

Graduate Students,

The attached document contains the proposed amendments for the Graduate Student Association (GSA) bylaws.

The Delegate Assembly will be voting on these amendments by mid-September. Please read the amendments and discuss them with the Delegate for your graduate program.

The amendments for the GSA constitution that are voted on by the graduate student body are contained in another document.

Comments on the amendments should first be addressed with your Delegate, but you may also contact GSA President, Shayna Bennett at sbennett3@ucmerced.edu.

Yours truly,

The Graduate Student Association

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Amendment 1: Revises the responsibilities of the External Vice President. Originally the GSA was a paying member of the University of California Student Association (UCSA), an organization that advocates for all students including graduates and undergraduates. Due to travel costs, time commitment, and very limited outcomes related toward the needs of graduate students at UC Merced, in November 2017 the GSA voted to withdraw from the UCSA. As an alternative direction, the GSA officially decided to join the University of California Graduate & Professional Council (UCGPC). The benefits were significant: UCGPC meetings only focus on the needs of graduate and professional students, and a fraction of meetings are held virtually which significantly reduces travel and lodging costs, funding which can be reutilized for supporting graduate students at UC Merced. This amendment updates the current roles of the External Vice President based on activities of the UCGPC since 2017.

Original:

Article IV, Section 5:

5. Duties of the External Vice President will be
 - a. To serve as the delegate of the UC Merced Graduate Student Association for membership in the University of California Student Association (UCSA) Board of Directors, in accordance with the CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Article IV. Section B, and
 - b. To attend meetings of the UCSA, and
 - c. To keep officers informed on the relevance of being paying members of UCSA as the situation may change, and
 - d. To attend, when possible, the meeting of the Regents as a member of the UCSA and of the GSA, and when necessary, to prepare testimony for the meetings on issues important to the Association, and
 - e. To review with the GSA Council the items presented at the meeting of the UCSA and of the Regents, and
 - f. f. To attend, when appropriate, conferences related to higher education and UCSA issues, and
 - g. To bring graduate and professional student concerns to local and national legislative bodies, and
 - h. To facilitate the External Affairs Committee.

Proposed:

Article IV, Section 5:

5. Duties of the External Vice President will be
 - a. To serve as the delegate of the UC Merced Graduate Student Association for membership in the **University of California Graduate and Professional Council**

(UCGPC) Board of Directors, in accordance with the **CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL, Article III. Section 1, and**

- b. To attend meetings of **UCGPC** and
- c. To keep officers informed on the relevance of being paying members of **UCGPC** as the situation may change, and
- d. To attend, when possible, the meeting of the Regents **and UC Office of the President (UCOP)** as a member of the **UCGPC** and of the GSA, and when necessary, to prepare testimony for the meetings on issues important to the Association, and
- e. To review with the GSA Council the items presented at the meetings of the **UCGPC, UCOP, and of the Regents**, and
- f. **To work with the Student Regents, UC Board of Regents, UCOP, External Branches of other UC system GSAs, and UC Student Association (UCSA) as necessary to promote goals identified as beneficial from the Association, and**
- g. **To keep the GSA informed of system-wide developments of importance to the GSA, and**
- h. To attend, when appropriate, conferences related to higher education and **UCGPC** issues.

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Amendment 2: Activated when the constitutional amendment to add the Legislative Affairs Officer position is approved by the General Membership. Establishes the responsibilities of the Legislative Affairs Officer.

Proposed:

Article IV, Section 14

14. Duties of the Legislative Affairs Officer will be
 - a. To bring graduate and professional student concerns to local and national legislative bodies, and
 - b. To ensure that the GSA's interests are effectively represented to the State of California, state government agencies, and civic groups focused on matters of state importance, and
 - c. Ensure that the GSA's interests are effectively represented to the U.S. Congress, federal government agencies, and civic groups focused on matters of national importance, and
 - d. Develop legislative proposals and platforms beneficial to the GSA in collaboration with the External Vice President and the Association, and
 - e. Inform local, state, and national legislators of the benefit and need to support graduate education at UC Merced, and
 - f. To keep regular contact with local, state, and national representatives, and
 - g. To serve as or appoint a coordinator to organize on-campus voter registration campaigns, and
 - h. Attending UCGPC meetings on Advocacy Days and serve as the official proxy to the External Vice President at UCGPC, UCOP, and Board of Regents meetings when necessary.

