will plan, coordinate, and implement diversity-related initiatives for GPSG. The Committee shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in diversity-related activities and initiatives. The full procedures and duties of the DEI Committee are outlined in the DEI Committee Charter and Bylaws. Changes to the Charter or Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.
7. **Mental Health Committee.** The Mental Health Committee shall be led by the Mental Health Director. The Committee will plan, coordinate, and implement mental health-related initiatives for GPSG. The DEI Committee shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in diversity-related activities and initiatives. The full procedures and duties of the Mental Health Committee are outlined in the Mental Health Committee

Charter and Bylaws. Changes to the Charter or Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.

8. **Physical Safety Committee.** The Physical Safety Committee shall be led by the Physical Safety Director. The Committee will plan, coordinate, and implement mental health-related initiatives for GPSG. The Committee shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in physical safety-related activities and initiatives. The full procedures and duties of the Physical Safety Committee are outlined in the Physical Safety Committee Charter and Bylaws. Changes to the Charter or Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.
9. **Sustainability Committee.** The Sustainability Committee shall be led by the Sustainability Director. The Committee will plan, coordinate, and implement mental health-related initiatives for GPSG. The Committee shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in Sustainability-related activities and initiatives. The full procedures and duties of the Sustainability Health Committee are outlined in the Sustainability Committee Charter and Bylaws. Changes to the Charter or Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.
10. **Interprofessional Committee.** The Interprofessional Committee shall be led by the Interprofessional Director. The Committee will plan, coordinate, and implement interprofessional initiatives for GPSG. The Committee shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in interprofessional activities and initiatives. The full procedures and duties of the Interprofessional Committee are outlined in the Interprofessional Committee Charter and Bylaws. Changes to the Charter or Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.
11. **Governmental Relations Committee.** The Governmental Relations Committee shall be led by the Governmental Relations Director. The Committee will plan, coordinate, and implement governmental relations-related initiatives for GPSG. The Committee shall endeavor to enhance student involvement in governmental relations-related activities and initiatives. The full procedures and duties of the Governmental Relations Committee are outlined in the Governmental Relations Committee Charter and Bylaws. Changes to the Charter or Bylaws must be approved by the GPSG Council of Delegates.

Section 2. Ad-Hoc Committees. Ad Hoc Committees, which includes chair positions, shall be formed for specific purposes as the needs of GPSG require. GPSG delegates in conjunction with the officers shall have the power to establish ad hoc committees. An ad hoc committee shall exist until fulfillment of the purpose for which it is established or the expiration of the current GPSG officers' terms, by which time it will be dissolved. An ad hoc committee may become a standing committee upon the passage of an Amendment to this Constitution establishing it as such.

Section 3. Committee Finances. Each committee will be presided over by the so-named Director. These committees will be made up of 2-4 GPSG delegates as required.

1. The committee may be allocated funds for organizational expenses, to be replenished annually.
2. Additional funds shall be requested from the entire GPSG delegation at a regular meeting.

Article VI: Finances

Section 1. Budget. The officers of GPSG shall maintain a budget for GPSG activities and fiscal priorities.

Section 2. Internal Accounts. GPSG officers shall administer the internal accounts of GPSG in collaboration with SOBO and may make transfers between the accounts that are necessary and proper for the efficient operation of GPSG activities and services. Such maintenance of the internal GPSG accounts shall be made in consultation with the GPSG delegates.

1. **Deferred Maintenance Fund.** The Deferred Maintenance Fund is a GPSG account in the Student Organization Business Office used to help defray costs related to the maintenance or replacement of student government-owned equipment or facilities used by student organizations. Each year the GPSG Finance Director, under the permission of the President, shall transfer an appropriate amount from the allocations account into the Deferred Maintenance Fund.
2. **Accessibility Support Fund.** The Accessibility Support Fund is a GPSG account in the Student Organization Business Office used to help defray the costs of student organization events with accessibility related expenses that may strain their budgets. Each year the GPSG Finance Director, under the permission of the President, shall transfer an appropriate amount from the allocations account into the Accessibility Support Fund.

Section 3. Contingency Reserve Accounts. GPSG shall administer a Contingency Account. The following rules and regulations shall apply to this account:

1. Funds from the Contingency Reserve Accounts should not be requested for regularly budgeted items or for items for which a request has been made to GPAC.
2. Requests for use of these funds must follow the appropriate approval process dependent upon the amount of the request:
 - a. Requests less than \$1500 can be approved by Presidential Executive Order.
 - b. Requests greater than or equal to \$1500 should be written in the form of GPSG legislation and must be approved by GPSG delegates.
3. Requests for use of Contingency Reserve Account funding can be considered throughout the fiscal year as the need arises.
4. If money is spent from this account throughout the year, the account should be replenished from reversion funds from the previous year after the June 30 reconciliation of Student Organization Accounts. Other sources of money can be deposited into the Contingency Account as they are available to replenish any expenditure.
5. Balances in the Contingency Reserve Account shall be reviewed at least once per semester and an up-to-date balance sheet must be maintained and made available for this account upon demand.
6. **Dissolution of Student Organizations.** Upon dissolution, state money and mandatory student fees revert to the granting organization. Group fees should be divided as

stated in the Charter and carried out by the dissolving group's members and officers. Group fees should be transferred to the GPSG Contingency Account.

