TITLE: Amending the By-Laws: Creating a Separate Articles of Cooperation Document

WHEREAS: The Rules Committee is charged to review the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) By-Laws each year, and

WHEREAS: The Articles of Cooperation currently are included in the Appendices of the GPSS By-Laws, and

WHEREAS: The importance of the Articles of Cooperation warrants its existence as a separate document, and

WHEREAS: The Government of the Student currently has a separate document for the Articles of Cooperation, be it therefore

ENACTED: The Articles of Cooperation be removed from the Appendices of the GPSS By-Laws, and created as its own free standing document, and be it further

ENACTED: The Articles of Cooperation be subjected to the same review as all GPSS documents as outlined in the GPSS Constitution.

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Cooperation
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Preamble
GSB and GPSS have a special and unique relationship, supported by decades of history, which is different than the relationship between GSB and any other organization. This document has a primary status in the enumeration of the rights and responsibilities of the two governmental bodies, as well as codifying independent legitimate authority.

GSB is the only student government organization on campus which represents all students: undergraduate, non-traditional, graduate, and professional. Accordingly, GSB allocates student fees in a manner to benefit the student body as a whole, by funding such entities as the Daily, the Committee on Lectures, and Student Legal Services. GSB is also able to speak to the university administration and outside groups on behalf of the entire student body.

GPSS is the independent government body which handles matters of concern to graduate and professional students that fall outside of the scope of the GSB by-laws. Specifically, GPSS confronts issues of professional and academic advancement common to graduate and professional students such as the funding of travel grants. In addition, GPSS funds graduate and professional student groups which are not eligible for funding through the GSB student fees allocation process.

Beyond its funding responsibilities, GPSS is charged with the representation of graduate and professional student interests in policy-making decisions, both on and off campus. This representation requires that GSB and GPSS consult one another in the deliberation of issues that may affect the two constituencies differently. It is the responsibility of both institutions to establish and maintain communication with one another on such issues.

As a result of the organization and responsibilities of GPSS, its role is different than both GSB and a constituency council. Its special status within the overall structure of ISU student governance is one that complements, and is independent of, the governance structures of GSB and enhances the overall representation of student interests at ISU. In the interest of both the GSB and the GPSS, the following Articles of Cooperation shall serve as an outline of procedures for communication, funding, and representation.

1. InterGovernmentCommunication
   i. Executive Officers
      a. The executives of GSB and the executives of GPSS, including, but not limited to, the President and Vice-president of each body, shall meet prior to the first meeting of the fall and spring semesters to review the goals of each body for that semester, and to discuss other items of mutual interest.
      b. During at least one meeting of both the spring and fall semesters, the GSB and the GPSS Executive Officers shall address each other's legislative body concerning the activities, accomplishments and pertinent legislation of the past and
upcoming academic years.

ii. Graduate Senators on GSB. Graduate senators seated on GSB serve on GPSS as senator at-large.
   a. GSB elections. The graduate students will vote for GSB senators during the GSB elections that will serve as GSB senators and the GPSS senators at-large. The GSB election commissioner will notify the elected graduate senators and the GPSS Executive Council of the election results.
   b. Vacant GSB Graduate Senators after election. If three GSB senators are not elected during the GSB elections, which occur while the general GPSS senate is not in session, the GPSS President will issue an executive order to temporary fill these vacancies. The GPSS Senate can ratify the executive order or select new graduate students to fill the vacancy during the first meeting of the GPSS Senate following the executive order.

iii. Minutes, Bills, and Resolution
    The Secretary or Chief Information Officer of each body shall make available a copy of the approved minutes, bills, resolutions, and other pertinent correspondence to the Secretary or Chief Information Officer of the other body within one week of each meeting upon request.

2. Funding
   i. Student Activity Fees
      a. The GSB shall receive 50% and the GPSS shall receive 50% of the Student Activity Fees paid by graduate and professional students.
   ii. Sponsored Events
      a. Jointly funded events shall be sponsored whenever appropriate. All appropriate publicity shall equally display the GSB and the GPSS logos, and the words “funded by GSB and GPSS” shall appear on all appropriate publicity material.

3. Representation
   i. The president of GSB and treasurer of GPSS shall each appoint a voting representative to serve on each other’s Finance Committee.
   ii. In committees overseeing issues of importance to both GSB and GPSS, representatives of both bodies should be present.
   iii. The GPSS University Relations and Legislative Affairs chair or a designated appointee, shall serve as a voting member on the GSB University Affairs Committee.

4. Supremacy
   The Articles of Cooperation shall supersede the By-laws of GSB and GPSS.

5. Amendments
   Amendments to the Articles of Cooperation shall take effect after 2/3 of seated senators in each legislative body approve the amendments, which must be presented in written bills, the body text of which is the same in both bills.
6. Ratification

Ratification of the Articles of Cooperation shall require a 2/3 vote of seated senators of each legislative body and shall take effect immediately upon passage.