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Abstract

The ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Revisions was constituted by the GAPSA General Assembly on October 12, 2022 to review the GAPSA Constitution and recommend amendments.

These amendments create a new Article XII for document and supremacy rules, enable the General Assembly to unilaterally amend the Bylaws of constituent organs, clarify and reorganize existing rules and practices with respect to (e.g., records, publication, and notice requirements), implement annual reapportionment of the General Assembly, clarify the quorum threshold, consolidate use of “Division” and “Division leadership” instead of “Committee”, replace “Subcommittee” with “Committee”, change the preposition used in the styles of Vice Presidents from “of” to “for”, rewrite the sections describing the removal of members of and vacancies on the Executive Board to make them more concise, rewrite the section describing the appointment process for Directors to make it more concise, and generally improve concision, clarity, and style.

The amendments render the Constitution almost a page and a half shorter.

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RESOLVED, by the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly of the University of Pennsylvania,

Section 1. That the amendments in this instrument are applied sequentially and take effect simultaneously, even if this instrument is divided and voted on in separate questions at the same meeting; all punctuation included quotes is literal and interpreted as the content of the quote, not as part of the enacting sentence;

1 The New Article XII

Section 2. That the Constitution is amended—

(a) by redesignating Articles XII, XIII, and XIV, as Articles XIII, XIV, XV, respectively;
(b) by inserting a new Article designated Article XII and named “Authority” after Article XI;
(c) by adding section (A), named “Supremacy”, at the end of the new Article XII; and
(d) by inserting “The Constitution and Bylaws (a collective term for all Bylaws of any organ that conform to the Constitution), together with the Acts of the General Assembly made pursuant thereto, are the supreme rules of GAPSA per the Statutes of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania Article 9.6.” as paragraph (1) at the end of the new Article XII(A);

Section 3. That the Constitution is amended—

(a) by striking out “Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recently published edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, and other such rules as contained in this Constitution.” from Article II(D)(3);
(b) by striking out paragraph (4) of Article VII(D) and redesignating paragraph (4)(a) of Article VII(D) as paragraph (4); and
(c) by adding “The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern GAPSA and all its constituent organs (Boards, Divisions, Committees, Councils, etc) and officers in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and any Special Rules of Order the General Assembly may adopt.” as paragraph (2) at the end of Article XII(A) (as designated in section 2);

Section 4. That Article XII(A) (as designated in section 2) is amended by adding “The General Assembly is the final judge of the meaning of the rules. Rules are interpreted as to make them compatible with each other and derogate each other only in the case of irresoluble contradiction. Custom yields to written rule. General yields to specific. Inferior yields to superior. Later yields to earlier, unless passed either as or by the vote required
for the recission or amendment of the earlier. If certain things are specifically authorized, other things of the same class are thereby prohibited. Preambles (e.g., “whereas” clauses, abstracts) are of no binding effect.” as paragraph (3) at the end of the section;

Section 5. That Article XII (as designated in section 2) is amended by adding section (B), named “Records and Transparency”, at the end of the Article with the following paragraphs:

“(1) Publication

“(a) This Constitution, the Bylaws, any Special Rules of Order, the Standing Rules, the standing Acts of the General Assembly, the approved minutes of public sessions of the General Assembly, the proposed agendas of future General Assembly meetings, any announced or pending Bills in the General Assembly, every enacted (amended) version of the Budget for the current fiscal year (including, separately, secretarially corrected versions), the apportionment of the General Assembly, and the roll of General Assembly Representatives must be published on the GAPSA website.

“(b) The Article number and name containing the last body line of each page of this Constitution must be included in the header of every page of the published edition of this Constitution.

“(c) The subdivisions of all Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Special Rules of Order are identified in accordance with ISO 2145, that is, with Hindu-Arabic numerals delimited by periods, starting from 1 (except header or introductory subdivisions which are explicitly or implicitly zero (0)).

“(d) The final disposition (e.g., adopted, pending) and version number of every published or announced document must be unambiguously identified in the body of the same.

“(2) Notice

“(a) If a measure requires previous notice or announcement to the General Assembly, it must be either (1) sent by electronic mail to all members (voting and non-voting) of the General Assembly by the deadline to be valid and should simultaneously be sent to all members of GAPSA who have indicated a preference to receive updates on the proceedings of the General Assembly, (2) announced at a meeting of the General Assembly and entered on the minutes, or (3) delivered by a method the General Assembly has approved by three-fourths vote.

