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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE ASSEMBLY  
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ASSEMBLY BILL #14

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AN ACT to modify GPSA Bylaws, Title III, Section C and Section E, to add language for converting vacant seats to at-large seats for the remainder of a given academic/fiscal year

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS it is beneficial to the GPSA Assembly, and the graduate student body to have a full Assembly;

WHEREAS interested and qualified assembly candidates are being turned away as they compete for limited graduate programs seats in their program while other graduate program seats remain consistently vacant;

WHEREAS first year graduate students have a vested interest in the GPSA operations and graduate student issues but currently are unable to participate as assembly members, as they are not on campus during spring elections;

WHEREAS no graduate program should have a potentially controlling voice in the GPSA Assembly and that a 20% limit would maintain balance;

NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will provide an opportunity for first year graduate students, to be involved with the Assembly of GPSA during their first year;

ALSO NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will allow the GPSA graduate assembly to operate at full capacity for second half of the academic year and increase active student leaders in the GPSA Assembly;

ALSO NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will allow the GPSA graduate student events to be better attended, as we will have more student representation and stronger communication networking available.

ALSO NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will still allow students from the vacant seat graduate programs the entire summer and the fall term to express interest in and attain those seats;

ALSO NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will address the student concerns that a graduate program could potentially take over the assembly were the converted at large seats be held by the same graduate program.

ALSO NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will require ample communication with the graduate program with vacant seats students before the December meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that Title III, Article I, Section C, Item a. be modified from “The ASASU Elections Director must hold two (2) information sessions for GPSA no later than the first week of the Nominations Period.” to “The ASASU Elections Director must hold two (2) information sessions for GPSA no later than the first week of the Nominations Period in the spring and one (1) information session for vacant seats in the fall”;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the vacant seats become At-Large seats at the end of the December monthly meeting. At the January meeting, these seats are available for filling.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Title III, Article 2 be amended by adding Section E, which states: “If any Assembly Member seats remain vacant by the December monthly GPSA Assembly Meeting, those vacant seats will become At-Large seats for the remainder of the Academic Year to be filled at the January monthly meeting. These At-Large seats expand the two (2) allocated in Title III, Article 2, Section B. These At-Large seats are specifically tasked with outreach to the graduate college whose vacant seat they are filling as well as the duties of an at-large member. No graduate program may have more that 20% representation of the total Assembly seats.”

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a GPSA Assembly member from the graduate program with vacancies and a GPSA Vice President send out monthly emails to the vacant graduate program’s students notifying them of the vacancies and encouraging students to participate before the December meeting.