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Amendment 3: Activated when the constitutional amendment to add the Legislative Affairs Officer position is approved by the General Membership. Includes the Legislative Affairs Officer in the order of succession after the External Vice President.

Original:

Article IV, Section 2:

2. The order of succession in the Executive Council is as follows: President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Academic Affairs Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Treasurer, Public Relations/Community Outreach Officer, International Affairs Officer, the Climate, Diversity, and Equity Officer, and Solidarity Officer.

Proposed:

Article IV, Section 2:

2. The order of succession in the Executive Council is as follows: President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, **Legislative Affairs Officer**, Academic Affairs Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Treasurer, Public Relations/Community Outreach Officer, International Affairs Officer, the Climate, Diversity, and Equity Officer, and Solidarity Officer.

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Amendment 4: Activated when the constitutional amendment to change the chair of the Delegate Assembly is approved by the General Membership. Modifies the responsibilities of the IVP from presiding over the Delegate Assembly to assisting the Delegate Assembly chair.

Original:

Article IV: Duties of the Executive Council Officers, Section 10

10. Duties of the Internal Vice President will be:

- a. To oversee the elections of the Delegate Assembly and preside over the Delegate Assembly meetings, and
- e. To prepare and solicit items for the agenda for Delegate Assembly meetings, and

Proposed:

Article IV: Duties of the Executive Council Officers, Section 10

10. Duties of the Internal Vice President will be:

- a. To oversee the elections of the Delegate Assembly **and assist the chair of the Delegate Assembly**, and
- e. **To assist the chair of the Delegate Assembly in preparing and soliciting items for the agenda for Delegate Assembly meetings**, and

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Amendment 5: Activated when the constitutional amendment to change the chair of the Delegate Assembly is approved by the General Membership. Modifies the Delegate Assembly bylaws to have the chair of the Delegate Assembly be a Delegate instead of the Internal Vice President.

Original:

Article I: Meetings:

1. The meeting agenda will be distributed by the EC Internal Vice President (henceforth IVP) to the DA members in a prompt manner and no more than three (3) business days after the EC has met for that particular month.
2. Delegates unable to attend meetings must notify the IVP in writing prior to the meeting, other than cases of emergency. Delegates who miss more than two meetings are subject to dismissal, per Article V:1.
3. Meeting Proceedings
 - a. The chair of DA meetings will be the IVP
 - i. In cases in which the IVP is absent or an IVP has not been elected, the DA shall elect an interim Chair with a majority vote (50% + 1).

Article V: Absenteeism, Resignation, Replacement, Expulsion, and Non-performance:

4. Expulsion
 - a. If a Delegate is found to willingly violate the GSA Constitution, By-Laws, or any university policy that defines appropriate student conduct in a way that is detrimental to the mission and purpose of GSA, Executive Officers reserve the right to permanently remove said member from the organization with the vote and approval of the DA.
 - b. Any member of the General Membership may submit a DA officer removal request in writing to the Executive Council if they believe said member is not in compliance with the GSA Constitution, By-Laws, or any university policy that defines appropriate student conduct.
 - i. This request will be considered a public document and made available to general body members.
 - c. A three fourths (75%) qualified majority vote of the Executive Council and a separate three fourths (75%) qualified majority vote of the Delegate Assembly's total membership must be cast to approve a request to expel a Delegate.
5. Non-performance
 - a. If a Delegate Assembly Officer is not performing their duties in accordance to the GSA Constitution and/or By-Laws, the EC President and IVP will hold a meeting

with the non-performing member and give notice of the non-performance. If the behavior continues, the EC President and IVP shall exercise the right to initiate expulsion procedures as permitted within the By-Laws.

