

Act 1112-WI-009

An Act Establishing The Roles and Responsibilities of CGS Delegates and Amending Article I of the Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students

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Sponsor: The Executive Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) maintains a governance structure wherein all members of CGS (Delegates, Committee Chairs, Senators, Officers and Members) act in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules and collaboratively work to implement Resolutions, and Acts passed by the Council in adherence with the CGS mission; and

WHEREAS the CGS Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are responsible for promulgating legislation passed by the Council to The Ohio State University community; and

WHEREAS Delegates are elected representatives from each graduate department at The Ohio State University and provide invaluable insight into the issues and concerns at a department level; and

WHEREAS the responsibilities of the CGS President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are outlined in the council's Constitution in Sections V.3, V.4, V.5, and V.6 respectively; and

WHEREAS there is a need to identify and formalize the critical roles and responsibilities of Delegates in the functioning of the Council of Graduate Students beyond those currently described in Article 1 of the Council's Bylaws,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS as follows:

Section 1: The roles and responsibilities of Delegates be established and updated at regular intervals.

Section 2: Article I of the Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students shall be amended to add Section I.11 that reads as follows:

Section I.11: Roles and Responsibilities of Delegates

The roles and responsibilities of a Delegate include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Delegates must maintain attendance or representation at all Delegate meetings and meetings for the committee(s) they may sit on (for special accommodations, contact the CGS Secretary)
- 2) Delegates must sit on at least one internal CGS Committees (the Vice President maintains an ongoing list of internal CGS Committees, or those committees originated and maintained by the Council of Graduate Students)
- 3) Delegates must sit on at least one external University Committees (the Vice President maintains an ongoing list of the University Committees or those committees not originated by the Council of Graduate Students),
- 4) Delegates must keep the appropriate internal CGS Committee Chair informed (by regular written or verbal communication) of their University Committee efforts so that Committee Chairs can maintain an accurate record of the organization's work and involvement
- 5) Delegates must maintain ongoing communications with their constituencies and department chairpersons or graduate studies chairs to stay informed of issues and questions and to inform constituents and administration of current efforts
- 6) Delegates must maintain and support the overall mission of the organization and stay familiarized with the organization's mission and unity statements

Section 3: All elected representatives of the Council of Graduate Students shall be accountable for the procedures of the entire Council by following the aforementioned guidelines.

Section 4: The Council of Graduate Students shall engage in a dialogue with Delegates and constituents to update and modify the aforementioned roles and responsibilities at intervals suitable to promoting the CGS Mission.

Section 5: The Council of Graduate Students shall commit resources, as deemed reasonable by the Executive Committee, to facilitate constituency outreach activities for each individual Delegate.

Section 6: This Act shall be effective immediately upon ratification by a majority vote.

Approved: Y/N

Date:

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