

ACT 1314-SP-012

An Act Concerning the Clarification of Procedures and Timeline to amend the Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students

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Section 1. The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Constitution of The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) to clarify the procedural steps needed to amend the Bylaws.

Section 2. Whereas, Article XII, Section XII.1 through X.II.3 of the Constitution of the CGS currently reads as follows:

“Section XII.1: Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be presented in writing either with the signatures of ten delegates or at the initiative of the Executive Committee at a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students.

Section XII.2: A copy of the proposed amendment must be sent to all delegates at least one week before the regular meeting that follows the meeting at which the amendment was proposed.

Section XII.3: An affirmative vote of two-thirds at a regular meeting following the meeting at which the amendment was proposed will be sufficient to adopt the amendment.”

Section 3. Furthermore, currently Article X, Section X.1 of the Constitution of the CGS reads as follow:

“Section X.1: The Council may enact or amend Bylaws by a simple majority vote at a regular meeting. However, any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must have been presented in writing at a prior regular meeting. Such Bylaws shall be appended to this Constitution and be available upon request”

Section 4. Whereas, in order to have both sections appear symmetrical and eliminate confusion this act will amend Article X respectfully:

“Section X.1: Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students. At the subsequent regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section X.2 These Bylaws shall be appended to this Constitution and be made available upon request

Section 5. Therefore, be it resolved that this act clarifies the established procedures to amend Bylaws.

Section 6. Further, be it resolved, the changes contained within this act, shall be effective immediately and the Constitution will be updated to reflect such a change.

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