

The GSA Bylaws Committee has recommended a vote for approval and adoption of the following amendments to the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Association of the University of California, Riverside, to take place at the Graduate Student Council Meeting on January, 8th 2025 at 7:00 pm PT:

1. The addition of a subparagraph in Section I, Subsection B, Paragraph 8, specifying who may serve as a proxy to a GSC representative.
 - The proposed amendment reads as follows: *All alternates sent must be graduate students in good standing who are members of the Departmental GSA, Interdepartmental GSA, or GSA Special Interest Organization affiliated with the official GSC member for which they are acting as proxy.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this subparagraph serves the purpose of clarifying the eligibility of an individual to serve as a proxy voter during a GSC meeting on behalf of an active GSC representative, where previously, no such clarification of eligibility existed. The proposed amendment aims to ensure the interests of departmental and mini GSA constituents are represented by requiring an existing member of the absent GSC representative's organization to act as their proxy.

2. The addition of a subparagraph in Section II, Subsection B, Paragraph 1, outlining the duty of the Vice President of External Affairs.
 - The proposed amendment reads as follows: *Act as the representative and spokesperson of the GSAUCR in quarterly meetings with the University of California Office of the President.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this subparagraph serves the purpose of codifying the role of the Vice President of External Affairs to act as a representative on behalf of the UCR graduate student body, meeting with the UCOP, where previously no such clarification of duties existed.

3. The relocation of *Section II, Subsection B, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph g* outlining a duty of the Vice President of External Affairs to *Section II, Subsection C, Paragraph 1* outlining duties of the Vice President of Internal Affairs.
 - The proposed amendment relocates the following: *Ensure, in conjunction with the President, the proper functioning of the Conference Travel Grant Committee.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The relocation of this subparagraph reorganizes the duties of the Vice President of

External Affairs and Vice President of Internal Affairs to accurately reflect the division of labor and roles within the GSA.

4. The relocation of *Section II, Subsection B, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph f* outlining a duty of the Vice President of External Affairs to *Section II, Subsection C, Paragraph 1* outlining duties of the Vice President of Internal Affairs.

- The proposed amendment relocates the following: *Publicize initiatives, referenda, recalls, and elections initiated according to the GSAUCR Constitution with the assistance of the Elections Committee, at least six weeks in advance of the election unless they are a candidate, in which case this duty shall become the responsibility of the highest-ranking officer (as determined by the order listed herein) not seeking election; should every officer be seeking election, this duty shall be delegated to persons deemed capable by the GSC.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The relocation of this subparagraph reorganizes the duties of the Vice President of External Affairs and Vice President of Internal Affairs to accurately reflect the division of labor and roles within the GSA.

5. The addition of a subsection in *Section II*, outlining the duties and requirements of all elected GSA officers.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *All elected officers must submit a monthly report of official activities to the Chief of Staff. Recurrent failure to do so can result in the suspension of stipends.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this subsection serves the purpose of codifying the duties and requirements of each officer to report their official activities and expenses each month, which are made publicly available to the UCR graduate student body. Failure to do so is subject to disciplinary action, outlined in *Section VII*.

6. The addition of a subsection in *Section III, Subsection A, Paragraph 1*, outlining the duty of the Chief of Staff.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *Distribute, collect, maintain, and manage GSAUCR officer information and records.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this subparagraph serves the purpose of codifying the role of the Chief

of Staff to act as an official record keeping party within the GSA, where previously no such clarification of duties existed.

7. The addition of a subsection in Section III, Subsection A, Paragraph 2, outlining the duty of the Conference Travel Grant Coordinator.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *Evaluate and process Conference Travel Grant Program applications.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this subparagraph serves the purpose of codifying the role of the Conference Travel Grant Coordinator to act as the primary reviewer of Conference Travel Grant applications, where previously no such clarification of duties existed.

8. The removal of Section IV, Subsection A, Paragraph 3, outlining restrictions for Liaisons.

- The proposed amendment removes the following: *Liaisons may not serve as Departmental GSA representative proxies at GSC.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The removal of this paragraph serves the purpose of allowing liaisons to serve jointly as a GSC representative to their respective departmental or mini GSA organization, applying the same rules which exist for appointed officers.

9. The removal of the first sentence in Section IV, Subsection B, outlining restrictions for Liaisons.

- The proposed amendment removes the following: *Liaisons may not serve as Departmental GSA representative proxies at GSC.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The removal of this paragraph serves the purpose of allowing liaisons to serve jointly as a GSC representative to their respective departmental or mini GSA organization, applying the same rules which exist for appointed officers. This is a duplicate entry in the bylaws.

10. The addition of a subsection in Section IV, creating the position of the Basic Needs Liaison.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *The Basic Needs Liaison*
 - *The purpose of the Basic Needs and GSAUCR appointed liaison is to promote and solidify basic needs for graduate students.*
 - *The Basic Needs Liaison will act as an advocate for graduate students and promote programming and services that address the housing, financial, and food security of graduate students.*
 - *The Basic Needs Liaison co-chair the Basic Needs/Wellness Committee.*
 - *The Basic Needs Liaison will represent graduate students on various student needs and wellness committees and initiatives throughout campus.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this subsection serves the purpose of codifying the position of Basic Needs Liaison to act as the facilitator of communication and resource coordination between the GSA and the Basic Needs Department.

11. The rephrasing of a subsection in Section IV, Subsection G, outlining the position of the Well Liaison.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *The Well Liaison*
 - *The purpose of the Well and GSAUCR appointed liaison is to promote wellness programming and advance mental health for graduate students.*
 - *The Well Liaison will act as an advocate for graduate students and promote programming and services that address the mental health and wellness needs of graduate students.*
 - *The Well Liaison will co-chair the Basic Needs/Wellness Committee.*
 - *The Well Liaison will represent graduate students on various student needs and wellness committees and initiatives throughout campus.*

1. The rephrasing of this subsection serves the purpose of clarifying the distinction between the position of the Well Liaison and the Basic Needs Liaison.

12. The addition of a paragraph to Section IX, Subsection B, regarding the handling of the resignation of elected officers.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *All elected offices filled through special election or appointment shall be made for the remainder of the original term.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this paragraph serves the purpose of establishing the term duration in the event of a filled vacancy in the middle of a term for an elected officer, where previously no such clarification existed.

13. The addition of a paragraph to Section IX, Subsection B, regarding the handling of the resignation of elected officers.

- The proposed amendment reads as follows: *An officer who has assumed the position of an elected officer through special election or appointment shall have the term count as one served term in the position unless the special election or appointment was for less than 50% of the original term as outlined in these bylaws.*

Reason for recommendation for approval and adoption: The inclusion of this paragraph serves the purpose of establishing the term limits in the event of a filled vacancy in the middle of a term for an elected officer, where previously no such clarification existed.