



Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Council

Veto Notice

It is to be informed that the legislative item numbered 2021-03 was vetoed by GPSA President Nikhil Reddy Naguru on 4/1/2021. A rationale provided by president is given below. Following the procedure, this item will be included as an action item for upcoming council meeting on April 17th, 2021. Council will decide on whether they want to consider this item or not. If council decided to consider it, president's veto can be overridden with 2/3rd vote by council.

Rationale by President

Bill 2021-03 that proposes changes to the process of appointing committee members to election committee, in my opinion is not needed. The main concern that I took away from the council meetings was that the proposed changes gives the council an opportunity to see whether the nominated candidate can serve in the role without favoring any candidate or not. But unfortunately, that is not something that can be identified in one meeting.

Also, our election code has strict deadlines, and the process is clear on what election committee should do and when to do them. This gives a very little space for the committee to make any decisions. In my opinion, election committee members are appointed to help chair organize the elections and answer GPSA members questions about elections when needed.

The fact that committee members are appointed by president and council chair, is enough to make sure that the elections committee is performing as expected by our constitution and ByLaws satisfactorily. If any discrepancies arise, President, Council Chair and Council are always there to address the issues as needed.

This bill further increases the bureaucracy that GPSA is struggling with and it do not serve the purpose as it is though it would be.

Also, another point to keep in mind, our council has the authority to remove any individual working at GPSA in any role. If any committee chair violates our ByLaws, GPSA council can remove them from their role.



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BILL 2021-03

SPRING 2021 SESSION

Constitution Bylaws

Legislative Action: Proposed Legislation to amend Article X: Sec 1, A.2 of GPSA Bylaw.

Introduced by: Naguru Nikhileswara Reddy

Referred To: LSC

1st Reading: Aaron Cowan

Committee Action: Recommend to Council

2nd Reading: LSC

Council Action: Passed

3rd Reading: GPSA Council

Executive Action:

Approved Vetoed

Nikhil *NR* 4/1/2021
GPSA President Date

Unsigned by the President on this **2nd** day of **April** 2021. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____ Council Action: _____

Proposed Legislation Title: Article X: Sec 1, A.2

Summary of key points:

- Reducing the bureaucracy by eliminating the required council’s approval of election committee members.
- Making the process of appointing Elections committee chair clear.

Article X: Elections code

Section 1. Elections Committee

A. The Elections Committee shall be composed of three (3) members:

1. Elections Chair, appointed by the GPSA President **and approved by Council.**
2. Two (2) Election Committee members, one appointed by the GPSA President and one appointed by the Council chair. **Appointees are permitted to serve as acting members pending confirmation by council at the council’s next meeting following their appointment.**

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