

1 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU
2 GPSA ASSEMBLY
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7 ASSEMBLY BILL # 15

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16 GPSA Recommendations for the Proposed Universal Constitution of the Undergraduate
17 Governments of ASU

19 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

21 WHEREAS GPSA exists to advocate for, support and unify the graduate students of all
22 four ASU locations,

24 NOTING THAT the proposed USG Universal Constitution is generally problematic
25 and does not represent the interests of GPSA or of graduate and professional
26 students,

28 FURTHER NOTING THAT some of the current errors in the document could
29 negatively affect the graduate students of ASU,

31 FURTHER NOTING THAT GPSA upholds and is governed by its current
32 Constitution,

34 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following changes be enacted:

- 35 ○ The Preamble should be changed to exclude graduate students from the
36 implications of the message
- 37 ○ The proposed “Presidents Council” should be clarified as a distinct body
38 from the currently existing entity known as ASASU’s Presidents
39 Council, and it is further recommended that a different name be
40 established for this body.

- 41 ○ The aforementioned “Presidents Council” should not select the graduate
42 liaison and no such position should be created or governed by the
43 proposed Undergraduate Constitution; neither should this Council
- 44 ○ The proposed “Supreme Court” should include the word
45 “Undergraduate” in the name
- 46 ○ The proposed Constitution should not purport that the GPSA is
47 governed or controlled by decisions of the aforementioned proposed
48 Court
- 49 ○ The proposed Constitution should not purport that disputes involving
50 GPSA and USG are resolved by the proposed Court
- 51 ○ The proposed Constitution should contain no section that affects
52 graduate and professional students without subjecting the proposal to
53 the approval of the GPSA Assembly and a referendum of graduate and
54 professional students
- 55 ○ All of the GPSA requests regarding the proposed Universal
56 Undergraduate Constitution should be remedied prior to sending the
57 draft to the respective Undergraduate Senates at all four locations

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT based on these recommendations, GPSA
60 rejects the approval of the current version of the proposed Universal Undergraduate
61 Constitution document by the Downtown Undergraduate Senate as unconstitutional.