

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE ASSEMBLY  
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

ASSEMBLY BILL #23

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An ACT to Amend the Bylaws to Cancel the December Regular Session and to Allow for  
Electronic Voting on Select Measures

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS the Graduate Assembly is required to meet every month there are classes in  
session;

WHEREAS the December Regular Session is difficult to schedule;

WHEREAS the GPSA supports the academic success of its Assembly members;

WHEREAS a failure to attain quorum does not serve the interests of graduate and  
professional students at ASU;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED the GPSA Bylaws be amended to ADD the following  
subsection to Title II, Article 1(G):

“The Assembly President may waive the requirement to meet in December if he or she  
believes there is a likelihood that a quorum will not be able to attend.”

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, the GPSA Bylaws be amended to ASS the  
following Article to Title II:

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Article 1. Electronic Voting

- A. Electronic Voting is any vote that is rendered outside of a physical meeting  
and shall be conducted in accordance with this article.

- B. The Assembly President or the Assembly Operations Committee shall have the authority to propose the following measures to the Assembly for electronic approval:
  - a. Appropriations to graduate student organizations;
  - b. Confirmations of new members;
  - c. Appropriations during finals; or
  - d. Appropriations not during the Fall or Spring semesters.
- C. For the purpose of tabulating votes, the following definitions apply:
  - a. "Present and Voting" shall be the sum of all members issuing an affirmative or negative vote.
  - b. "Quorum" shall be calculated by the sum of all members issuing an affirmative or negative vote and those indicating they abstain.
- D. There are no proxy votes.
- E. Not participating in voting is considered an absence for attendance purposes.
- F. The motion must be open for discussion and debate for no less than forty-eight (48) hours and the polls must be open for no less than forty-eight (48) hours."