GPSA Council
Fall 2013 Standing Rules

Section I: Meeting

1. Meetings of the GPSA Council shall be held in accordance with the GPSA Constitution, Bylaws, and any relevant resolutions passed to date in the session.
2. The agenda for a regularly scheduled meeting shall be sent out via the Council listserve and shall be posted to the GPSA website no later than five (5) academic days before the meeting.
3. Regular meetings must be held at least once (1) per month during the fall and spring semesters.
4. Regular Council meetings will be held on the last Saturday of each month during the semester, unless otherwise announced by the Council Chair.
5. Participation by telecommunication is not permitted at Council meetings.

Section II: Agendas

The Agenda for regularly scheduled Council meetings shall consist of the following sections:

I. Roll Call
II. Opening Business
   a. Approval of the Agenda
   b. Approval of the Minutes
   c. Media & Gallery
III. Guest Speakers
IV. Officer Reports
   a. President’s Report
   b. Council Chair’s Report
V. Action Items
   a. Mandated Items
   b. Standing Committees
      i. Legislative Steering Committee
         1. LSC Report
         2. LSC Business
      ii. Legislative Finance Committee
         1. LFC Report
         2. LFC Business
   c. Ad Hoc Committees
   d. Emergency Items
   e. Old Business
VI. Discussion Items
VII. Executive Committee Reports
VIII. Closing Announcements
IX. Upcoming Meetings
X.  Adjourn

The Agenda for Special meetings shall consist of the following sections:

   I.  Roll Call
   II. Approval of the Agenda
   III. Media and Gallery
   IV.  Officer Reports
   V.  Emergency Items
   VI.  Adjourn

Section III: Parliamentary Authority

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Section IV: Speaking Rules

Media & Gallery and Guest Speakers
   1.  Each member of the media and gallery shall be allotted one (1) speaking period of three (3) minutes.
   2.  Each scheduled guest speaker shall be allotted one (1) speaking period of five (5) minutes to address Council, unless otherwise announced by the Council Chair no later than 24 hours before the meeting.
      a.  Each guest speaker’s speaking period shall be followed by up to ten (10) minutes of questions from Council representatives.

Debate
   1.  Representatives are in order only when a motion is on the floor or when making a motion and recognized by the Chair.
   2.  A Representative’s credentials and /or Proxy must be submitted and approved by the Chair in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws in order to be allowed a vote.
   3.  Each Representative is allotted a maximum of two (2) speaking turns of three (3) minutes each per motion on the floor.
      a.  Representatives may announce any conflict of interest in a point of order that does not count toward their two allotted speaking turns.
   4.  Representatives may yield one (1) of their speaking turns per motion to a member of the gallery or another representative. No member of the gallery shall be allowed to speak more than once on any single motion on the floor.
      a.  Yielded turns shall only be allotted in the order of the speaking queue.
      b.  Yielding counts towards a representative’s two allotted speaking periods.
      c.  The exception to the above rule is when a non-voting person is providing expert testimony on an issue. In such a situation, said expert may briefly respond to questions from a representative who has the floor.
Reports
1. The GPSA President and Council Chair shall be allotted no more than ten (10) minutes each for their report.
2. Each Standing committee report shall be no more than five (5) minutes for a report given orally.
   a. The preferred procedure for standing committee reports shall be a written report submitted no later than five (5) academic days prior to the Council meeting. In such case, the chair of that committee shall stand for questions from the Council Representatives for up to five (5) minutes.
3. Each representative shall be allotted no more than two (2) minutes to speak during closing announcements.

Section V: Adoption, Suspension, Amendment

1. The standing rules shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the credentialed voting representatives present at the first meeting of each semester. Once adopted, the standing rules will be in effect for the duration of that semester.
2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the credentialed voting representatives present at a Council meeting may amend or suspend these standing rules.