“(b) Any member of GAPSA has a right to have previous notice distributed to the membership of the General Assembly.

“(c) In accordance with Robert’s Rules, this notice is valid for amended proposals, provided the amended proposal is within the scope of and has magnitude of effect at most that given in the notice.

“(d) In accordance with Robert’s Rules, days of previous notice is computed by counting all calendar days (including holidays and weekends), excluding the day of the
meeting but including the day the notice is sent. The end of a calendar day is midnight.

“(3) The entire extant history of every official, secretarial document of GAPSA—the Constitution; Bylaws; Special Rules of Order; Standing Rules; Acts of the General Assembly and other organs; Budget; reports of officers and committees; minutes of the General Assembly, including those protected by the secrecy of a closed session; minutes of Councils, Divisions, and Committees; the apportionment of the General Assembly; the membership roll (voting and nonvoting) of the General Assembly, including contact information and complete attendance records; and all certificates of election, appointment, and proxy appointment of General Assembly Representatives—must be made available to members of the General Assembly upon request.

“(4) The minutes are the authoritative record of the Acts of the General Assembly; if it isn’t in the minutes, it didn’t happen. Draft minutes are to be sent promptly to the membership of the General Assembly, at most ten (10) days after the meeting they record. Errors or omissions in the minutes should be corrected as soon as they are noticed (with disputes decided by majority vote), preferably before the initial approval. The minutes of General Assembly meetings shall contain at least:

“(a) the kind (regular, continued, or special), time, and place of the meeting;

“(b) the attendance list including the names of (1) the officers acting as chair, secretary, and other officers of the assembly, (2) voting General Assembly members, noting the appointing organization they represent, the Council of which they are a member, and whether they attended in person, (3) students that are certified proxies of voting members, noting the member for which they proxy and certificate documenting the validity of the proxy appointment, (4) voting General Assembly members who are absent, noting the Council of which they are a member, (5) non-voting General Assembly members, and (6) any non-members of the General Assembly the memorialization of whose attendance is in the interest of the assembly or requested by the attendee, including also the total number of non-members of the General Assembly in attendance;

“(c) whether the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and whether they were corrected;

“(d) the complete substance of reports of committees and officers;

“(e) every main motion and resolution introduced, noting (1) the movant, (2) the verbatim, complete, and final text of the motion or resolution adopted or otherwise disposed of, (3) whether the motion was debated or amended, (4) the disposition of the motion (adopted, lost, laid on the table, postponed, postponed indefinitely, or referred to committee), and (5) if finally disposed of, the voting result, which is (i) in the case of an uncounted vote, the announced result from the chair, (ii) in the case of a counted vote, the numbers of votes on each side, (iii) in the case of a roll call vote, the vote (yes, no, or abstain) of every member present, or (iv) in the case of a balloted vote, unless otherwise directed by the Constitution or
Special Rules of Order, the full teller’s report which includes the total number of votes cast that indicate some preference, the threshold to pass, the number of votes on each side, and the number of illegal votes;

“(f) secondary motions such as suspend the rules, recess, and motions regarding the voting method;

“(g) every point of order and appeal from the decision of the chair, whether sustained (well taken) or lost (not well taken), and the reasoning given;

“(h) all notices of motions and the complete texts thereof, if appropriate;

“(i) the time of adjournment; and

“(j) the date of the meeting at which these minutes were approved.

2 Supremacy of the General Assembly

Section 6. That Article XII(A) (as designated in section 2) is amended by adding “The General Assembly may unilaterally amend the Bylaws of any other constituent organ, except GAP, of GAPSA that is authorized to have them by three-fourths vote, provided it does so explicitly, the organ has a reasonable opportunity to review and report on the proposed amendments, and the full text of the Bill containing proposed amendments is distributed with ten (10) days notice before the final vote.” as paragraph (4) at the end of the section;

Section 7. That Article V(C)(4) is amended by striking out “all relevant Constitutional restrictions, Bylaws, Committee policies, University regulations, and state, federal, or local laws, attached to such funds” and inserting “the GAPSA Constitution, Budget, and Bylaws, together with valid specific authorizations of spending and any provisions attached thereto; university regulations; and federal, state, or local laws”;

3 Article II

Section 8. That Article II(A) is amended—

(a) by striking out paragraphs (2), (2)(b), and (3);

