

CONSTITUTION



OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Graduate Student Council does not discriminate on the basis of a person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

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PREAMBLE

We, the graduate students of the University of Mississippi, realizing the need for and desiring to assume certain responsibilities and privileges of self-government, to strive toward higher academic standards, to promote democratic principles, to foster close cooperation between students and faculty, to facilitate graduate inter-departmental communication, to encourage worthy projects in the interests of our student body, and to serve the general welfare of our institution, do ordain and establish this constitution within the limits defined by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of this institution.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this body shall be the University of Mississippi Graduate Student Council, hereinafter referred to as GSC.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Any and all persons enrolled in the Graduate School or a graduate-level professional school of the University of Mississippi (Oxford campus) shall automatically be a member of the GSC. Students participating in off-campus programs under the auspices of the Graduate School or a graduate-level professional school of the University of Mississippi (Oxford campus) are also members.

ARTICLE III – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the GSC may adopt.

ARTICLE IV - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

1. Constitution:

(a) The GSC shall have a Graduate Student Senate consisting of one graduate student representative (Senator) selected by the graduate students of each university department offering a program(s) leading to a graduate degree.

(b) The graduate students of each department offering a program(s) leading to a graduate level degree shall also choose an alternate for their departmental GSC representative at the same time as the representative is chosen. The duty of this alternate shall be to attend GSC Senate meetings as a representative of their respective department on occasions when the Senator is unable to attend. On such occasions, the alternate representative shall be regarded to have the same full voting privileges as possessed by the absent Senator.

2. Function:

The GSC Senate shall be authorized to address any and all matters of policy affecting graduate and/or professional students.

3. Selection and Duties:

(a) Selection:

Graduate students in their respective departments shall choose representatives to the GSC Senate at the beginning of the fall semester or at such time as a seat is vacated. If an election is warranted the Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs and/or the Executive Council shall oversee the process. Alternate representatives for each department will also be elected at this time.

(b) Duties:

The GSC Senate acts as a representative body for the graduate students of the University. Senators are to represent the graduate students of their respective departments in a manner deemed to be fair and responsible in matters of the GSC Senate. It is expected that each Senator keep up with GSC issues and activities and give a “good faith” effort to attend all senate meetings throughout their terms. Regardless, Senators are required to attend half of all senate meetings scheduled during the Fall and Spring semesters to retain their position or be subject to impeachment (Article IV, Section 5).

4. Terms and Succession:

(a) Terms:

The terms of all departmental representatives and voting alternates shall be for one calendar year to begin on the date of the first senate meeting in September of each year.

(b) Succession:

In the event that a Senator is unable to fulfill the obligations of the office for any reason, the alternate representative from the respective department shall assume the full privileges and obligations of the office of Senator and shall be presented in this new capacity at the next meeting of the GSC Senate. The GSC Director of Judicial and Senatorial Affairs shall contact the respective department within four weeks of notification that the departmental Senator is unable to fulfill the duties of the office and shall assist the department's graduate students in selecting a new alternate representative for their department. In the event that the alternate representative is also unable to fulfill the duties of Senator or in the event that no alternate representative is available to replace the former Senator, the Director of Judicial and Senatorial Affairs shall contact the respective department within four weeks of this notification and shall assist the department's graduate students in selecting a new departmental Senator and alternate representative.

5. Impeachment:

Failure to meet the requirements set forth in Article IV, Section 3, Subsection (b) without prior notice to the Executive Council shall make a Senator subject to possible impeachment. In addition, if the constituent graduate students of a Senator's department are dissatisfied with their

Senator's performance for whatever reason, they may, at their option, request to the Executive Council for impeachment proceedings against that Senator. Impeachment of any Senator shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the filled Senate seats at the time of the vote. Impeachment proceedings shall follow the general protocol outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, Article XIII, Section 75.

6. President Pro Tempore of the Senate

(a) The Graduate Student Senate may select a President Pro Tempore, either a Senator or an Alternate, at any time to preside as chair of Senate meetings and call Senate meetings at any time if any of the following events have occurred: 1) no Senate meetings have occurred in one month during the Fall or Spring semesters without prior notice from the Vice President, 2) no Senate meetings have occurred in a two month period during the academic year, 3) the Vice-President fails to appear for a Senate meeting without prior notice and just cause. If the President Pro Tempore must act as Chair of the Senate for any of these reasons, the Senate must examine the performance of the Executive branch in addition to any other scheduled business during that meeting. The President Pro-Tempore must give a good faith effort to notify every Senator of during the special session of the scheduled meeting.

