Whereas the duties and powers of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch are not extensively defined in the Constitution;

Whereas the role of the Legislative Branch as the primary authority of CGSG is not clearly understood;

Whereas the Executive Branch has overstepped its intended authority on occasion;

Whereas reforms to the roles of these respective branches will allow CGSG to more closely and accurately represent the will and views of the Graduate Student Body;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate assembled,

That the Constitution of the Graduate Student Body be amended as follows;

That Section 4.1 be amended to read:

The legislative branch shall consist of the Graduate Student Senate and Satellite Councils.

That Section 4.2.1 be amended to read:

The Senate is the deliberative assembly, comprised of Clemson University graduate students, which forms the core and foundation of CGSG. While governed by this Constitution, enacted legislation, and adopted resolutions, the Senate shall have the power to amend or revise these governing documents at any time, pursuant to the requirements of this Constitution and the Rules of Order. The Senate shall exercise primary authority and oversight of the members and actions of CGSG.

That Section 4.2.2(b) be amended to read:

b. Enact written bills, including those to:

1. Amend or revise this Constitution and any previously enacted legislation, including those pertaining to the structure of CGSG and its delegation of powers;

2. Establish policies and procedures for membership in CGSG;

3. Establish and dissolve Satellite Councils;
4. Appropriate funds for the benefit of the student body;
5. Grant and rescind recognition of Graduate Student Organizations;
6. Levy fees on the Graduate Student Body, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees;
That the following text be inserted as Section 4.2.2(c):

c. Fulfill duties related to the Object of CGSG which have not been delegated to the Executive Branch, Satellite Council, or another body as provided by legislation.

That Section 4.2.4 be amended to read:

a. Unless waived by the Senate President, new legislation shall be presented to the Senate members at least one week prior to the vote on the legislation.

b. Resolutions shall become effective immediately upon certification of passage by the presiding officer.

c. Bills receiving certification of passage by the presiding officer shall become effective upon receiving the signature of the Clemson University Vice President for Student Affairs.

That Section 4.3.4 be amended to read:

a. Unless waived by the Council Chair, new legislation shall be presented to the Council members at least one week prior to the vote on the legislation.

b. Resolutions shall become effective immediately upon certification of passage by the presiding officer.

c. Bills receiving certification of passage by the presiding officer shall become effective upon receiving the signature of the Clemson University Vice President for Student Affairs.

That Section 4.3.1 be amended to read:

The purpose of Satellite Councils is to provide representation and a measure of self-governance for graduate students residing at campuses other than that of the Senate.

That Section 4.3.2(b)(3) be amended to read:

Establish policies and procedures for membership in the Council.

That Section 5.1 be amended to read:

The executive branch shall consist of the offices of Student Body President and Student Body Vice President. The power of the executive offices shall be derived from this Constitution and other legislation of the Graduate Student Senate for the sole purpose of carrying out duties related to the Object of CGSG.
That Section 5.2 be amended to read:

The duties and powers of the Student Body President shall include the power to:

a. Represent the Graduate Student Body in personal meetings and conversations with the Board of Trustees and University administration;

b. Make appointments to University committees on which CGSG is entitled to representation;

c. Communicate directly to the Graduate Student Body information pertaining to the activity of CGSG;

d. Assist the Graduate School with the planning and execution of the graduate student orientation;

e. Maintain and operate the technological assets of CGSG, including the website;

f. Organize and implement initiatives and events related to graduate student research;

g. Manage and oversee the proper disbursement of funds in accordance with appropriations of the Senate;

h. Act as a liaison between the Graduate Student Body and the University administration on matters of University policy and procedure, including but not limited to matters of healthcare, athletics, recreation, parking, transportation, student services, development, and alumni relations;

i. Appoint and retain members of the President's Cabinet to assist with executive duties;

j. Unilaterally remove any person in a position appointed by the Student Body President.
That the following text be inserted as Section 5.4:

Section 5.4: Limitations of Executive Power

Any powers not explicitly enumerated in this Article are reserved to the Legislative Branch. Furthermore, the Executive Branch shall not exercise any duty or authority which has been delegated by the Senate to itself or another body.

In acting as representatives of the Graduate Student Body, members of the Executive Branch must exercise due diligence to accurately and impartially characterize the diverse thoughts and opinions of the entire student body to the best of their sincere ability; moreover, members of the Executive Branch shall not represent or speak on the behalf of the Graduate Student Body in a public manner, such as through the issuance of a proclamation or a letter intended for public distribution, except for interviews with news media wherein the member carefully observes the aforementioned due diligence. Members of the Executive Branch who express their personal opinions in such a public way that may be reasonably construed as speaking for the Graduate Student Body shall exercise due diligence to state that their words are not representative of the Graduate Student Body. Members shall not be permitted to use official channels or branding of CGSG to disseminate personal views.

Shawn Nanney, President of the Senate

Date

Almeda Jacks, Vice President for Student Affairs

Date