Proposed:

Article I: Meetings:

2. The meeting agenda will be distributed by the **Chair or EC Internal Vice President (henceforth IVP)** to the DA members in a prompt manner and no more than three (3) business days after the EC has met for that particular month.
3. Delegates unable to attend meetings must notify the **Chair or IVP** in writing prior to the meeting, other than cases of emergency. Delegates who miss more than two meetings are subject to dismissal, per Article V:1.
4. Meeting Proceedings
 - a. The chair of DA meetings will be **a current delegate elected with a plurality vote.**
 - i. In cases in which the **Chair** is absent or **a Chair** has not been elected, the DA shall elect an interim Chair with a majority vote (50% + 1).
 - b. **The IVP shall serve as assistant to the DA Chair and ex-officio representative for the EC. The IVP shall have no voting rights except in the event of a split vote, during which the IVP has the right to cast the tiebreaking vote.**

Article V: Absenteeism, Resignation, Replacement, Expulsion, and Non-performance:

4. Expulsion
 - a. If a Delegate is found to willingly violate the GSA Constitution, By-Laws, or any university policy that defines appropriate student conduct in a way that is detrimental to the mission and purpose of GSA, **elected delegates and IVP** reserve the right to permanently remove said member from the organization with the vote and approval of the DA.
 - b. Any member of the General Membership may submit a DA officer removal request in writing to the **Delegate Chair or IVP** if they believe said member is not in compliance with the GSA Constitution, By-Laws, or any university policy that defines appropriate student conduct.
 - i. This request will be considered a public document and made available to general body members.
 - c. A three fourths (75%) qualified majority vote of ~~the Executive Council and a separate three fourths (75%) qualified majority vote of~~ the Delegate Assembly's total membership must be cast to approve a request to expel a Delegate.
5. Non-performance

- a. If a Delegate Assembly Officer is not performing their duties in accordance to the GSA Constitution and/or By-Laws, **the Delegate Chair or IVP** will hold a meeting with the non-performing member and give notice of the non-performance. If the behavior continues, **the Delegate Chair or IVP** shall exercise the right to initiate expulsion procedures as permitted within the By-Laws.

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Amendment 6: Revises a couple of the responsibilities of the Climate Diversity & Equity Officer.

Original:

Article IV, Section 12:

12. Duties of the Climate, Diversity, and Equity Officer will be
 - a. To work to foster an inclusive campus climate in accordance with the UC Merced Principles of Community, and
 - b. To advise the Executive Council and Delegate Assembly on their executive and legislative agendas, and
 - c. To work with existing campus—wide and system—wide committees, UC Merced Social Justice Programs, and affinity groups to ensure we are implementing and following best practices with respect to climate, diversity and equity, and
 - d. To promote student participation in the activities of the GSA, Graduate Student Services, and Graduate Division, and
 - e. To recommend advocacy positions to be adopted by the Executive Council and the Delegate Assembly, and
 - f. To promote awareness of climate, diversity, and equity issues pertaining to graduate and professional students to the university community, and
 - g. To serve on the Graduate Dean’s Advisory Committee on Diversity and the Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion, and
 - h. To work to ensure that underrepresented graduate and professional students are well—informed, fairly treated, and able to participate equally at UC Merced.

Proposed:

Article IV, Section 12:

12. Duties of the Climate, Diversity, and Equity Officer will be
 - a. To work to foster an inclusive campus climate in accordance with the UC Merced Principles of Community, and
 - b. To advise the Executive Council and Delegate Assembly on their executive and legislative agendas, and
 - c. To work with existing campus—wide and system—wide committees, UC Merced Social Justice Programs, and affinity groups to ensure we are implementing and following best practices with respect to climate, diversity and equity, and
 - d. To work with existing campus-wide and system-wide committees to address systemic racism and develop initiatives and resources supporting underrepresented students, and

- e. To promote student participation in the activities of the GSA, Graduate Student Services, and Graduate Division, and
- f. To recommend advocacy positions to be adopted by the Executive Council and the Delegate Assembly, and
- g. To promote awareness of climate, diversity, and equity issues pertaining to graduate and professional students of every demographic to the university community, and
- h. To serve on the Graduate Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity and the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion, and
- i. To work to ensure that underrepresented graduate and professional students are well—informed, fairly treated, and able to participate equally at UC Merced.