(b) by inserting “Each graduate and professional school shall have one professional student representative for the first enrolled professional student and an additional professional student representative for every 300 professional students enrolled beyond the first and have one research student representative for the first enrolled research student and an additional research student representative for every 300 research students enrolled beyond the first. IDEAL constituencies shall collectively have at most eleven (11) representatives.” as paragraph (2);

(c) by striking out paragraph (4) and its sub paragraphs;
(d) by striking out “In April 2015 and in every fifth year thereafter” from paragraph (5) 
and inserting “By the end of February of every year”;

(e) by striking out paragraphs (6) and (6)(a);

(f) by striking out paragraph (7) and inserting it after “as appropriate.” in paragraph (5); 
and

(g) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (8) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

Section 9. That Article II(B)(2) is amended by inserting “General Assembly Representa-
tives shall hold their seats until the final adjournment of the General Assembly in the spring 
term and until their successors are elected.” at the end of the paragraph;

Section 10. That Article II(B)(3) is substituted by “The appointment or election of a 
representative is not valid until the receipt of documentation certifying the time and manner 
of the same by the Vice President for Operations.”;

Section 11. That Article II(B)(6) is amended by inserting “at least” before “one standing 
committee”;

Section 12. That Article II(C)(1) is amended by inserting “before the General Assembly” 
after “be given an opportunity to be heard”;

Section 13. That Article II(C)(5) is amended by striking out “the General Assembly has 
decided to dismiss one of its General Assembly Representatives” and inserting “one of its 
General Assembly Representatives has been dismissed”;

Section 14. That Article II(D)(2) and all its subparagraphs are substituted by “Meetings 
of the General Assembly are limited to ninety (90) minutes, unless extended by three-fourths 
vote.”;

Section 15. That Article II is amended—

(a) by striking out “Robert’s Rules of Order requiring a two-thirds vote for passage shall 
require the affirmative votes of three-fourths of all voting members present” in Article 
II(D)(3) and inserting “Robert’s Rules requiring a two-thirds vote shall require a three-
fourths vote instead”; and

(b) by substituting Article II(E)(6) by “In accordance with Robert’s Rules, motions to 
suspend the rules of procedure require a three-fourths vote.”;
Section 16. That Article II(D)(4) is substituted by “A quorum of the General Assembly exists when at least a majority of professional student school representatives and a majority of research student school representatives, and, collectively, General Assembly Representatives representing at least seven schools are present or represented by proxy. Vacant seats are ignored while quorum is counted.”;

Section 17. That Article II(D)(6) is amended by inserting “, the minutes of whose proceedings shall not be published and shall be a secret of members of the General Assembly” after “in closed session”;

Section 18. That Article II(D) is amended—

(a) by striking out “Draft resolutions shall be distributed to the General Assembly no less than thirty-six hours prior to a meeting. E-mail is an acceptable mode of communication with the General Assembly.” in paragraph (8);

(b) by striking out paragraph (9), striking out Article XIII(A)(2) (as designated in section 2) and substituting the header paragraph in Article XIII(A)(1) (as designated in section 2) by “This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the General Assembly, provided the full text of proposed amendment has been distributed with ten (10) days notice before the final vote. The final, adopted Bill amending the Constitution must be in writing and specify the exact textual changes to the GAPSA Constitution and also an official abstract of the changes made. For amendments adopted in 2023 or later, the count of the vote adopting it, including the number voting yes, no, and abstaining, must be recorded. Upon adoption, the Constitution is republished (1) as revised by the adopted changes, (2) with the official abstract (or full text of the amendment, if no official abstract is adopted by the same three-fourths vote) appended to Article XIII: Amendments, as a new section at the end with a paragraph for each “Resolved” clause or section of the instrument (dropping the enacting word “Resolved”), and (3) with the date of passage and the count of the vote adopting it (yes, no, abstain) appended as a subparagraph of this paragraph (Article XIII(A)(1)).”;

(c) by adding “Draft resolutions, that is, Bills, shall be distributed to the General Assembly no less than thirty-six hours prior to a meeting.” as paragraph (9);

(d) by striking out paragraph (10) and inserting “by an original main motion, provided the full text of proposed amendments is distributed with ten (10) days notice before the final vote. The full text of Bills that alter any spending authority, authorizations, or provisions must likewise be distributed with ten (10) days notice before the final vote” in Article VIII(A)(3) after “amend the budget at any time”;

