



LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

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FALL 2025 SESSION

Constitution

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: GPSA Representative and LSC Member Saheed Oyeniran, GPSA Council Chair Jacob Griego

1st Reading: LSC Chair Referred To: LSC
2nd Reading: LSC 11/12/25 Committee Action: Passed
3rd Reading: Council Meeting 11/22/25 Council Action: Introduced
4th Reading: 12/6/2025 Council Action: Passed

Executive Action:

Approved Vetoed

Signature of GPSA President

January 16, 2025 Date

Unsigned by the President on this 16th day of January 2025. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: Council Action:

Summary of key changes/points:

- Adding quantitative description of each RDSA voting right depending on the number of the constituent members
Provision of contractual backing to the council chairs payments for their services
Making section numbering consistent across the Constitution.
Refined grammar.
Made numbering/lettering of sections consistent.

Found in GPSA Constitution/Lawbook: Constitution, Article III, Section 1, A)
Found in GPSA Constitution/Lawbook: Constitution, Article III, Section 3, C)
Found in GPSA Constitution/Lawbook: Constitution, Article III, Section 4)

Section 1. Council

All legislative powers in GPSA shall be vested in a Council.

A. Composition

- The Council shall consist of GPSA Representatives selected through each Recognized Departmental Student Association (RDSA).
2. Each graduate and professional RDSA will be entitled to a minimum of one (1) Representative. Each RDSA representing a degree-granting department or school with more than one hundred (100) graduate or professional students are entitled to one (1) additional Representative for each one hundred (100) or part of one hundred (1-99) graduate and professional students enrolled in the department for up to a total of five (5) voting members.

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Section 3. Council Chair

The Council Chair must be a member of GPSA and shall be elected by Council at the regular April Council meeting in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.

A. Duties, Powers, and Responsibilities

1. The Chair shall:

1. Call and preside over Council meetings.
2. Serve as the official representative of the Council to the public.
3. Serve as an ex officio member on the Executive Board, and Legislative Committees.
4. Administer and oversee the Council budget.
5. Other duties as defined by the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.

2. The Chair shall not vote in Council, except in the case of a tie.

B. Term

1. The term is one year, beginning at noon of the last day of the spring semester and ending at noon of the last day of the following spring semester.
2. An individual may serve a maximum of two (2) terms as the Council Chair.

C. Payment

1. The Council Chair shall receive financial payment for their services. Such payment shall be set by Council in accordance with University policy **and the minimum compensation set by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America collective bargaining agreement. Any internal changes to compensation will take effect at the start of the next presidential term.** ~~The payment shall neither be increased nor diminished during the duration of their term.~~

~~Section 2.~~ **Section 4.** Legislative Committees

Legislative Committees shall consist of Council Representatives.

A. Composition

1. The Council Chair shall appoint all chairs and members of the Legislative Committees and shall submit these appointments for approval by Council.
2. Council Representatives may recommend nominations for committee positions for Council consideration.
3. Shall be composed of a minimum of five (5) and not more than twelve (12) Representatives representing a minimum of three (3) RDSAs.

B. Legislative Standing Committees

1. Steering Committee shall make recommendations regarding legislations sent to the Council.

C. Legislative Standing Committee Chairs

1. Duties, Power, and Responsibilities

- a. Chairs shall administer committees according to the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
- b. The Steering Committee Chair shall oversee the committee and will have no vote except in the event of a tie.

2. Payment

- a. Legislative Standing Committee Chairs shall receive financial payment for their services.

3. Removal

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- a. The Council Chair can remove a committee chair in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws, but shall present a replacement to Council at the next regular meeting.
- B. Legislative Ad Hoc Committees
- 1. May be created by the Council Chair with a majority vote of approval from Council or created by Council with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
 - 2. All Legislative Ad Hoc Committees shall be dissolved by the end of the session.

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