CONSTITUTION OF THE
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (Revised January 2019)

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 re-selected 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.
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 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 attendance
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.