(b) The President Pro Tempore will preside as chair of Senate meetings if the duties or behavior of the Vice President must be considered during a Senate meeting (See Impeachment, Article V, Section 5) or the Vice President is absent and has given prior notice and just cause to the senate. In these instances, the President Pro Tempore is to preside as Chair of the Senate only for the duration of these considerations or the duration of the officer's absence. It will not be necessary for the Senate to examine the performance of the Executive branch at this time.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BRANCH

1. Constitution:

The Executive Officers of the GSC shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Officers along with the Associate Officers comprise the Executive Council.

2. Function:

The purpose of the Executive Branch shall be to administer policies enacted by the GSC Senate, to create an agenda for each regular or called meeting of the GSC Senate or Executive Council, and to ensure the upkeep and management of the ongoing services provided by the GSC to the graduate community.

3. Selection and Duties:

(a) Selection:

Officers of the GSC shall be chosen in general elections conducted at the GSC Senate meeting. Information regarding Graduate Student Council Executive Office responsibilities shall be made available to the public by the GSC Secretary. Any person wishing to become a candidate for election to any GSC office must announce their intention to run by notifying the GSC Secretary by 6 PM on the date that falls 30 days prior to the meeting in which the election will be held. All candidates are expected to submit a platform that describes his/her past GSC involvement as well as mention of future plans if elected. All candidates will submit their platform electronically to the GSC who will make them available to the public no later than ten days prior to the election.

GSC Executive Officer elections will be held during the second to last Senate meeting of the academic year. Candidates will be elected by a plurality of official Senators present at the meeting, who have served at least one month in office. The Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs will chair the election procedures unless he/she is running for an office. If the Director of Judicial and Senatorial Affairs is also standing for election, the President Pro-Tempore shall be chosen from among those Senators not standing for election to preside over the election process. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes in which to make a statement to the Senate. Any Senator reserves the right to question any candidate after the 5-minute statement allotment. Executive Officer positions will be elected in the following order: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs shall be responsible for creating the ballots for each vote. The Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs or President Pro-Tempore shall count ballots and that count shall be verified by a volunteer from the available senators. Each Senator shall have one vote per office. The Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs is ineligible to vote in the GSC Executive Officer Election.

Candidates eligible for election to the office of President or Vice President shall include all current and former Executive Officers and Associate Officers (Directors) who are graduate students in "good standing" as defined by the Graduate School. Candidates eligible for election to the office of Treasurer or Secretary shall include all current and former Senators, alternates, Executive Officers, and Associate Officers (Directors) of the GSC who are graduate students in "good standing" as defined by the Graduate School and who have served in their official GSC Senatorial capacity for no less than one full semester. Former officers must have completed a full term of service, extending from an official election to the end of an academic year, in their position to be eligible to run for office. In addition, all candidates for executive office must intend to be registered as a full or part-time graduate student in the upcoming school year and must have completed a minimum of seven (7) graduate hours by the time the term of office begins. Current officers shall not be eligible to be elected as Senators or alternates in the annual Senate elections except in the event that the respective department puts forward no other suitable representative.

In the event a position is not filled by the general election process, the Board of Advisors, as constituted in Article VIII, will be charged with the responsibility of selecting the officer(s) from a pool of applicants who fulfill the prerequisites of the position(s) as stated above. All applications will be handled by the senior administrative assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School or an equivalent staff member appointed by the Dean.

Applications will be accepted up to three weeks after the general election date. The advisory board will then select the officer(s) by majority vote during the following week. The chosen officers will assume all responsibilities of their positions immediately following the spring commencement.

(b) Duties:

1. General duties of the Executive Officers include mandatory attendance at all GSC meetings and functions unless a reasonable notice for absence is submitted to the Secretary. They are the primary liaisons for the GSC to the University's upper administration and are to report all news affecting the community to the Senate in a timely manner. They are charged with the upkeep and improvement of ongoing programs run by the GSC and implementation of new programs, which the Senate deems necessary for the graduate community.

