



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**17th Session-September 10, 2024**

**GPSG**

**D.B. #2**

Sponsor: Nathan Chen, GPAC Director

GPSG Action: Passed

**AN ACT**

Amending the Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC) Bylaws

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**Section 1: Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the “GPAC Bylaws Amendments”

**Section 2: Discussion**

**WHEREAS**, the GPAC Bylaws are designed to direct GPAC in fulfilling its responsibilities in a fair manner to all graduate and professional student organizations;

**WHEREAS,** GPSG previously approved the addition of the following Conflict of Interest clause to the GPAC Bylaws:

*If a GPAC member is involved with an incoming funding request during a regular Funding Cycle, the GPAC Director (as a non-voting member of the committee) shall recuse the GPAC member and vote in the GPAC member's place.*

*If the GPAC Director is involved with an incoming funding request during a regular Funding Cycle, the GPAC Director shall leave the room while the funding request is being reviewed, the GPAC member from the GPAC Director's college will temporarily run the meeting.*

*If the GPAC Director is unable to resolve the conflict of interest during a regular Funding Cycle request, the GPSG Finance Director or another GPSG executive officer will resolve the conflict of interest.*

*If the GPAC Director, GPSG President, GPSG Vice-President, and/or GPSG Finance Director are involved with a student group submitting a Rapid Funding request, the GPAC Director and/or the GPSG Finance Director will include other members of the GPSG Cabinet to resolve the conflict of interest.*

**AND WHEREAS,** the current GPAC Bylaws have provisions in place for conflicts of interest with the GPAC Director or with any other committee members.

### **Section 3: Action**

**Resolved,** GPSG shall amend the General Provisions, GPAC Director section of the GPAC Bylaws to read as follows:

*The GPSG GPAC Director, as nominated in accordance to Article II, Section 7 in the GPSG Constitution and By-Laws, shall serve as the Chairperson to the Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee. Upon taking office on the Monday of the week following Spring semester finals, if the chairperson is simultaneously serving as a representative from a student government, they shall enlist the GPSG Finance Director or another GPSG Executive Officer for any conflicts of interest involving the chairperson. The chairperson should not have voting rights unless they are also serving as a representative from a member government. In the event of a tie vote, the GPAC Director shall enlist the GPSG Finance Director or another GPSG executive officer to cast the tie-breaking vote.*

**THEREFORE,** be it enacted that, upon passage, these amendments will be added to the GPSG Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

*Airiana Mohr*

Cabinet Director

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*

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President

Date: 9/17/2024