

Graduate Professionals in Student Affairs (GPSA) Constitution

Article I

Name: The name of this organization shall be Graduate Professionals in Student Affairs.

Article II

Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to provide community, mentorship, and professional development opportunities for those interested in a career in student affairs.

Article III

Officers:

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The qualifications for officers in this organization shall be full time graduate students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and in good standing with the university.

Section 3. The duties of these officers shall include but not be limited to the following:

- The President shall serve as the head of operations, organizing and delegating primary responsibilities among other officers and members. The president, or their designee, will serve as the representative for the organization at GPSGA meetings
- The Vice President shall oversee the orientation of the incoming first-year cohort and preside over meetings in the absence of the president.
- The Secretary will handle all documentation and will record all meetings in minutes and distribute to members in a timely fashion. The Secretary shall also file organizational reports with the Department of Campus Life as outlined in Article VIII of this constitution.
- The Treasurer shall record all financial transactions of the organization, collect dues approved by the membership, and attend the annual Treasurer's workshop provided by the Department of Leadership and Campus Life.

Section 4. The elections of this organization will be held at the end of each fall semester with new officer installment in the spring. Elections shall be conducted by a vote of the membership. Vacancies will be elected by the current membership. Terms of office shall be one calendar year.

Section 5. The Faculty Advisor shall be selected by a majority vote of the officers. The Faculty Advisor shall be a full-time faculty or staff member of OSU who demonstrates care and consideration for the growth of professionals in student affairs.

Section 6. The Vice President shall chair the Orientation Committee. The Orientation Committee will consist of three people who will be appointed from the membership.

Article IV

Quorum: A quorum for this organization shall be a simple majority (50% + 1).

Article V

Membership: Full membership in GPSA will require a graduate GPA of 3.0 and an interest in student affairs. Associate membership shall be made available to any student at OSU with a general interest in the field of student affairs.

Article VI

Dues: Dues will be collected according to the bylaws.

Article VII

ByLaws: A bylaw may be passed at any regular meeting of the organization by a majority vote of those in attendance, providing a quorum is present.

Article VIII

Reports to Campus Life Office:

Section 1. At the beginning of the fall semester, Graduate Professionals in Student Affairs shall report the name of officers and advisors to the Department of Leadership and Campus Life and shall promptly report any changes that occur during the school year.

Section 2. At the beginning of the fall semester, Graduate Professionals in Student Affairs will file with the Department of Leadership and Campus Life a signed "Affirmation of Compliance."

Section 3. The funds of Graduate Professionals in Student Affairs, if any, will be deposited with the University banking services and these may be audited yearly, preferably at the time a new treasurer is installed.

Section 4. It is understood that failure to submit such materials, either through continued negligence or willful omission, may result in the suspension of the charter of this organization by the Committee on Student Organizations.

Article IX

Amendments:

At least 2/3 of the membership must approve a proposed change to this constitution. All changes must be submitted to the Department of Leadership and Campus Life for approval by the Committee on Student Organizations.