(e) by substituting paragraph (11) by “Records of the General Assembly must be published per Article XII.”; and

(f) by redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12) as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively;
Section 19. That Article II(E)(3) is substituted by “Members of the Executive Board do not have a vote in the General Assembly by virtue of their executive position.”;

Section 20. That Article II(E)(5) is amended by inserting “Voting may be done by the raising of voting cards—provided they are distributed to all present voting members of the General Assembly before the vote—with proxy votes denoted in a tamper-resistant and nontransferable manner.” at the end of the paragraph;

Section 21. That Article II(E)(7) is amended by striking out “Section” and inserting “section”;

Section 22. That Article II is amended by striking out sections (G), (G)(1), (G)(2), (G)(3), and (G)(4), and inserting them, as sections (E), (E)(1), (E)(2), (E)(3), and (E)(4), respectively, (reserving sections (C) and (D) for later use) of Article XII (as designated in section 2);

4 Article III

Section 23. That Article III(A) is amended—

(a) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (5)(a) as paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (6)(a);

(b) by striking out the header body of the section and inserting it as paragraph (1);

(c) by naming the section “Executive Board Organization”;

(d) by striking out “Division Managers” in paragraph (1) (as amended above) and inserting “other Vice Presidents”;

(e) by striking out “in four Divisions” in paragraph (1) (as amended above) and inserting “according to the divisions”;

(f) by striking out two (3) instances of “divisions” (case-sensitive) in paragraph (1) (as amended above) and inserting “division leadership”;

(g) by striking out the remaining four (4) instances of “Division” in paragraph (1) (as amended above) and inserting “Division leadership”;

(h) by striking out paragraph (6)(a) (as designated in section 23(a)) and inserting it at the end of paragraph (6) (as designated in section 23(a));

(i) by striking out four (4) instances of “Division” in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) (as redesignated above) and inserting “Division leadership”; and

(j) by inserting “Each Vice President has joint and several responsibility for the execution of all the duties of the Directors in their division.” as paragraph (7) at the end of the section;
Section 24. That Article III(B)(1) is substituted by “The term of all elected or appointed executive officers is one year, beginning and ending at noon on May 15 and until their successors are elected.”;

Section 25. That Article III(B)(3) is amended by inserting “voting” before “member of the Executive Board shall have exactly one vote in all Executive Board matters.”;

Section 26. That Article III(B) is amended by striking out paragraph (4)(a) and inserting it at the end of paragraph (4);

Section 27. That Article III(B) is amended by striking out paragraph (5)(a) and inserting it at the end of paragraph (5);

Section 28. That Article III(B)(6) is amended by striking out “a Deputy Director” and inserting “Deputy Directors (who are styled: Deputy Director “of” the division in which they serve “for” the purpose for which they were appointed)”;

Section 29. That the Constitution is amended by striking out nine instances of “Executive Bylaws” in Articles III(C), III(C)(1), III(C)(2), III(C)(2)(a), III(C)(3), III(D)(1), III(D)(2), III(D)(3), and IV(A)(2)(c) and inserting “Executive Board Bylaws”;

Section 30. That Article III(C)(1) is amended by striking out subparagraph (b)(1) and inserting it at the end of subparagraph (b);

Section 31. That Article III(C)(2) is amended—

(a) by inserting “with ten (10) days notice of the full text of proposed amendments, both on the same language” after “amended by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board and a simple majority vote of the General Assembly”; and

(b) by striking out subparagraph (a);

Section 32. That Article III(D) is substituted (keeping the same name) by the following:

“(1) Executive Board members (i.e., The President, Vice Presidents, Council Chairs, and Directors) and other all other executive officers (e.g., Deputy Directors) of GAPSA may be involuntarily removed only by one of the procedures in this section and only for either violations of the Constitution or subsidiary rules, gross dereliction of duty, or professional misconduct. In all instances, officers must be given fourteen (14) days written notice specifying the violation(s) before the process may begin and granted an opportunity to be heard before the appropriate decision-making body. In accordance with Robert’s Rules, any member eligible to vote in removal proceedings may demand the vote be done by secret ballot.
“(2) All Executive Officers. Upon the initiative of ten (10) General Assembly Representatives approaching the President or the Executive Vice President, any executive officer of GAPSA may be removed by three-fourths vote of the General Assembly.