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Amendment 7: Revises multiple sections in the GSA and DA Bylaws to require that delegates who wish to resign should appoint a temporary replacement to carry on his or her duties until the next election cycle. The GSA can only hold two election cycles during the academic year, and if a vacancy occurs between them, we can't call for an election to replace DA seats. This amendment will require delegates that wish to resign between elections to appoint a temporary replacement should a vacancy occur. Furthermore, this amendment maintains consistency with an existing rule in the Delegate Assembly by-laws which allows an Alternate Delegate from the same graduate group to fill the vacant Primary Delegate seat.

Original:

GSA By-laws, Article III, Section 3.a.iv: Delegate Assembly Appointments

- iv. In the event that a Primary Delegate position for a graduate or professional group remains vacant after the election cycle, the Internal Vice President of the Executive Council will solicit the club or organization for a Graduate or Professional Group with selection authority to conduct an election or nomination to fill the vacated Primary and/or Alternate Delegate positions.
 - 1. If no student clubs or organizations for a Graduate or Professional Group with selection authority exist, the GSA gains selection authority, and the Internal Vice President of the Executive Council will conduct an election or nomination with that graduate group, no later than one month before the beginning of the election cycle in the spring semester, to fill the Primary and/or Alternate Delegate positions in accordance with the GSA Constitution & By-Laws.

GSA By-laws, Article V, Section 3b: Replacement

- b. The Delegate Assembly will seek to fill vacancies through the same procedures that appointed the previous Primary and/or Alternate Delegate to the vacant position in collaboration with the clubs or organizations with selection authority in each graduate group if applicable, as outlined in the GSA constitution.

Delegate Assembly By-laws, Article V, Section 3: Replacement

- a. In the event that a Delegate vacancy arises, the appointed Alternate Delegate shall fill the vacancy. In the event that the Alternate Delegate is unable to fill the vacancy, or has not been appointed, the Delegate Assembly will seek to fill a vacancy through the same procedures that appointed the previous Delegate to the vacant position.

Proposed:

GSA By-laws, Article III, Section 3.a.iv: Delegate Assembly Appointments

iv. In the event that a Primary Delegate position for a graduate or professional group remains or becomes vacant after the election cycle, the appointed Alternate Delegate for that graduate or professional group shall fill the vacancy. In the event that the Alternate Delegate is unable to fill the vacancy, or has not been appointed, the Internal Vice President of the Executive Council will coordinate with the Delegate who most recently held the position to fill the vacated Primary and/or Alternate Delegate positions.

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1. If the delegate seat that becomes vacant is filled through an election process where the graduate or professional group has selection authority, the Delegate wishing to vacate their seat will work with the official student organization of their graduate or professional group to appoint a replacement.

2. If the delegate seat that becomes vacant is filled through an election process where the GSA has selection authority, the Delegate wishing to vacate their seat will work with the Internal Vice President on soliciting nominations from their graduate or professional group to appoint a temporary replacement.

GSA By-laws, Article V, Section 3b: Replacement

b. In the event that a Delegate vacancy arises, the appointed Alternate Delegate shall fill the vacancy. In the event that the Alternate Delegate is unable to fill the vacancy, or has not been appointed, the Delegate Assembly will seek to fill vacancies through the same procedures that appointed the previous Primary and/or Alternate Delegate ~~to the vacant position~~ in collaboration with the clubs or organizations with selection authority in each graduate or professional group. ~~if applicable, as outlined in the GSA constitution.~~

~~i. If there is no club or organization with selection authority for a particular graduate or professional student group, The Delegate who most recently held the position in question will solicit nominations from their graduate or professional group, in collaboration with the Internal Vice President of the Executive Council, to appoint a temporary replacement.~~

Delegate Assembly By-laws, Article V, Section 3: Replacement

- a. In the event that a Delegate vacancy arises, the appointed Alternate Delegate shall fill the vacancy. In the event that the Alternate Delegate is unable to fill the vacancy, or has not been appointed, the Delegate Assembly will seek to fill a vacancy through the same procedures that appointed the previous **Primary and/or Alternate Delegate** ~~to the vacant position~~ in collaboration with the clubs or organizations with selection authority in each graduate or professional group. The Delegate who most recently held the position in question will solicit nominations from their graduate or professional group, in collaboration with the Internal Vice President of the Executive Council, to appoint a temporary replacement.

