

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
(Revised April 2021)

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

*Section 1.* The name of the organization shall be the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as the GPSGA.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

*Section 1.* The GPSGA shall serve as the official advisory body to the President on issues of concern to the graduate and professional student body.

*Section 2.* The GPSGA shall serve as the representative voice of the graduate and professional student body at Oklahoma State University Stillwater campus on matters that impact graduate and professional students.

*Section 3.* The GPSGA will evaluate University System policies and procedures that impact graduate and professional students and make recommendations to the appropriate University administrators, academic units and other applicable bodies, so as to better the quality of life for the graduate and professional student body.

*Section 4.* The GPSGA will act as an effective communication channel, connecting the broad interests and concerns of each of the graduate and professional students on campus with the advisory body.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1.* All graduate and professional students on Oklahoma State University Stillwater campus are members of the GPSGA. Two representatives are selected by each academic unit and one liaison is selected by each student group as outlined in Article I, Section 1, of the By-Laws.

*Section 2.* Term of office for each representative and liaison shall conclude the day after the spring semester of each year, regardless of time of appointment to office.

*Section 3.* Any representative or liaison who desires to serve another term may seek to be reselected by his/her academic unit or student group.

*Section 4.* In the event that a representative or liaison shall become ineligible to serve on the GPSGA, he/she shall be replaced according to the procedure outlined in the By-Laws in Article I, Section 1, Clause C #4.

**ARTICLE IV. STRUCTURE OF THE GPSGA**

*Section 1.* The officers of the GPSGA shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director, Parliamentarian, Intergovernmental Liaison and Social Chair, and International Affairs Officer.

Clause A. Elected officers shall retain all the rights and duties of the GPSGA representatives with the exception of the President who no longer qualifies as a departmental representative and may only vote in the case of a tie.

Clause B. Elections shall proceed and duties of the officers shall be performed as outlined in the By-Laws in Article II, Section 1.

Clause C. Officers may be removed from office as the result of misconduct in office. Removal of Officers shall be conducted in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

*Section 2.* The GPSGA shall be divided into Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as outlined in the By-Laws. Election of the chairperson shall be conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in the By-Laws in Article II, Section 1, Clause A.

*Section 3.* The GPSGA shall have an advisor, chosen from the graduate faculty, who will regularly meet with and advise the GPSGA. The Dean of the Graduate College shall serve as co-advisor.

## **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Section 1.* The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director, Parliamentarian, Intergovernmental Liaison, Social Chair, **International Affairs Officer**, and any other appointed position deemed necessary by the President. The immediate past President and GPSGA advisors will serve as ex-officio officers of the Executive committee.

*Section 2.* The Executive Committee shall answer to and be responsible to the GPSGA at all times.

*Section 3.* The Executive Committee is authorized to take action on behalf of the GPSGA in emergency situations in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

*Section 1.* At least one regular meeting shall be held by the GPSGA per calendar month during the Fall and Spring semesters. The Executive Committee shall have the option to call summer meetings.

*Section 2.* The President shall call special meetings when requested by the Executive Committee, or by a written petition from one-third of the voting membership presented by any member of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*Section 1.* Meetings of the GPSGA shall operate in accordance with the procedures in Robert's Rules of Order at the discretion of the President.

*Section 2.* It shall be the Parliamentarian's responsibility to resolve procedural questions and to ensure that the business of the GPSGA is carried out in a legal and orderly fashion.

*Section 3.* A quorum shall consist of one-half plus one of the average meeting attendances during the semester past.

*Section 4.* In the event of two consecutive meetings in which a quorum is not present, a motion must be presented in each of the two consecutive meetings. At the second

meeting the motion may be voted on and passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting representatives present.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

*Section 1.* Any representative may propose an amendment to this Constitution.

Clause A. The amendment shall be submitted in writing to the GPSGA Executive Committee at least one meeting in advance of consideration of the amendment.

Clause B. Any amendment to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of quorum to pass.

*Section 2.* By-Laws not in conflict with the Constitution may be adopted by the GPSGA representatives. The By-Laws of the GPSGA are to be attached to and considered a part of the constitution.