GSGA44-A02

An Act Creating an Ad-Hoc Committee for the Review of the Graduate Student Government Constitution & Bylaws

Summary: This legislation creates and charges a Graduate Student Government Constitution & Bylaws Review Committee (hereafter referred to as the "Bylaws Committee") with the review and proposed amendment of the GSG Constitution and Bylaws in accordance with the once-per-five-years review and amendment process mandated by Article 8.3 of the GSG Constitution.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF reviewing and proposing amendments to these documents in order to ensure accuracy, clarity, alignment with current GSG and UMD policies and procedures, consistency both internal and external, and any and all other matters necessary to provide feedback and guidance to the Governance Committee, the Assembly, the graduate student body, and any other relevant stakeholders in advance of any votes to amend either or both of these documents;

BY creating an ad-hoc Bylaws Committee pursuant to Article 8.3 of the GSG Constitution, with all nominated Bylaws Committee members requiring confirmation by a majority vote of the Assembly followed by appointment by the GSG President in the form of Presidential approval granted during or at any time after the creation of the Committee;

BY setting the initial membership of the Bylaws Committee at two co-chairs, three currently serving Assembly representatives, and two non-GSG graduate students, with future additional seats being added at the discretion of the committee co-chairs in consultation with the GSG President;

BY establishing the Director of Operations and the Vice President of Legislative Affairs & Speaker of the Assembly as the co-equal joint chairs of the Bylaws Committee;

AND BY charging the Bylaws Committee with reviewing and proposing amendments to the GSG Constitution and Bylaws, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Governance Committee, to be voted on by the graduate student body and the Assembly, respectively, at the culmination of the five-year review process concluding in 2025, with amendment proposals taking the form of a post-review report authored by the committee and presented to both the graduate student body and the Assembly at least two weeks in advance of any votes pertaining to the amendment of either document.

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Decision of GSG President

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Signature of GSG President

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