ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU
GPSA ASSEMBLY
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ASSEMBLY BILL #28

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AB #28: AN ACT to update the Supreme Court Rules and Procedures
and corresponding language in the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,
WHEREAS the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws reflect GPSA’s fundamental governing principles,
policies, and organization;
WHEREAS the GPSA Supreme Court exists to settle controversies arising under the GPSA Constitution
and Bylaws between GPSA organizations, departments, committees or any other entity or agency created
by the GPSA;
WHEREAS the current GPSA Supreme Court Rules and Procedures is a legacy document from the
ASASU;
WHEREAS the current GPSA Constitution and Bylaws refer to that language;
WHEREAS it is beneficial to the GPSA Assembly and graduate student body to have a decided and
intentional Supreme Court and Rules and Procedures;
WHEREAS it is beneficial to the GPSA Assembly and graduate student body to have an updated and
accurate GPSA Constitution and Bylaws;
NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will require the GPSA President, Assembly President, and
Government Operations Committee to identify and appoint a total of five (5) Supreme Court Justices;
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that:

1) The attached document:
   “Rules and Procedures of the Judiciary Committee of the Graduate and Professional Student
Association of Arizona State University”
be replaced with the attached document:
   “Graduate and Professional Student Association Supreme Court Rules and Procedures”

2) GPSA Constitution, Title IV Judiciary, be renamed, Title IV The Supreme Court, and all contents
be replaced as written in the attached document, “GPSA Constitution - Title IV – The Supreme
Court”
3) GPSA Bylaws, Title III Elections, Article 1, paragraph G, section d, be amended to replace “ASASU Supreme Court” with “GPSA Supreme Court”

4) GPSA Bylaws, Title VI General Provisions, Article 1 Spring Special Session, paragraph A, be amended to insert a new section b, “In all cases under Section A of this article, newly appointed Assembly Members shall begin their terms of office immediately.”
And to amend the previous section b to section c and so forth.

5) GPSA Bylaws, Title VI General Provisions, Article 1 Spring Special Session, paragraph A, amended section c, be amended in part from the “ASASU Constitution” to “GPSA Constitution”.

6) GPSA Bylaws, Title VI General Provisions, Article 7 GPSA Judiciary Committee, be completely replaced as follows:

**Article 7. GPSA Supreme Court**

A. All GPSA members in good academic standing, as defined by the University, are eligible to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

B. No current GPSA assembly member may serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

C. No current GPSA executive or director may serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

D. Supreme Court Operations
   a. Rules and Procedures
      i. The Supreme Court shall operate and abide by the GPSA Supreme Court Rules and Procedures.
      ii. The Supreme Court may propose amendments to the Rules and Procedures; such amendments will only take effect by majority vote of the Assembly.
   b. Quorum
      i. Quorum for the Supreme Court shall be defined as three (3) sitting justices.
      ii. Quorum shall be required to hear cases and to issue opinions.
   c. Duties of Clerk of the Supreme Court
      i. The Clerk shall organize and maintain all court files for the Supreme Court.
      ii. The Clerk shall place all opinions in a permanent file of the GPSA records, and publicly post all opinions on the GPSA website.
      iii. The Clerk may be removed following a majority vote of the Supreme Court, subject to the approval of the Government Operations Committee.