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GPSA ASSEMBLY
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ASSEMBLY BILL # 46

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SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY AND W.P. CAREY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

CLARIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT FOR EMPTY ASSEMBLY SEATS

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS the GPSA Bylaws should be periodically reviewed and improved to reduce ambiguity in the language and spirit of the laws and regulation pertaining to the operation of the GPSA, and furthermore

NOTING THAT the current language regarding the appointment of Assembly Members to open Assembly seats grants privileges to ambiguously defined “graduate programs”, and

NOTING THAT some graduate programs have created governance structures designed to represent their constituents’ interests, and they may desire to contribute to the process of Assembly Member selection when a seat becomes vacant between elections, yet

FURTHER NOTING THAT there can be no assurance that such governance structures elect and appoint representatives in a way consistent with ASASU’s annual elections, nor that they accord precisely to the academic units recognized by GPSA, therefore

BE IT ENACTED that the GPSA hereby directs the ASASU Elections Director to place the following Referendum Item on a special election ballot, to take place no later than May 6, 2011:

AMEND Title III, Article 3, Section 2, subsection G of the ASASU Constitution to:

G. If an Assembly seat is vacant after the annual elections, or becomes vacant during the legislative year, the Assembly President will publicly call for and accept nominations for a period no less than one calendar week. The Assembly Operations Committee will then review the applicants and
present a nominee for each seat at the following Assembly meeting, who
must then be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting
Assembly Members. Graduate programs with established governance
structures may submit a nomination, however the Assembly Operations
Committee is not bound to accept only such nominations.

FURTHERMORE, upon successful passage of the Referendum, let the GPSA Bylaws be
amended as such:

AMEND Title II, Article 2, Section B to:

B. GPSA members can be appointed to fill vacant Assembly seats in
accordance with the ASASU Constitution.

THE GPSA ASSEMBLY HEREBY DIRECTS the ASASU Elections Director to place
this referendum item on the ballot during a special election no later than May 6, 2011.