

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes

GPSA Office, SU Room 306

Monday, February 23, 2015, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

ROLL CALL:

Bylaws Committee

Sharon Young, Chair / Department of Anthropology	<u>✓</u>
Stephen Bohigian, Department of History	<u>✓</u>
Anthony Prato, Department of Mathematical Sciences	<u>✓</u>

Committee Chair Young called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Call to order – Roll Call

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- A motion to approve the November 25th Bylaws Committee meeting minutes was made by Anthony Prato (Mathematical Sciences). Stephen Bohigian (History) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- None

4. NEW BUSINESS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- The Committee reviewed the Bylaw changes proposed at the November 25th Committee meeting.
- The committee discussed Articles III, IV, & VII and made minor formatting revisions and clarified existing language that did not change the meaning of the Bylaw. The committee also recommended the following Bylaw revisions:
 - Article III, Section I b: the language be amended to state that each committee shall be comprised of at least 2 committee members are from the GPSA Council.
 - Article III, Section II f: the language be amended to reflect that any committee meeting for which there are 3 or more proxies present, the meeting shall be postponed until such time that less than 3 proxies are present.
 - Article III, section III f: the language be amended to reflect that up to 3 Service, Merit and Mentor Awards, and 1 Distinguished Contribution Award may be given each year, and that the student awards include a \$300 monetary award. They also recommended that the language be amended to reflect that individuals may only receive each award once.
 - Article III, Section IV b: the language be amended to reflect that ad hoc committees will be dissolved at the end of the academic ear during which they were formed if they are not dissolved by that time through a vote of the Council.
 - Article IV: the Council was included in the title
 - Article IV, Section I f: the language be amended to reflect that a person who is removed from a meeting may return for the following meeting.

- Article IV, Section III: the language be amended to reflect that agendas be provided to the council or committee members serving on said council or committee rather than the entire GPSA Council.
- Article IV, Section III a: the language be amended to reflect that after 1 hour 30 minutes, any member of the Council/committee may call for adjournment.
- Article IV, Section III c: the language be amended to reflect that invited speakers may be allotted up to 15 minutes to address the Council and unlimited time to address questions, and that after the allotted time is reached, any member of the Council may vote to move to questions.
- Article VII, Section I: language be added to include online voting as an option for Executive Board elections, including a provision for dealing with duplicate votes.
- Article VII, Section I j: the language be clarified to identify what a run-off vote is and when it will be held.
- Chair Young called for a motion to approve the Bylaw revisions recommendations. Anthony Prato (Mathematical Sciences) motioned to approve the recommendations. Stephen Bohigian (History) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion to was approved unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

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7. ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Chair Young called for a motion to adjourn the Bylaws Committee Meeting. Anthony Prato (Mathematical Sciences) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Bohigian (History) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.