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Amendment 8: Formally establishes a primary set of responsibilities for the Elections Officer. Currently, the GSA by-laws state that the Elections Officer determines voting procedures, which is only a fraction of the entire elections process. Other responsibilities include the creating of the ballot, soliciting nominations from graduate students interested in running for office, and counting the votes at the end of the election cycle. This amendment will incorporate the above as fundamental duties to achieve a standard elections process.

Original:

GSA By-laws, Article III: Elections, Section 2: Election Procedures

- e. An Election Officer shall be selected by a simple majority vote (50% + 1) of the Delegate Assembly from among the General Membership who is not seeking an elected officer position in the election.
- f. Voting
 - i. Voting shall be by an electronic vote.
 - ii. Only the General Membership will be allowed to vote in elections.
 - iii. Each general member will be allowed one (1) vote per office during elections.
 - iv. Voting procedures shall be decided by the Election Officer.
 - v. Officers shall be elected by a plurality vote (largest number of votes).

Proposed:

GSA By-laws, Article III: Elections, Section 2: Election Procedures

- e. An Election Officer shall be selected by a simple majority vote (50% + 1) of the Delegate Assembly from among the General Membership who is not seeking an elected officer position in the election.
- f. Voting
 - i. Voting shall be by an electronic vote.
 - ii. Only the General Membership will be allowed to vote in elections.
 - iii. Each general member will be allowed one (1) vote per office during elections.
 - iv. Voting procedures shall be decided by the Election Officer.
 - v. Officers shall be elected by a plurality vote (largest number of votes).
- g. **Duties of the Election Officer will be:**
 - i. **To coordinate election duties with the Delegate Assembly and the Internal Vice President of the Executive Council, and**
 - ii. **To advertise to the general membership any vacant positions in the GSA Executive Council and Delegate Assembly in a timely manner, and**

- iii. To coordinate with a third party to solicit nominations from those in the general membership interested in running for open positions, and
- iv. To create an electronic ballot that the general membership will use to cast their votes, and
- v. To coordinate with a third party to ensure a fair and unbiased elections process, and
- vi. To certify and announce the results of the election along with a final tally of the votes cast for each candidate running for positions, and
- vii. To chair the GSA Elections Commission

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Amendment 9: Includes a set of guidelines agreed on in previous GSAs that clarifies the Delegate Assembly's power of legislative review. The bylaws already state that delegates have a period of time to consider a review and an additional period of time to conduct the review. However, all the guidelines related to this process placed in different sections of the existing bylaws, thus creating confusion about what the Delegate Assembly can do once action items pass the Executive Council.

This amendment does three things. First, the amendment will update the GSA bylaws to include a section under Legislative Powers, pooling all existing guidelines already present in the bylaws into this section, and maintaining consistency with the DA bylaws regarding meetings and supervisory powers. Second, it moves two guidelines places under the responsibilities of the Internal Vice president into this newly proposed section within Legislative Powers, and rephrases the provisions as a linear process. Finally, this amendment modifies the Delegate Assembly Bylaws to match the legislative review process when creating future Delegate Assembly meeting agendas.

Original:

GSA By-laws: Article II: Legislative Powers

1. The legislative power of the GSA shall be divided between the Executive Council and the Delegate Assembly.
 - a. Legislation proposed in the Executive Council is presided over by the President of the GSA.
 - i. Legislation introduced in and approved by the Executive Council must be submitted to the Delegate Assembly where it is confirmed, vetoed, or returned to the Executive Council with suggested alterations.
 1. Legislation returned to the Executive Council must be dismissed or rewritten and resubmitted to the Delegate Assembly.
 - b. Legislation proposed in the Delegate Assembly is presided over by the Internal Vice President of the GSA.
 - i. Legislation introduced in and approved by the Delegate Assembly must be submitted to the Executive Council where it is confirmed, vetoed, or rewritten and submitted as new Executive Council Legislation.
 - c. A member of the General Membership may also propose legislation. This legislation may be introduced in either the Executive Council, in which legislation will proceed as in section a, or the Delegate Assembly, in which case legislation will proceed as in section b.

