SENATE ORDER F19-07
SENATE MEETING September 30th, 2019

TITLE: Formation of a Special Committee for Constitutional Revision

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

WHEREAS: Other than the creation of three new Senate Offices, there have been no significant changes to the GPSS Constitution since at least 2010 (Senate Bill F10-01), and

WHEREAS: There are numerous contradictions in outlined procedures and rules contained in the GPSS Constitution and By-Laws, and

WHEREAS: The current Constitution and By-Laws in place for the GPSS does not accurately represent the efficient proceedings in the Senate, and

WHEREAS: The current Constitution and By-Laws are silent on important procedures including the filling of Officer vacancies with special elections, Officer stipend payment, appointment of interim Officers, and Presidential succession, be it therefore

ORDERED: That a GPSS Special Committee be formed to draft a new Constitution and set of By-Laws, and be it further

ORDERED: That the name of this Committee shall be the “GPSS Special Committee for Constitutional Revision” (herein “Committee”), and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee shall be chaired by James Klimavicz (GPSS Vice President and Rules Committee Chair), and be it further

ORDERED: That the other members of the Committee shall be Benjamin Roberson (Rules Committee Member), Carrie Ann Johnson (Rules Committee Member), Eleanor Field (GPSS President), Chelsea Iennarella-Servantez from the Veterinary College, and Joe Robert Eilers, Chuck Wongus, and Jacob Johnson from the Graduate College for a total membership of eight people, and be it further
ORDERED: That any changes to the membership of the Committee must occur by Senate Order, and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee shall meet regularly in person, and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee shall provide a progress report at the October 28th, 2019 regular meeting, and shall present a draft of a new Constitution and set of By-Laws to the Senate at the December 3rd, 2019, regular meeting, and be it further

ORDERED: That any draft of a new Constitution and By-Laws produced by the Committee shall clearly delineate the processes for future Senate Officer elections, interim Officer appointments, filling vacancies, and stipends for Senate Officer positions, while maintaining the current set of Senate Offices, and be it further

ORDERED: That any draft of a new Constitution and By-Laws produced by the Committee shall clarify the memberships, duties, and powers of the Senate Committees, and be it further

ORDERED: That any draft of a new Constitution considered for ratification by the GPSS shall require a three-fourths majority of a Senate quorum to be ratified, and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee shall have the power to request information regarding GPSS powers, duties, operations, procedures, and policies from the current Senate Officers, who shall provide the requested information to the Committee, if able, within seven (7) calendar days.

Sponsors:
James Klimavicz, Benjamin Robertson, Carrie Ann Johnson, Eleanor Field

James Klimavicz, Vice President
Eleanor Field, President