ACT 1314-SU-008

An Act Amending Bylaw Article II, Section 1, Advisory Roles

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WHEREAS the purpose of this act shall be to revise and add to Section II.1 of the Bylaws of The Council of Graduate Students (CGS); and

WHEREAS the Council has historically had a single advisor chosen from the faculty of the University; and

WHEREAS Article II, Section 1 of the CGS Bylaws currently reads as follows:

“Section II.1: Advisor- The Executive Committee shall select a faculty advisor for CGS.

II.1.A. The faculty advisor shall assist the treasurer in finding faculty representation for the Edward J. Ray Travel Award Committee. The advisor shall also assist the Vice President in finding faculty representation for the Edward F. Hayes Research Forum.

II.1.B. The advisor shall attend one executive or delegate meeting a semester.

II.1.C. The advisor shall serve a renewable, one-year term.”; and

WHEREAS a single advisor model may limit the ability of the Council to maintain adequate advisory support year to year; and

WHEREAS the Council has a need for further support from other areas of the University administration in addition to faculty support; and

WHEREAS other areas of primary advisory need are within the Graduate School and The Office of Student Life; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to have an advisory role within the Graduate School to ensure that CGS and the Graduate School and that both are meeting the needs of the graduate student body; and
WHEREAS it is necessary to have an advisory role with the Office of Student Life to help ensure a smooth transition between CGS administrations and that a reasonable level of institutional memory is maintained; and

WHEREAS in order to increase such advisory roles, Bylaws Section II.1 needs to be amended,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Bylaw Article II, Section 1 shall read as follows:

"Section II.1: Advisor- The Executive Committee shall select three advisors; a member of the University Faculty, an administrator from the Graduate School, and an administrative professional from within the Office of Student Life.

II.1.A. The faculty advisor shall assist the treasurer in finding faculty representation for the Edward J. Ray Travel Award Committee. The faculty advisor and Graduate School advisor shall also assist the Vice President in finding faculty representation for the Edward F. Hayes Research Forum.

II.1.B. The advisors shall attend one executive or delegate meeting a semester.

II.1.C. The faculty and Graduate School advisors shall each serve a renewable, one-year term.

II.1.D. The Student Life advisor shall serve a renewable, two-year term."; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that this act seeks to increase the available support for the Council, further professionalize the relationships of the Council with all the respective departments included, and allow for a continuity of advisory support for the Council when one advisor is unavailable that is currently not allowable within the Bylaws.

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