Whereas, the purpose of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) is to serve as a liaison among the student governments of the graduate and professional schools of the University of Pennsylvania, and represent the concerns of graduate and professional students to the University administration.

Whereas, technology is rapidly changing how the world votes in elections, participates in meetings, and communicates.

Whereas, in the constitutions and/or bylaws from all 8 members of the Ivy League’s graduate and professional assemblies—only one university addresses technology; its use in e-voting; its use in attending meetings; and the appointment of a Chair of Information for technology.

Whereas, in the constitutions and bylaws from all 8 members of the Ivy League’s undergraduate student government bodies—two universities address technology: the appointment of a Technology Communications Director and an IT committee.

Whereas, in the constitutions and bylaws from the top leading technical institute’s graduate and professional assembly and undergraduate student government body—there is no mention of technology.

Whereas, the University of Pennsylvania along with other top universities have the unique opportunity for leading the world with new ideas, innovation, and pioneering change.

Therefore, let it be resolved, to include in GAPSA’s constitution and/or bylaws the important topic of technology; its use in e-voting; its use in attending meetings; and the appointment of a director or chair for information and technology.
Therefore, let it be further resolved, to discuss as a topic at the 2021 Ivy+Summit the importance for all 8 members of the Ivy League’s graduate and professional assemblies to amend their constitutions and/or bylaws to include the topic of technology.

Therefore, let it be further resolved, to discuss as a topic at the 2021 Ivy+Summit the importance for all 8 members of the Ivy League’s graduate and professional assemblies, to communicate with their undergraduate student government bodies respectively on the importance to amend their constitutions and/or bylaws to include the topic of technology.