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ASSEMBLY BILL #43

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REFERENDUM ON THE CALLING OF SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS the dual branches of the GPSA, executive and legislative, can make use of checks-and-balances to ensure that the goals of each branch are being met without hindrance from the other, and

WHEREAS the calling of special sessions of the Assembly is a power that should not be reserved to the Assembly alone, and

WHEREAS the former policy allowed special sessions to be called by the GPSA President, Assembly President, or two-thirds vote of present and voting Assembly members but was changed with 2008-2009’s Assembly Bill 41 to permit only the Assembly President, Assembly President pro tempore, or two-thirds vote of present and voting Assembly members to call special sessions of the Assembly, and

NOTING THAT the ability for GPSA’s executive branch to call special sessions of the Assembly may serve as an effective check-and-balance of power to ensure that business is addressed in a timely manner,

BE IT ENACTED that the GPSA hereby directs the ASASU Elections Director to place the following Referendum Item on the spring general elections ballot, to take place no later than April 31, 2011.

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

B. Special sessions may be called by the GPSA President, Assembly President, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting Assembly Members.

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

AMEND Title II, Article 1, Section H to:

H. Special Sessions may be called by the GPSA President, Assembly President, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting Assembly Members.