Resolution # 66-04

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

of the 66th Assembly
October 19, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

GPSA Bylaws Article I – At Large Delegates
Clarifying the procedure to move At-Large Delegates to Constituency Seats
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 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 bylaws. When there is an absence of procedural action, we hope to codify the ordinary
course of practice.

Recommended Course of Action:

We propose the following change to the GPSA Bylaws.

Article I Section E. will now read:

“There shall be a total of five At-Large delegate seats. Any current graduate or professional
student who is not already a delegate from a constituency may fill an At-Large delegate seat.
These seats shall be filled by a presidential appointment and approved by a majority vote of the
Assembly. If a seat in the Assembly representing a constituency becomes vacant during the
Assembly term, and there is a currently serving At-Large Delegate from that same
constituency, that At-Large delegate shall automatically become the representative of that
constituency, and the At-Large seat shall be considered vacant. If there are two At-Large
Delegates from the same constituency, the President shall decide prior to the next Assembly
meeting which delegate will move to the constituency seat, and which shall remain At-Large.”

Respectfully submitted,

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