“(3) Directors. Upon the initiative of a Vice President, any Director of the same division may be removed by unanimous vote of the President, Vice Presidents, Council Chairs, and all other Directors of the division at a meeting of the Executive Board. The General Assembly may overturn this by three-fourths vote on appeal, provided the appeal is initiated before the replacement for the position has been elected or confirmed and the General Assembly had ten (10) days notice of the pending appeal.

“(4) Council Chairs. Upon the initiative of one-quarter of members (representing at least two schools) of a Council approaching the President, the Chair of the same Council may be removed by three-fourths vote of the Council.

Section 33. That Article III(E) is substituted (keeping the same name) by the following:

“(1) Should a vacancy occur or resignation accepted in the offices of the President, Vice Presidents, or Council Chairs, a special election shall be held at the next practical, regularly-scheduled General Assembly meeting, provided fourteen (14) and ten (10) days notice is given to the General Assembly and the GAPSA membership, respectively. The procedures of Article IV apply to these special elections, but in extenuating circumstances, they may be adjusted by two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.

“(2) The following interim appointments to vacant positions are valid until the election is held. Members of the Executive Board appointed to interim positions may continue to serve in their original position concurrently. The President (interim or elected) shall act with the powers and duties of any vacant position until an interim is appointed.

“(3) The Interim President shall be the Executive Vice President, or, if they are unwilling, one of the other Vice Presidents, appointed by majority vote of those Vice Presidents, or, if they are unwilling, a member of the Executive Board appointed by majority vote of the Executive Board.

“(4) The Interim Executive Vice President shall be one of the other Vice Presidents, appointed by the President and confirmed by majority vote of the Executive Board.

“(5) An Interim Vice President for some division shall be the Director of the same division appointed by the Executive Vice President and confirmed by majority vote of the Executive Board.

“(6) An Interim Director shall be a student appointed by the Vice President for the same division and confirmed by majority vote of the Executive Board. The Interim Director shall hold their seat until a full Article IV appointment process is held.
5 Article IV

Section 34. That Article IV(A)(1) is amended by striking out subparagraph (a)(1) and inserting it at the end of subparagraph (a);

Section 35. That Article IV(A)(3)(a) is amended by striking out “by the Director of Logistics with the appointing bodies” and inserting “by their appointing organizations with the Director of Logistics”;

Section 36. That Article IV(A)(3) is amended by striking out subparagraph (a)(1) and inserting “Members may appoint a proxy for the election subject to the rules for appointing proxies in ordinary meetings.” at the end of subparagraph (a);

Section 37. That Article IV(A)(3) is amended by striking out subparagraph (c)(1) and inserting it at the end of subparagraph (c);

Section 38. That Article IV(B)(1) is amended by striking out “, Executive Vice President, and the Division Managers as described in Article VI.A.1.” and inserting “and Vice Presidents as described in Article IV, section A, paragraph 1”;

Section 39. That Article IV(B)(2) is amended by striking out “in good standing of their respective Councils” and inserting “of the respective Councils who would at that time be eligible to vote in elections for the President and Vice Presidents”;

Section 40. That Article IV(B) is amended by striking out paragraphs (3) and (3)(a) and inserting “The process for Council Chair elections is determined by each Council and must be finalized, with any proposed changes approved by a three-fourths vote of the Council, at least ten (10) days before elections are held.” as paragraph (3);

Section 41. That Article IV(C) is substituted (keeping the same name) by the following:

“(1) Following the elections of their successors, the outgoing elected executive officers, or, in the case of a mid-year vacancy, the Executive Board, shall solicit applications for Director positions, submitted either digitally or on paper, to be open for at least one week.

“(2) The form and length of the application shall be described in the Executive Board Bylaws, and the process must be fully announced to the GAPSA membership ten (10) days before applications open.

“(3) An initial, non-binding review of and recommendation for the submitted applications may be made by outgoing elected executive officers and the members of the committee the Director would chair. The General Assembly shall be informed of the schedule for and be allowed to attend candidate interviews.
“(4) The newly elected executive officers, or, in the case of a mid-year vacancy, the Executive Board, alone shall conduct the final review and appointment of Director Nominees. Each Officer shall have one vote, with ties broken in favor of the Vice President in the Director’s division. With the consent of the candidate, they may be considered for any position. Appointments must be announced at least five (5) days before the final General Assembly meeting of the academic year.

