

GPSA Council Fall 2015 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 listserv and shall be posted to the GPSA website no later than three (3) academic days before the meeting.
3. Regular Council meetings will be held on the last Saturday of each month during the semester, unless otherwise announced by the Council Chair.
4. 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. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Legislative Steering Committee
 - ii. Finance Committee
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
- VI. Action Items
 - a. Mandated Items
 - b. Emergency Items
 - c. Unfinished Business
 - d. New Business
- VII. Council Announcements
- VIII. Upcoming Meetings
- IX. 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

Parliamentary Authority

1. The parliamentary authority of the GPSA Council's 2015-16 Session shall be the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised
2. In cases of conflict, The GPSA Constitution and Bylaws and Council Standing Rules will supersede Robert's Rules of Order.

Section IV: Speaking Rules

Media & Gallery, Guest Speakers, and Council Announcements

1. Each member of the media and gallery shall be allotted one (1) speaking period of three (3) minutes.
2. The total time allotted to media and gallery shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
3. Each scheduled guest speaker shall be allotted one (1) speaking period of fifteen (15) 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.
4. Each representative shall be allowed up to one (1) speaking period of up to three (3) minutes during Council Announcements.

Debate

1. Representatives are in order only when a motion is on the floor or when making motion and recognized by the Chair.
2. 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.

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 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.

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.
2. Two---thirds (2/3) vote of the credentialed voting representatives present at Council meeting may amend or suspend these standing rules.