GSA By-laws: Article IV, Section 10:

10. Duties of the Internal Vice President will be:

- a. To oversee the elections of the Delegate Assembly and preside over the Delegate Assembly meetings, and
- b. To nominate the President and Academic Affairs Officer of the Executive Council to their respective Divisional Council Appointments as described in their committee bylaws, and
- c. To assist graduate and professional students with non—academic grievances and be aware of agencies or individuals in the campus community who can assist students with problems, and
- d. To coordinate election duties with the Delegate Assembly and Elections Officer, and
- e. To prepare and solicit items for the agenda for Delegate Assembly meetings, and
- f. To inform the Delegate Assembly of Executive Council action items which have passed the Executive Council and determine if any Delegate wish to formally review an action where appropriate.
 - i. From being informed, Delegates have three (3) business days to consider a review.
 - ii. All action items passed by the Executive Council will be placed on the Delegate Assembly agenda under “Legislative Review”. The Internal Vice President will call a meeting of the Delegate Assembly within ten (10) business days if a review is determined to be necessary. The Executive Council will halt the implementation until the Delegate Assembly has had a chance to review the action. If Delegate Assembly fails to meet within ten (10) business days of the determination they waive their right to contest the action.

Delegate Assembly Bylaws: Article II: Supervisory Powers, Section 1.c:

- c. All action items passed by the EC will be placed on the DA agenda under “Legislative Review”. The IVP will call a meeting of the DA within ten (10) business days if a review is determined to be necessary. The EC will halt the implementation until the DA has had a chance to review the action. If DA fails to meet within ten (10) business days of the determination they waive their right to contest the action.

Proposed:

GSA By-laws: Article II: Legislative Powers

1. The legislative power of the GSA shall be divided between the Executive Council and the Delegate Assembly.
 - a. Legislation proposed in the Executive Council is presided over by the President of the GSA.
 - i. Legislation introduced in and approved by the Executive Council must be submitted to the Delegate Assembly where it is confirmed, vetoed, or returned to the Executive Council with suggested alterations.
 1. Legislation returned to the Executive Council must be dismissed or rewritten and resubmitted to the Delegate Assembly.
 - b. Legislation proposed in the Delegate Assembly is presided over by the Internal Vice President of the GSA.
 - i. Legislation introduced in and approved by the Delegate Assembly must be submitted to the Executive Council where it is confirmed, vetoed, or rewritten and submitted as new Executive Council Legislation.
 - c. A member of the General Membership may also propose legislation. This legislation may be introduced in either the Executive Council, in which legislation will proceed as in section a, or the Delegate Assembly, in which case legislation will proceed as in section b.
2. The power to review and veto any action items that have been approved by the Executive Council shall be vested in the Delegate Assembly.
 - a. The Internal Vice President of the Executive Council will be required to inform the Delegate Assembly in a timely manner of action items that have been approved by the Executive Council.
 - i. From being informed, any delegate who wishes to consider a review of any of the action items approved by the Executive Council will have three (3) business days to consider a review.
 - ii. If any delegate deems a review to be necessary, they must immediately notify the Internal Vice President in writing. If no delegates inform the Internal Vice President within three (3) business days, then the Delegate Assembly waives their right to initiate a review of the action item, and the Executive Council may proceed with the implementation of the action item.
 - iii. Any action items that have been approved by the Executive Council, but were originally introduced in and approved by the Delegate Assembly, without any revisions by the Executive Council, are not subject to review and can be implemented immediately following approval by the Executive Council.

