

1 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU
2 GPSA ASSEMBLY
3 EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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6 ASSEMBLY BILL # 46

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10 CHRISTY MERCER AND RYAN POLANSKY
11 SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY AND W.P. CAREY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
12 ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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15 CLARIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT FOR EMPTY
16 ASSEMBLY SEATS
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19 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,
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21 WHEREAS the GPSA Bylaws should be periodically reviewed and improved to reduce
22 ambiguity in the language and spirit of the laws and regulation pertaining to the operation
23 of the GPSA, and furthermore
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25 NOTING THAT the current language regarding the appointment of Assembly Members
26 to open Assembly seats grants privileges to ambiguously defined “graduate programs”,
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29 NOTING THAT some graduate programs have created governance structures designed to
30 represent their constituents’ interests, and they may desire to contribute to the process of
31 Assembly Member selection when a seat becomes vacant between elections, yet
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33 FURTHER NOTING THAT there can be no assurance that such governance structures
34 elect and appoint representatives in a way consistent with ASASU’s annual elections, nor
35 that they accord precisely to the academic units recognized by GPSA, therefore
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37 BE IT ENACTED that the GPSA hereby directs the ASASU Elections Director to place
38 the following Referendum Item on a special election ballot, to take place no later than
39 May 6, 2011:
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41 AMEND Title III, Article 3, Section 2, subsection G of the ASASU Constitution to:

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43 G. If an Assembly seat is vacant after the annual elections, or becomes vacant
44 during the legislative year, the Assembly President will publicly call for
45 and accept nominations for a period no less than one calendar week. The
46 Assembly Operations Committee will then review the applicants and

47 present a nominee for each seat at the following Assembly meeting, who
48 must then be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting
49 Assembly Members. Graduate programs with established governance
50 structures may submit a nomination, however the Assembly Operations
51 Committee is not bound to accept only such nominations.
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53 FURTHERMORE, upon successful passage of the Referendum, let the GPSA Bylaws be
54 amended as such:

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56 AMEND Title II, Article 2, Section B to:

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58 B. GPSA members can be appointed to fill vacant Assembly seats in
59 accordance with the ASASU Constitution.
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61 THE GPSA ASSEMBLY HEREBY DIRECTS the ASASU Elections Director to place
62 this referendum item on the ballot during a special election no later than May 6, 2011.