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

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following changes be enacted:
  ○ The Preamble should be changed to exclude graduate students from the
    implications of the message
  ○ The proposed “Presidents Council” should be clarified as a distinct body
    from the currently existing entity known as ASASU’s Presidents
    Council, and it is further recommended that a different name be
    established for this body.
The aforementioned “Presidents Council” should not select the graduate liaison and no such position should be created or governed by the proposed Undergraduate Constitution; neither should this Council

The proposed “Supreme Court” should include the word “Undergraduate” in the name

The proposed Constitution should not purport that the GPSA is governed or controlled by decisions of the aforementioned proposed Court

The proposed Constitution should not purport that disputes involving GPSA and USG are resolved by the proposed Court

The proposed Constitution should contain no section that affects graduate and professional students without subjecting the proposal to the approval of the GPSA Assembly and a referendum of graduate and professional students

All of the GPSA requests regarding the proposed Universal Undergraduate Constitution should be remedied prior to sending the draft to the respective Undergraduate Senates at all four locations

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