2. The President shall be the chief Executive Officer of the GSC whose principal duty shall be to act as the liaison and spokesperson for the GSC in dealing with any other groups, organizations, or individuals. The President shall be empowered to coordinate or delegate coordination of the activities sponsored by or participated in by the GSC that are not explicitly delegated to other officers or committees as defined in the Constitution of the GSC. The President shall serve on at least three university committees and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The President shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interests of the GSC when attending a university committee. The President shall have no voting privileges in the Senate. The president shall preside as chair at all sessions of the Executive Council of the GSC.

3. The office of Vice-President shall be the second-highest executive office of the GSC Government. In meetings of the GSC Senate, the Vice-President shall preside as chair, but shall have no voting privileges except to break a tie vote in the event that this situation occurs and will chair the Senate meetings. The Vice-President shall delegate committees duties and shall serve on at least two university committees and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Vice-President shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interests of the GSC when attending a university committee. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of Acting President of the GSC in the event that the President is unable to fulfill the obligations of the office for any reason. If required by either absence or failure to perform duties, the Vice-President shall occupy the position of Acting President for a period not to exceed four weeks, during which time the Senate shall conduct an election to fill the office of President.

4. The Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform a roll call of all meetings of the GSC Executive Council meetings and Senate meetings and keep such memoranda of GSC activities as may be necessary. The Secretary shall have no voting privileges within the Senate. The Secretary shall also be ultimately responsible for ensuring that all GSC Senators, graduate coordinators, and general membership are notified of upcoming activities. The Secretary shall serve on at

least one university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Secretary shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interests of the GSC when attending a university committee.

5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for recording the financial transactions of the GSC and ensuring that all transactions are conducted in accordance with GSC, University, municipal, state, and federal requirements and for ensuring the accuracy and integrity of records for any and all GSC accounts. Each year, the incoming Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget to the Senate for ratification. The proposed budget shall be submitted to the Secretary who will publicly post it no less than 2 weeks prior to the meeting at which the budget vote will take place. The budget vote will take place at the last GSC Senate meeting prior to the beginning of the University fiscal year. Ratification of the budget shall require a two-thirds majority of Senators present at the meeting. Any subsequent modifications to the budget are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. A public announcement shall be made and the proposed modification shall be made available to the public no less than 2 weeks prior to the meeting at which the budget modification vote shall take place. The Treasurer shall ensure that GSC funds are only used in accordance with the budget. In addition, the Treasurer shall submit a report outlining the financial status of the GSC government each month to the GSC Senate and copies of this report shall be made available to the public. The Treasurer is encouraged to attend meetings of the GSC Senate but shall have no voting privileges in Senate meetings. Additionally, the Treasurer shall serve on at least one university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Secretary shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interests of the GSC when attending a university committee.

4. Terms and Succession:

(a) Terms:

1. The terms of each office of the GSC shall be for one calendar year immediately following the Spring commencement exercises of the University.
2. Subject to the advice and consent of the Dean of the Graduate School, the outgoing Executive Officers shall, by a unanimous vote, determine the distribution of the stipend awarded to the Executive Officers for the following school year by the Graduate School.

(b) Succession:

In the event that the President is unable to fulfill the duties of the office for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the duties of Acting President as outlined in Article V, Section 3, Subsection (b). In the event that the Vice President is also unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the office of President, the order of succession shall be as follows: Secretary, Treasurer. In the event that any of the other GSC Executive Officers is unable to fulfill the duties of their respective office, the President shall appoint a qualified graduate student to assume the duties of the respective office in an acting role for a period not to exceed seven (7) weeks. If removal or resignation occurs before the last full month of the semester, that individual will be asked to

return a portion of their stipend received for that semester, as deemed appropriate by the majority of the remaining Executive Council and the Graduate School Dean. The position opening shall be publicly announced within twenty-four (24) hours of vacancy and any person wishing to become a candidate for election to any GSC office must announce their intention to run by notifying the GSC Secretary by 6 PM on the date that falls two (2) weeks from the date of the announcement. All candidates are expected to submit a platform that describes his/her past GSC involvement as well as mention of future plans if elected. All candidates will submit their platform electronically to the GSC. The GSC Senate shall conduct elections to fill the vacated office at the meeting following this deadline.

