

Resolution # 66-15

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



of the 66th Assembly
March 29, 2017

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Continuation of Student Governor-Appointed Trustee
Formal Request for Gov. Wolf to Re-appoint a Student to the Board of Trustees**
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Of the Penn State University Board of Trustees' 38 members, 6 are appointed by the Governor of
4 Pennsylvania. Trustee Allison Goldstein is a current Ph.D. candidate in Higher Education who was
5 appointed to the Board of Trustees effective July 2014 by then-Governor Tom Corbett. The
6 tradition of Pennsylvania's Governor appointing a student to serve on the Board of Trustees dates
7 all the way back to 1971, when Gov. Milton Shapp appointed Undergraduate Student Government
8 President Benson Lichtig as the first "student trustee."¹

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10 Currently, two students on the Penn State University Board of Trustees have voting privileges:
11 Trustees Goldstein and Metaxas. These students' presence on the Board is critical to ensuring that
12 students' interests are represented in the University's governance. Despite continued advocacy
13 from all three student governments at Penn State (University Park Undergraduate Association,
14 Council of Commonwealth Student Governments, and the Graduate and Professional Student
15 Association), it remains unclear whether or not Gov. Wolf will appoint another student to the
16 Board of Trustees once Trustee Goldstein's term ends this summer.

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18 On March 22, 2017 the University Park Undergraduate Association unanimously passed
19 Resolution 50-11: Call on Governor Tom Wolf to Appoint a Student to the Board of Trustees.

¹ <https://www.trustees.psu.edu/timeline/index.html>

1 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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3 In agreement with Resolution 50-11 passed by the University Park Undergraduate Association, the
4 Graduate and Professional Student Association recognizes the importance of having student voices
5 with voting privileges in the University's governance. Therefore, on behalf of the graduate and
6 professional student body, GPSA urges Governor Wolf to continue a tradition which has stood for
7 over 40 years by selecting a Penn State student as his appointment to the University's Board of
8 Trustees once Trustee Goldstein's term concludes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Advocacy Committee
Delegate, College of Engineering

Brian Conway

GPSA Speaker of the Assembly
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

President _____

Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association