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

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ASSEMBLY BILL #23

INTRODUCED BY:

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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

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.

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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.”