5. Impeachment:

At their option, any officer, Senator, or member of the GSC may petition the Senate for impeachment proceedings against any current officer of the GSC if just cause is believed to exist. Impeachment of any officer shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the filled Senate seats at the time of the vote. Impeachment proceedings shall follow the general protocol outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, Article XIII, Section 75.

6. Associate Officer Directorships:

(a) Selection ,Terms and Duties

There shall be a body of Associate Officers (Directors) whose function shall be to aid the GSC Executive in discharging its responsibilities in the most effective manner possible. Terms of Associate Officers will parallel that of the selecting Executive Officers. Applications for Directorships shall be provided to the newly elected Executive Officers via e-mail or campus mail within two weeks of the Executive election. The Executive Officers will select the Associate Officers from the pool of submitted applications prior to the beginning of their term. Directors will have no voting rights. Senators holding these elected chair positions shall be considered "Senators-at-large" with full voting privileges in the Senate. Senators holding Associate Officer positions shall be required to meet the same requirements as Executive Officers as defined in Article V, section 3, subsection (b). The Executive Officers may create or eliminate Directorships as required for the general maintenance of the GSC. The Executive Officers shall fill such posts by requesting applications from the general Senate and selecting from among the qualified applicants. Any remuneration to Associate Officers for their service will be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate in as much as it shall be a component of the duly ratified annual budget. The Associate Officer Directorships of the GSC Senate are:

1. Director of Public Relations and Liaisons: This Director will aid in increasing the University and public awareness of the GSC and its activities. Specific duties include assisting in the placement of articles in newspapers and in the production of the GSC newsletter. This position also entails monitoring and reporting of the various graduate student/professional member organizations to ensure that these groups are represented in the GSC. In addition, this individual will ensure that the concerns of each of these groups are voiced to the Executive Council.

2. Director of Social and Philanthropic Affairs: This Director will be responsible for planning and organizing social events (e.g., Welcome Back picnic, socials, etc.) as well as philanthropic events (e.g., blood drive).
3. Director of Graduate Affairs: This Director will establish or revise the solicitation and review procedures of the graduate research fund and will manage the review and award processes. In addition, this individual will lead efforts for obtaining money for the research fund, as well as working with the University Libraries on graduate student issues.
4. Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs: This Director is responsible for overseeing judicial and constitutional matters, including elections. In addition, this Director will aid in the establishment and oversight of all committees, promoting senatorial involvement in the various committees and recruiting Senators from each department.
5. Director of Technology: This director is responsible for the maintenance of the GSC website, as well as the GSC Service Center. In addition, this Director will maintain all other technology owned by the GSC.

(b) Duties and Removal

Associate Officers shall be requested but not required to attend all functions of the GSC including the Executive Council meetings and the Senate meetings. As part of the Executive Council, they are required to submit a summary report to the Secretary before the Executive Council meetings and follow up with a detailed written or oral description of the report at the Senate meeting. Should the Executive Officers feel that an Associate Officer is not fulfilling their requirements as outlined below and in the general requirements, the Executive Council may by majority vote in regular session issue a written warning to that Director. If there is a second occurrence of neglect, the Executive Council may, by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Executive Council not sooner than 30 days after the first sanction was delivered to the Director in question, act to remove and replace that Director. If removal or resignation occurs before the last full month of the semester, any compensation shall be prorated on a monthly basis.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the filled Senate seats at the time of the vote. The Secretary shall make a public announcement and send written notice of proposed amendments to Senators through campus mail and/or electronic mail. Any proposed amendments shall be made public at least one week prior to the meeting at which the amendments are to be considered.

ARTICLE VII- MEETINGS

1. Conduct:

All meetings of the GSC Senate and Executive Council are to be conducted in an orderly and timely manner. A roll call shall be taken by the Secretary during all scheduled meetings for attendance records.

2. Schedule:

The Executive Council shall meet at least once per month during the Fall and Spring semesters. The GSC Senate shall also meet at least once monthly during the Fall and Spring semesters. If just cause exists, special sessions of the Senate may be called by any of the officers with unanimous approval of the Executive Council members. The Executive Council must contact the members of the Senate in writing and by electronic mail and make public announcement of the special session within 24 hours of approving the call to session.

