

Act 1415-SP-009

An Act Establishing the Approval Process of Delegate Apportionment

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Section 1. The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Bylaws of The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) to establish the process through which the delegate apportionment proposed by the Organization and Elections Committee shall be approved by the delegate body.

Section 2. WHEREAS, Article 1 Sections 2 through 3 of the CGS Bylaws are as follows:

“Section I.2: Units of representation - Units of representation of CGS shall be determined by the Organization and Elections Committee. Units will be based on, but not necessarily limited to, graduate program areas: exceptionally large programs may be split and exceptionally small ones grouped.

Section I.3: Apportionment - CGS shall be composed of not more than one hundred fifty voting delegates and no fewer than one hundred thirty. The number of delegates per unit of representation shall not exceed twelve. Each spring, the Organization and Elections Committee shall apportion these positions to the graduate programs on the basis of autumn semester enrollment. Each unit of representation shall have at least one delegate. Each regional campus with graduate representation shall be allotted one delegate seat. The number of regional seats shall not exceed five;” and

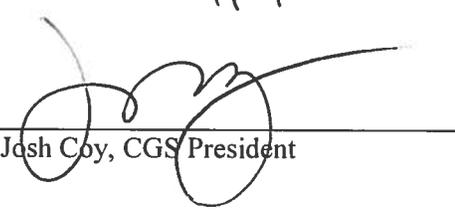
Section 3. WHEREAS, there currently exists no formal mandate in any CGS governing document to obtain the approval of the delegate body of the apportionment established by the Organization and Elections Committee; and

Section 4. WHEREAS, such approval will provide a necessary and important check on the discretion of the Organization and Elections Committee,

Section 5. THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the CGS Bylaws Article 1 Section 3 shall be amended to include the following subsection:

“1.3.A. Approval: The Organization and Elections Committee shall present their proposed delegate apportionment for the next CGS term to the full delegate body no later than the second scheduled delegate meeting of the spring semester. A simple majority vote of the delegate body is needed to approve the proposed apportionment. If a majority vote is not obtained, the Organization and Elections Committee will present a revised apportionment at the next scheduled delegate meeting. If, at this subsequent meeting, the proposed apportionment still fails to receive approval by a majority of the delegate body, then the most recent delegate apportionment to be so approved will remain in effect for the next delegate term.”

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