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7 ASSEMBLY BILL # 24

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12 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

15 A RESOLUTION Regarding Necessary Changes to the ASASU – Tempe Constitution if
16 USG Vacates

19 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

21 WHEREAS the Undergraduate Student Government on Tempe Campus (USG – T) and
22 the GPSA share a constitution;

24 WHEREAS the USG – T is considering ratifying a new constitution;

26 NOTING THAT there are some sections to the current constitution that are unworkable,
27 confusing and/or vague in the absence of an active USG – T;

29 WHEREAS it is important to graduate and professional students to have a working
30 constitution that establishes and supports an effective government association;

32 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that generally the following changes are necessary for
33 a constitution absent the USG – T:

- 35 1) The name and title of the document should be consistent with a GPSA only
36 constitution;
- 37 2) The Preamble should be consistent with a GPSA only constitution;
- 38 3) The USG Establishment Clause should be deleted;
- 39 4) The USG Membership Clause should be deleted;
- 40 5) The GPSA membership clause should be consistent with a GPSA only
41 constitution;
- 42 6) Title II should be deleted by the USG and ratified by the undergraduate student
43 body;
- 44 7) Title III, Article 2, Section 3(a) should be corrected to clarify the GPSA line of
45 succession for the office of GPSA President;

- 46 8) Title IV should be rewritten to be consistent with a GPSA only constitution,
47 eliminate jurisdiction over USG – T, extend the tenure of Supreme Court Justices, and
48 limit appointment of Justices to GPSA membership;
49 9) Title VI Articles 1, 3, and 4 should be stricken and the remaining articles should be
50 renumbered;
51 10) The supremacy clause should be limited to GPSA documents;
52 11) Title VI should be a GPSA only referendum process; and
53 12) A USG and GPSA joint agreement process should be inserted.
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55 FURTHER DIRECTS that the Government Operations committee of the Assembly work directly
56 with the USG Tempe Senate or other USG Tempe decision makers when necessary to amend
57 articles that require amendment by both USG-T and GPSA, and of its own volition with regards
58 to article that GPSA alone may amend, to produce legislation to amend the Constitution in a
59 manner not inconsistent with the aforementioned resolution if USG Tempe decides to ratify a new
60 Constitution. The Government Operations committee will deliver a report on this issue at the
61 next Assembly meeting, and endeavor to bring forth corresponding legislation to amend the
62 Constitution if USG Tempe decides to ratify a new Constitution.