3. Elections:

a. For the purpose of validating Senate votes, a quorum shall be defined as being equal to or greater than fifty percent plus one of all filled Senate seats at the time of the vote. With the exception of votes requiring a two-thirds vote elsewhere in this Constitution, all votes shall be resolved through a quorum vote.

b. Voting by proxy: Senate alternates may serve as proxy for elected Senators in any and all elections of the Graduate Student Council Senate.

c. Absentee ballots: Senators may vote by absentee ballot in Executive Officer elections and Constitutional amendment votes. Senators must request an absentee ballot no less than 30 days prior to the election. The Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs shall provide the absent Senator with an absentee ballot by postal mail no less than two weeks prior to the election. Absentee ballots must be marked and signed by the Senator and submitted to the GSC by postal mail postmarked no later than midnight, one week prior to the day of the vote.

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF ADVISORS

1. Constitution:

The Board of Advisors of the GSC shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate School, an Associate or Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or his or her designate, one faculty member of the Graduate Council, one member of the graduate faculty who is not a member of the Graduate Council, and all former Presidents of the GSC who are not currently holding an office in the Executive or Legislative branches of the GSC, are currently enrolled in the Graduate School, are in "good standing" as defined by the Graduate School and have fulfilled their entire term(s) of office. Presidents who did not fulfill their entire term(s) may gain admission to the Board by the provisions in Article VIII, Section 3, Subsection (c).

2. Function:

The Board of Advisors shall advise the Executive and Legislative branches of the GSC and help ensure continuity of the GSC between academic years.

3. Selection:

(a) The representatives from the Graduate School, the Office of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and the Graduate Council may be selected by any means deemed appropriate by that group of administrators or faculty.

(b) The GSC President shall nominate the representative from the general graduate faculty for a two-year term. The nominee will sit on the Board after the Graduate Student Senate approves the nomination by a simple majority vote.

(c) GSC Presidents shall join the Board of Advisors as Past-Presidents immediately upon fulfilling their terms of office. A Past-President who becomes a Senator, Committee Chair, or Officer must suspend membership on the Board. The membership automatically resumes when the term of office ends. A President who did not fulfill his or her term(s) of office may petition the Graduate Student Senate for membership on the Board. The Senate may elect a petitioner to the Board with a simple majority vote. A President who was removed from office through impeachment, however, may not sit on the Board. A Past-President who suspends membership on the Board to become a Senator, Committee Chair, or Officer (except President) and did not fulfill the term of that office may sit on the Board once again with the approval of the Chair of the Board of Advisors or by petitioning the Graduate Student Senate for membership on the Board. The Senate may elect a petitioner to the Board with a simple majority vote.

4. Duties:

The Dean of the Graduate School shall be the Chair of the Board of Advisors and may appoint a substitute Chair from within the Board to act as Chair in his or her absence. The Board shall meet with the Executive GSC Officers at least once each Fall and Spring Semester to discuss the state of the GSC. The Board may advise and meet with the Graduate Student Senate and any of its members at any time. The Senate may exclude the Board from a session of the Graduate Student Senate by a two-thirds majority vote. Should the GSC fail to elect new officers after the election time stated in Article V, Section 3, Subsection (a) of the GSC Constitution and the Senate fails to take action to choose new officers for the upcoming school year by the end of that Spring semester, the Board may appoint new GSC officers for the upcoming school year. They may charge the new officers with the responsibilities of the Senate election process.

Amendment 1

Article V, section 3, subsection a:

(changing eligibility for Executive Officers to increase pool of candidates)

Change:

Candidates eligible for election to the office of President or Vice President shall include all current and former Executive Officers and Associate Officers (Directors) who are graduate students in "good standing" as defined by the Graduate School. Candidates eligible for election to the office of Treasurer or Secretary shall include all current and former Senators, alternates, Executive Officers, and Associate Officers (Directors) of the GSC who are graduate students in "good standing" as defined by the Graduate School and who have served in their official GSC Senatorial capacity for no less than one full semester. Former officers must have completed a full term of service, extending from an official election to the end of an academic year, in their position to be eligible to run for office. In addition, all candidates for executive office must intend to be registered as a full or part-time graduate student in the upcoming school year and must have completed a minimum of seven (7) graduate hours by the time the term of office begins. Current officers shall not be eligible to be elected as Senators or alternates in the annual Senate elections except in the event that the respective department puts forward no other suitable representative.