“(5) Before they may take their offices, Director Nominees must be confirmed by majority vote of the General Assembly. If confirmation is refused, applications for those positions are reopened for at least one further week. The Executive Board may appoint a Director Nominee from among these who may serve in an interim capacity until confirmation at the next General Assembly meeting.

“(6) Amendments to this section made after the last meeting prior to the regular elections do not take effect for the current year’s appointment process.

6 Article V

Section 42. That the Constitution, Executive Board Bylaws, and Finance Committee Bylaws are amended—

(a) by striking out every instance (ninety-four (94) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Vice President of” in the Constitution and inserting “Vice President for”;

(b) by striking out every instance (eight (8) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Chair for Operations” in the Constitution (not including the abstracts of amendments in Article XIII (as designated in section 2)) and inserting “Vice President for Operations”;

(c) by striking out every instance (four (4) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Chair for Equity and Access” in the Constitution (not including the abstracts of amendments in Article XIII (as designated in section 2)) and inserting “Director of Equity and Access”;

(d) by striking out every instance (one (1) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Chair for International Affairs” in the Constitution (not including the abstracts of amendments in Article XIII (as designated in section 2)) and inserting “Director of International Student Affairs”;

(e) by striking out every instance (one (1) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Chair for Student Life” in the Constitution (not including the abstracts of amendments in Article XIII (as designated in section 2)) and inserting “Director of Student Wellness”;

(f) by striking out every instance (four (4) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Chair for Research Students” in the Constitution (not including the
abstracts of amendments in Article XIII (as designated in section 2)) and inserting “Chair of the Research Student Council”;

(g) by striking out every instance (one (1) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Chair for Professional Students” in the Constitution (not including the abstracts of amendments in Article XIII (as designated in section 2)) and inserting “Chair of the Professional Student Council”;

(h) by striking out every instance (twelve (12) in total before any amendments in this instrument) of “Vice President of” in the Executive Board Bylaws and inserting “Vice President for”; and

(i) by striking out “Vice President of Finance & Operations” in Finance Committee Bylaws Article 3.4.5 and inserting “Vice President for Finance”;

Section 43. That the Constitution and Executive Board Bylaws are amended—

(a) by striking out “Division Managers” in Article V(B)(2) and inserting “other Vice Presidents”;

(b) by striking out “Division of Finance” in Article V(C)(2) and inserting “Finance Division leadership”;

(c) by striking out “Division of Operations” in Article V(D)(2) and inserting “Operations Division leadership”;

(d) by striking out “in the Division of Operations” in Article V(D)(4)(b) and inserting “among the Operations Division leadership”;

(e) by striking out “Division of Advocacy” in Article V(E)(2) and inserting “Advocacy Division leadership”;

(f) by striking out “Division of Programming” in Article V(F)(2) and inserting “Programming Division leadership”;

(g) by striking out three (3) instances “in the Division of Finance” in Articles V(G)(2), V(H)(2), and V(I)(2) and inserting “among the Finance Division leadership”;

(h) by striking out three (3) instances “in the Division of Operations” in Articles V(J)(2), V(K)(2), and V(M)(2) and striking out one (1) instance of “in the Operations Division” in Article V(L)(2) and inserting (in all four (4) instances) “among the Operations Division leadership”;

(i) by striking out four (4) instances “in the Division of Advocacy” in Articles V(N)(2), V(O)(2), V(P)(2), and V(Q)(2) and inserting “among the Advocacy Division leadership”;

(j) by striking out three (3) instances “in the Division of Programming” in Articles V(R)(2), V(S)(2), and V(T)(2) and inserting “among the Programming Division leadership”;

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(k) by striking out “Division Manager” in Article VI(B)(1) and striking out “Division” in Article VI(B)(1) and inserting (in both instances) “Division”;

(l) by striking out three (3) instances of “Division of Finance” in Articles VII(A)(7), VII(B)(7), and VII(C)(7);

(m) by striking out “Division of Finance” in Article VIII(C)(2);

(n) by striking out all instances (nine (9) in total) of “Division Manager” (or “Division Managers”) (including alternately capitalized variants) in the Executive Board Bylaws and inserting “Vice President” (or “Vice Presidents”);

(o) by striking out all instances (twenty (20) in total) of “Division” (or “Divisions”) (including alternately capitalized variants) in the Executive Board Bylaws and inserting “division leadership” (capitalizing it only if it is at the start of a sentence);