- b. If the Internal Vice President is notified that a review for an action item is necessary, that item will be placed under “legislative review”, and the Executive Council must halt the implementation of that action item until the Delegate Assembly has had a chance for review.
- c. Once an action item is placed under “legislative review”, the Delegate Assembly has ten (10) business days to consider a veto of that action item. The Internal Vice President will call a meeting of the Delegate Assembly within this timeframe to review the action item.
 - i. If the DA votes to approve the action item after review, the Executive Council may proceed with the implementation of that item.
 - ii. If the Delegate Assembly fails to make a decision on whether to veto an action item under “legislative review” within ten (10) business days, the Delegate Assembly waives their right to contest the action, and the Executive Council may proceed with the implementation of the action item.
- d. If the Delegate Assembly votes to veto an action item under review, that item is deemed a “revisable item”, and must be returned to the Executive Council in a timely manner along with a detailed explanation of the disapproval and any suggested alterations necessary for the Delegate Assembly to reconsider approval.
 - i. Any “revisable items” returned to the Executive Council must be resubmitted to the Delegate Assembly or dismissed.

GSA By-laws: Article IV, Section 10:

10. Duties of the Internal Vice President will be:

- a. To oversee the elections of the Delegate Assembly and preside over the Delegate Assembly meetings, and
- b. To nominate the President and Academic Affairs Officer of the Executive Council to their respective Divisional Council Appointments as described in their committee bylaws, and
- c. To assist graduate and professional students with non—academic grievances and be aware of agencies or individuals in the campus community who can assist students with problems, and
- d. To coordinate election duties with the Delegate Assembly and Elections Officer, and
- e. To prepare and solicit items for the agenda for Delegate Assembly meetings, and
- f. To inform the Delegate Assembly of Executive Council action items which have passed the Executive Council and determine if any Delegate wish to formally review an action where appropriate.

- ~~i. From being informed, Delegates have three (3) business days to consider a review.~~
- ~~ii. All action items passed by the Executive Council will be placed on the Delegate Assembly agenda under "Legislative Review". The Internal Vice President will call a meeting of the Delegate Assembly within ten (10) business days if a review is determined to be necessary. The Executive Council will halt the implementation until the Delegate Assembly has had a chance to review the action. If Delegate Assembly fails to meet within ten (10) business days of the determination they waive their right to contest the action.~~

Delegate Assembly Bylaws: Article II: Supervisory Powers, Section 1.c:

- c. All action items passed by the EC **that any Delegate deems necessary to review** will be placed on the DA agenda under "Legislative Review". The IVP will call a meeting of the DA within ten (10) business days if a review is determined to be necessary. The EC will halt the implementation until the DA has had a chance to review the action. If DA fails to meet within ten (10) business days of the determination they waive their right to contest the action.

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Amendment 10: Delegate Assembly By-laws amendment for current DA officers to train new DA officers before the start of the terms for new DA officers. This amendment is an effort to smoothen the transition from one Delegate Assembly cohort to the next.

Original:

Article IV: Duties of DA

1. Each Delegate Representative serves as a liaison between their individual graduate group and the broader General Assembly and GSA.
 - a. Representatives will be responsible for reporting the needs and issues faced by students in their graduate group during DA monthly meetings.
 - b. Representatives will be responsible for updating the graduate group on GSA legislation and actions and soliciting feedback to inform the Assembly's supervisory role.
2. Administrative duties within the DA will be fulfilled by individual delegates.
 - a. At the start of each semester, the meeting Chair will solicit volunteers from within the DA for the following tasks: recording minutes, setting meeting times and location, and finalizing meeting agendas.

Proposal:

Article IV: Duties of DA

1. Each Delegate Representative serves as a liaison between their individual graduate group and the broader General Assembly and GSA.
 - a. Representatives will be responsible for reporting the needs and issues faced by students in their graduate group during DA monthly meetings.
 - b. Representatives will be responsible for updating the graduate group on GSA legislation and actions and soliciting feedback to inform the Assembly's supervisory role.
2. Administrative duties within the DA will be fulfilled by individual delegates.
 - a. At the start of each semester, the meeting Chair will solicit volunteers from within the DA for the following tasks: recording minutes, setting meeting times and location, and finalizing meeting agendas.
3. When transitioning from one DA cohort to the next, the outgoing DA cohort is responsible for training the incoming DA cohort in the rights, responsibilities, and duties of the DA.

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