To:

Candidates eligible for Executive Officer and Associate Officer positions must anticipate registration as a graduate student for the entire upcoming academic year and be in "good standing" as defined by the Graduate School.

Candidates eligible for election to the offices of President or Vice President shall include all current and former GSC Executive Officers, Associate Officers, Senators, and Senator Alternates who have served in the aforementioned capacity for at least one (1) semester. In addition, all candidates for election to the offices of President or Vice President must have completed a minimum of seven (7) graduate hours by the time the term of office begins.

Candidates eligible for election to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall include all graduate students who have completed a minimum of seven (7) graduate hours by the time the term of office begins.

Amendment 2

Article V, Section 3, Subsection b, Part 2

(changing President committee requirements – current and past Presidents have served on 3 or more committees)

Change:

The President shall serve on at least three university committees and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions.

To:

The President shall serve on at least two (2) university committees and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions.

Amendment 3

Article V, Section 3, Subsection b, Part 4

(changing Secretary duties to handle deletion of Director positions
*addressed later)

Change:

4. The Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform a roll call of all meetings of the GSC Executive Council meetings and Senate meetings and keep such memoranda of GSC activities as may be necessary. The Secretary shall have no voting privileges within the Senate. The Secretary shall also be ultimately responsible for ensuring that all GSC Senators, graduate coordinators, and general membership are notified of upcoming activities. The Secretary shall serve on at least one university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Secretary shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interest of the GSC when attending a university committee.

To:

4. The Secretary shall perform a roll call and make record of the proceedings of all meetings of the GSC Executive Council and GSC Senate. The Secretary shall also keep such memoranda of GSC activities as deemed necessary. The Secretary is responsible for overseeing judicial and constitutional matters, including Executive Officer and Senator elections. The Secretary is responsible for recruiting and managing relations with GSC Senators. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible

for ensuring that all GSC Officers, GSC Senators, graduate coordinators, and general members are appropriately notified of upcoming events. The Secretary shall serve on at least one (1) university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Secretary shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interest of the GSC when attending a university committee.

Amendment 4

Article V, Section 6, Subsection a
(changing Director requirements to increase pool of applicants)

Change:

The Executive Officers shall fill such posts by requesting applications from the general Senate and selecting from among the qualified applicants.

To:

The Executive Officers shall fill such posts by requesting applications from the general membership and selecting from among qualified applicants.

Amendment 5

Article V, Section 6, Subsection a, Part 1
(deletion of Director position due to budgetary constraints, and subsequent typographical edit for use in new document *responsibilities of former Director are logically distributed to other positions)

Delete:

1. Director of Public Relations and Liaisons: This Director will aid in increasing the University and public awareness of the GSC and its activities. Specific duties include assisting in the placement of articles in newspapers and in the production of the GSC newsletter. This position also entails monitoring and reporting of the various graduate student/professional member organizations to ensure that these groups are represented in the GSC. In addition, this individual will ensure that the concerns of each of these groups are voiced to the Executive Council.

Add:

1. Director of Graduate Affairs: This Director will establish or revise the solicitation and review procedures of the graduate research fund and will

manage the review and award processes. In addition, this individual will lead efforts for obtaining money for the research fund. This Director shall serve on at least one (1) university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Director shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interest of the GSC when attending a university committee.

Amendment 6

Article V, Section 6, Subsection a, Part 2

(typographical edit for use in new document reflecting additional duties)

Change:

2. Director of Social and Philanthropic Affairs: This Director will be responsible for planning and organizing social events (e.g., Welcome Back picnic, socials, etc.) as well as philanthropic events (e.g., blood drive).

To:

2. Director of Social and Philanthropic Affairs: This Director will be responsible for planning and organizing social events (e.g., Welcome Back picnic, socials, etc.) as well as philanthropic events (e.g., blood drive). This Director shall serve on at least one (1) university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Director shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interest of the GSC when attending a university committee.