Section 44. That Article V(A) is amended—

(a) by striking out “set” in paragraph (2)(a) and inserting “propose”;

(b) by striking out “all” in paragraph (2)(a); and

(c) by inserting “or as directed by the Constitution or Bylaws” after “unless they designate another Executive Board member to do so” in paragraph (2)(a);

Section 45. That Article V(A) is amended by striking out paragraph (6)(a) and inserting it at the end of paragraph (6);

Section 46. That Article V(A)(8) is amended by striking out “the Executive Vice President shall act as Interim President until a special election can be held at a subsequent General Assembly meeting. If the Executive Vice President is unable or unwilling to serve as Interim President,”;

Section 47. That Article V(A)(8) is amended by striking out “Section E, Paragraph 2” and inserting “section E”;

Section 48. That Article V is amended by striking out two (2) instances of “Deputy Director of Interschool Partnership” in sections (B)(3) and (C)(5) and inserting “Deputy Director for Interschool Partnership”;

Section 49. That Article V(D)(4) is amended by striking out six (6) instances of “Deputy Director of Technology” in the header paragraph and subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and inserting “Deputy Director for Technology”;

Section 50. That Article V(D)(4) is amended by striking out “Section B, Paragraph 6” and inserting “section B, paragraph 6”;
Section 51. That Article V(J)(3) is substituted (both the header paragraph and all its subparagraphs) by:

“(3) The Director of Logistics is responsible for the correctness, preservation, access, announcement, and publication of all official GAPSA records in accordance with the Constitution. In Particular, they shall—

“(a) Publish records per Article XII(B)(1).

“(b) Execute notices in the manner required for notice per Article XII(B)(2) within 48 hours or before the relevant deadline, whichever is later, (or another period as they may previously determine and announce) of their receipt from members of GAPSA.

“(c) Maintain and preserve records of all official, secretarial documents of GAPSA as defined in Article XII(B)(3); Integrate current year records into historical records received from the predecessor and transmit the complete record to the successor; Enable access to these records per Article XII(B)(3) by members of the General Assembly.

“(d) Record the minutes of General Assembly and Executive Board meetings per the specification in Article XII(B)(4); Send out draft minutes per Article XII(B)(4).

“(e) Collect the minutes of all Council, Committee, and Subcommittee meetings and publish them.

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Section 52. That Article V(J)(6) is amended by striking out “body” and inserting “organization”;

7 Article VI

Section 53. That Article VI is renamed “Divisions and Committees”;

Section 54. That Article VI(A) is amended by substituting the header paragraph by “Standing Divisions and Committees. The four divisions are (standing) committees in the parliamentary sense. Members of a committee within a division are members also of the division. Any nonspecific reference to “committee” (e.g., in “standing committee” or “committee bylaws”) refers also to divisions. Any reference to the Finance, Operations, Advocacy, or Programming Committee refers identically to the division of the same name.”;

Section 55. That Article VI(A)(1) is amended by striking out “Finance Committee” in the header paragraph as well as three instances of “Division of Finance” in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) and inserting “Finance Division”;
Section 56. That Article VI(A)(2) is amended by striking out “Operations Committee” in the header paragraph as well as three instances of “Division of Operations” in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) and inserting “Operations Division”;

Section 57. That Article VI(A)(3) is amended by striking out “Advocacy Committee” in the header paragraph as well as two instances of “Division of Advocacy” in subparagraphs (a) and (b) and one instance of “Advocacy Division” in subparagraph (c) and inserting “Advocacy Division”;”;

Section 58. That Article VI(A)(4) is amended by striking out “Programming Committee” in the header paragraph as well as three instances of “Division of Programming” in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) and inserting “Programming Division”;

Section 59. That the Constitution is amended by striking out all instances of “subcommittee” (case insensitive) (62 in total in the body of the Constitution before any amendments in this instrument, 61 in total after the amendment to Article IV(C) in section 41) and inserting “committee” (keeping the same capitalization);

Section 60. That Article VI(B) is amended by striking out “shall maintain a copy of its” and inserting “is authorized to have and shall maintain”;

Section 61. That Article VI(B) is amended by striking out paragraph (1)(a) and inserting it at the end of paragraph (1);

Section 62. That Article VI(B)(2) is substituted by “The Bylaws of any Division or Committee may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the committee and a majority vote of the General Assembly with ten (10) days notice of the full text of proposed amendments, both on the same text, provided the change is communicated publicly.”;