7. Contingency Account Limits. On a University fiscal year, the contingency account balance shall remain between \$20,000 and \$80,000.

Article VII: Impeachment and Removal from Office

Section 1. Impeachment of Officers. Executive Officers may be impeached by any legislation submitted by a delegate. Executive Officers may be impeached for neglect of duties, high crimes, and misdemeanors.

Section 2. Impeachment of Delegates. Delegates may be impeached by a majority vote of the executive officers. Delegates may be impeached for neglect of duties, high crimes, and misdemeanors.

Section 3. Trial and Removal from Office. Any impeached officer or delegate will be tried by the delegates. Impeachment proceedings will be overseen by the President Pro Tempore of the Delegate Council unless the holder of that office is the subject of impeachment. In the event that the President Pro Tempore is the subject of impeachment, the GPSG Vice President shall be the presiding officer over the impeachment proceedings. Removal from office must be upon a 2/3 (two-third) majority of the delegates.

Article VIII: Elections

Section 1. Nominations. Officer, Chair, and Liaison nominations shall be submitted to the GPSG Elections Committee starting two weeks prior and concluding one week prior to each Election Meeting. Nominations will be posted on GPSG's website as received by the President or designee during the Nominations period. Candidates may nominate themselves for any position.

Section 2. Election Terms and Eligibility. Senior Executive Officer nominations are solicited in February. All other GPSG officer, chair, and liaison nominations are solicited in March. Elections for Senior Executive Officers shall occur during the March meeting. Elections for all other officers, chairs, and liaisons shall occur during the April meeting. All officer, chair, and liaison positions are open to any graduate or professional students, including Delegates and Alternates. It is recommended but not required for Senior Executive Officer nominees to have held/currently hold a prior position on GPSG or a Member Government.

Section 3. Resignations. If an officer or chair steps down mid-term, a special election must be held within four weeks. Another officer shall be appointed by the Cabinet Director to assume the duties of the vacant position until a replacement is found. If the resignation is the Cabinet Director, the President shall assume the duties of the position until a replacement is found.

Section 4. Special Requirements for President and Vice President Candidate Eligibility.

Eligibility for GPSG Presidency and Vice-Presidency shall alternate between graduate and professional students each year and the student classification eligible for GPSG President position shall not also be eligible for the Vice President position. All other positions are equally open to graduate and professional students. If a student group fails to nominate a candidate for

GPSG President or Vice President prior to the elections for either position, an eligible candidate from another student group may then be nominated and elected as President or Vice President at that meeting. The following years elections would then proceed as if the President or Vice President had been a member of the absent student group.

Section 5. Election Procedures. GPSG elections will be led by the Elections Committee who will develop standard question sets to ask each candidate. Each candidate will receive a recorded interview by the Elections Committee with a duration of no more than 30 minutes per candidate. All delegates will have up to a week to view the recorded interviews. At the election meetings, the candidates shall have up to 10 minutes to answer questions from the delegates, officers, chairs, and constituency liaisons. After the election of new Senior Executive Officers, the Senior Executive Officers-Elect shall lead the recorded interviewing process for the remaining officers and chairs, while also providing their recommendations for each position to the delegates. The Delegate Council will consider but will not be bound by the recommendations and may opt to elect candidates who were not recommended by the Senior Executive Officer-Elects.

Section 6. Election Voting. Election voting will be conducted by ballots that are de-identified after being collected from each delegate. Voting will be conducted by Rank Choice with Instant Run-Off.

Section 7. Announcement of Election Results. After the conclusion of the last election, the results will be submitted for publishing by the Communications Director no more than 72 (seventy-two) hours after the conclusion of the elections. Announcements will be made via the GPSG media accounts and a campus-wide messaging. Announcements will also include press releases for local news mediums.

Section 8. Special Elections. Special Elections will be within 4 (four) weeks of any resignation or other cause for vacancy in any office. The Elections Committee will present their slated candidates before the delegate council for confirmation vote by the delegates. Delegates have the option to request the information on non-slated candidates and may choose to vote for a non-slated candidate.

Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of GPSG Rules of Order shall govern GPSG in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the GPSG charter, these bylaws and any special rules of order GPSG may adopt. Any rules on governance not covered by the GPSG Rules of Order shall defer to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition.

Article IX: Amendments of Constitution and Bylaws

This document may be amended at any regular meeting of GPSG by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.