SENATE ORDER F19-06
SENATE MEETING September 30th, 2019

TITLE: Establishment of Rules for a Special Election to Fill the Role of PAG Chair

WHEREAS: The GPSS PAG Chair, Qi Mu, resigned from her position effective immediately on September 25th, 2019, and

WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Constitution and By-Laws dictate that vacancies on the Executive Council shall be filled by a special election overseen by the Elections and Operations Committee, and

WHEREAS: The Constitution and By-Laws establish few rules regarding the procedure for such a special election, and

WHEREAS: Prior notice of a special election was given on September 27th, 2019, be it therefore

ORDERED: That a special election to fill the PAG Chair vacancy during the regular Senate meeting on September 30th, 2019, and be it further

ORDERED: That a description of the PAG Chair position shall be provided by the GPSS President prior to opening the nomination process, and be it further

ORDERED: That prior to holding the special election for the PAG Chair, nominations shall be solicited from the floor of the Senate for no fewer than ten (10) minutes, during which a Senate recess would be in order, and be it further

ORDERED: That the nominations shall be open to all GPSS Senators, including the current members of the PAG committee, provided the nominee meets the eligibility requirements of the position as defined in the GPSS Constitution (Art. II §5), but excluding any currently-serving Senate Officers, and be it further

ORDERED: That prior to the election occurring, each candidate shall be allowed three (3) minutes to make a statement to the Senate, followed by no more than three (3) minutes of questions from the Senate floor.
ORDERED: That the vote for PAG Chair shall take place by *viva-voce* election if there is a single nominee, or by secret ballot with simple majority if there is more than one nominee, and be it further

ORDERED: That the winner of the special election shall assume the office of PAG Chair and inherit all its powers and duties, effective upon the adjournment of the September 30th, 2019 Senate Meeting, and shall serve in this position until the end of the Senate Officer Term at the adjournment of the April, 2020 Senate meeting.

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