8 Article VII

Section 63. That Article VII(D)(1) is substituted by “Meetings of each Council shall be limited to sixty (60) minutes, unless extended by two-thirds vote.”;

Section 64. That Article VII(D)(2) is amended by striking out “Professional Student Council, the Research Student Council, or the IDEAL Student Council” and inserting “Council”;

Section 65. That Article VII(D)(3) is substituted by “A majority of each Council may vote to cede all or a portion of its meeting time to the General Assembly.”;
Section 66. The Article VII(D)(4) (as amended in section 3) is substituted by “Each Council may by majority vote designate one if its members to serve as its parliamentarian.”

Section 67. That Article VII(D)(5) is substituted by “Each Council may establish and abolish ad hoc or standing committees of itself.”;

Section 68. That Article VII(D)(6) is substituted by “Each Council shall provide to the General Assembly, in January and April, a public report summarizing its work throughout the academic year.”;

9 Article VIII

Section 69. That Article VIII(B) is amended by striking out paragraph (1)(a) and inserting it at the end of paragraph (1);

Section 70. That Article VIII(C)(4) is amended by striking out “delegated” and inserting “designated”;

10 Bylaws

Section 71. That the Table of Contents of the Executive Board Bylaws is corrected by relabeling “Article VII” as “Elections” and relabeling “Article IX” as “Sanctions”;

Section 72. That Article 3.3.1.3 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out two instances of “deputies” and inserting “Deputy Directors and Deputy Chairs”;

Section 73. That Article 4.1.7 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out “The Chair is responsible for conducting the meetings in accordance with the most recently published edition of Robert’s Rules of Order and other rules established in the GAPSA Constitution, Bylaws, and policies.”;

Section 74. That Article 4.1.2.1 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out “session of the General Assembly is defined as” and inserting “General Assembly is in session from”;

Section 75. That Article 4.6.1 of the Executive Board Bylaws is struck out, and Articles 4.6.2 and 4.6.3 (and its subdivisions) are redesignated 4.6.1 and 4.6.2, respectively;

Section 76. That Article 4.6.1 (as designated in section 75) is amended by inserting “voting” after “Executive Board”;
Section 77. That Article 4.6.2 (as designated in section 75) is amended by adding “In accordance with GAPSA Constitution Article III, section B, paragraph 3 and Robert’s Rules, appointed proxies shall not have additional votes.”;

Section 78. That Article 4.2.3 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out “Appointed Deputies of Councils and Committees, as defined in GAPSA’s Constitution,” and inserting “Deputy Directors and Deputy Chairs”;

Section 79. That Article 5.3 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out “Deputy” and inserting “Deputy Chair”;

Section 80. That Article 5.3.1 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out “deputy” and inserting “Deputy Chair”;

Section 81. That Article 7.1.1.4 of the Executive Board Bylaws is amended by striking out “Deputies” and inserting “Deputy Directors”;

Section 82. That the Executive Board Bylaws are amended by adding “All references to “supermajority” or “super-majority” votes in these Bylaws shall be interpreted as meaning two-thirds votes.” as Article 11.3;

Section 83. That Article 5.10.6 of the Finance Committee Bylaws is amended by striking out “supermajority” and inserting “a two-thirds vote”;

11 Enactment

Section 84. That the General Assembly asserts the force of the previously adopted Bylaws as motions adopted with three-fourths majorities;

Section 85. That measures previously passed in accordance with the Constitution at the time of passage that conflict with the Constitution as amended by this instrument shall remain in effect for the remainder of the academic year in which this instrument is adopted;

Section 86. That the official abstract of these amendments is “These amendments create a new Article XII for document and supremacy rules, enable the General Assembly to unilaterally amend the Bylaws of constituent organs, clarify and reorganize existing rules and practices with respect to (e.g., records, publication, and notice requirements), implement annual reapportionment of the General Assembly, clarify the quorum threshold, consolidate use of “Division” and “Division leadership” instead of “Committee”, replace “Subcommittee” with “Committee”, change the preposition used in the styles of Vice Presidents from “of” to “from”, rewrite the sections describing the removal of members of and vacancies on the Executive Board to make them more concise, rewrite the section describing the appointment
process for Directors to make it more concise, and generally improve concision, clarity, and style.”;