Resolution #66-02

The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University

of the 66th Assembly
October 5, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates

GPSA By-Laws Article XIII Proposition
Codifying Procedure for Inclusion of Third-Party Events on GPSA Calendar
(Decided: [Y/N/A])

Nature of the Situation:

The Internal Development Committee is tasked with “improving GPSA policies and procedures and all other internal matters to ensure the well-being of GPSA and its members” (GPSA By-Laws, Art. IV, Cl. F)

This year, we, as a committee, are looking to close any procedural, and otherwise, gaps in the GPSA by-laws. When there is an absence of procedural action, we hope to codify, the ordinary course of practice.

It came to our attention during the September 21, 2016 meeting that there is no official procedure for groups outside of GPSA to request publicizing their events on the GPSA website calendar. We make the following proposal to amend the GPSA By-Laws to include the following provision, which adheres closely to the notion of fair play and due process.
Recommended Course of Action:

We propose to add the following provision as Article XIII to the GPSA By-Laws

Graduate and Professional Student Association By-Laws

Article XIII- Relationship With Third-Party Organizations

A. The GPSA Website Calendar shall display, by request of the organization involved and/or third parties to the Speaker of the Assembly, any event relating to graduate and professional students. The Speaker of the Assembly shall use his or her own discretion in objecting to inclusion of particular items on the Calendar. Should an item be rejected, the Speaker shall make known to the Assembly at the following meeting:

(1) the name of the organization or event which has been rejected from inclusion on the Calendar; and

(2) a brief statement on why the particular event was rejected

B. The GPSA Assembly of Delegates retains the right to pass a resolution overriding the objections made by the Speaker of the Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Morris
Chairman of Internal Development Committee

President ___________________________________________         Affirm         Veto

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