Amendment 7

Article V, Section 6, Subsection a, Part 3

(typographical edit for use in new document reflecting page shift and additional duties)

Delete:

3. Director of Graduate Affairs: This Director will establish or revise the solicitation and review procedures of the graduate research fund and will manage the review and award processes. In addition, this individual will lead efforts for obtaining money for the research fund, as well as working with the University Libraries on graduate student issues.

Add:

3. Director of Technology: This director is responsible for the maintenance of the GSC website, as well as the GSC Service Center. In addition, this Director will maintain all other technology owned by the GSC. This Director shall serve on at least one (1) university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Director shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interest of the GSC when attending a university committee.

Amendment 8

Article V, Section 6, Subsection a, Part 4

(deletion of Director position due to budgetary constraints, and subsequent typographical edit for use in new document *responsibilities of former Director are logically distributed to other positions)

Delete:

4. Director of Senatorial and Judicial Affairs: This Director is responsible for overseeing judicial and constitutional matters, including elections. In addition, this Director will aid in the establishment and oversight of all committees, promoting senatorial involvement in the various committees and recruiting Senators from each department.

Add:

4. Director of Women's Affairs: This Director is responsible for the full management of the Graduate Women's Group (GWG). The Director will develop goals for the GWG and manage execution to meet these goals. This Director shall serve on at least one (1) university committee and report thereon to the GSC any pertinent information or decisions. The Director shall vote in a manner deemed to serve the best interest of the GSC when attending a university committee.

Amendment 9

Article V, Section 6, Subsection a, Part 5

(deletion of Article due to lack of need for the Article *prior text was shifted or deleted)

Delete (entirely): Article V, Section 6, Subsection a, Part 5

Amendment 10

Article IV, Section 3, B:

Duties: The GSC Senate acts as a representative body for the graduate students of the University. Senators are to represent the graduate students of their respective departments in a manner deemed to be fair and responsible in matters of the GSC Senate. It is expected that each Senator keep up with GSC Issues and activities and give a "good faith" effort to attend all senate meetings throughout their terms. Regardless, Senators are required to attend half of all senate meetings scheduled during the Fall and Spring Semesters to retain their position or be subject to impeachment.

To be amended to read:

Article IV, Section 3, B:

Duties: The GSC Senate acts as a representative body for the graduate students of the University. Senators are to represent the graduate students of their respective departments in a manner deemed to be fair and responsible in matters of the GSC Senate. It is expected that each Senator keep up with GSC Issues and activities and give a "good faith" effort to attend all senate meetings throughout their terms. *Regardless, Senators are required to attend half of all senate meetings scheduled during the Fall and Spring semesters, without missing two consecutive meetings in a semester, to retain their position or they will be subject to impeachment.*

Amendment 11

Article V, Section 3, Subsection B. Part 5:

Duties: The secretary shall perform a roll call and make record of the proceedings of all meetings of the GSC Executive Council and GSC Senate.

To be amended to read:

Article V, Section 3, Subsection B. Part 5:

Duties: The secretary shall perform a roll call and make record of the proceedings of all meetings of the GSC Executive Council and GSC Senate *and has to publish tentative minutes to the GSC Website until official approval by the Senate.*

Amendment 12

Elections for the GSC Executive Officers shall be held the second Tuesday of April each calendar year. The Secretary of the Graduate Student Council shall notify graduate program coordinators of the date of elections and qualifications candidates for executive office must possess. Publicity announcing the date of elections and qualifications by the GSC must be disseminated no later than the first Monday in March of each calendar year.

Amendment 13

Elections for the Graduate Student Council Senate shall be held the first Tuesday of September. In the event that two candidates receive the same number of votes and are eligible for the post of Senator or Senator Alternate a runoff election shall be held on the following Thursday. In the event the runoff election results in a tie the graduate program coordinator for the department shall cast the deciding vote.

Amendment 14

Elections for the Senate of the Graduate Student Council shall be held by means of electronic method. The Secretary of the Graduate Student Council shall authorize through the Information Technology Department of the University of Mississippi access to myOleMiss. Nominations for Departmental Senators shall be made by Graduate Program Coordinators or graduate students enrolled in the program from which they nominate a fellow student. If more than one student for the office is nominated, the individual receiving the most votes shall be Senator and the first runner up shall be Senator Alternate.