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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Sponsor: Executive Committee

Section 1. The purpose of this act is to establish the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee of the Council of Graduate Students (CGS), in accordance with Article VI, Section 4 of the CGS Constitution and Article V, Section 3.

Section 2. Throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, numerous delegates and executive officers expressed concerns and confusion with the current procedures, policies, practices, and language used within CGS governance documents. Based on this feedback, the consensus was to appoint an ad hoc committee to review and revise these documents.

Section 3. The Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee will be established to review current CGS governance procedures, policies, and practices. Their charge will include:

Subsection A. Review and consider any potential revisions of the current CGS governance documents (bylaws, constitution, standing rules, and any other relevant documents).

Subsection B. Recommend best practices, procedures, policies, and language with regard to CGS operations to inspire transparency and increase CGS' ability to effectively and efficiently advocate for graduate students.

Subsection C. Report back to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to either continue without changes or to modify the current governance documents. Shall the ad-hoc committee recommend changes to any document, they will grant the Executive Committee two weeks to review those changes and consider any proposed amendments suggested by the Executive Committee.

Subsection D. After considering amendments proposed by the Executive Committee, the committee will report back to the Delegate body with a final recommendation and/or changes to the governance documents. Shall the ad-hoc committee recommend changes to any document, they will grant the Delegate body two weeks to review those changes and consider any proposed amends suggested by the Delegate body. The portion of the review process will be conducted via an open discussion forum on the CGS Carmen page, overseen by the ad-hoc committee.

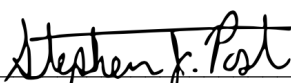
Subsection E. Issue a final report and act to accept the proposed changes at or before the October 2020 delegate meeting.

Section 4. If the ad hoc committee recommendations are substantive and determine that revisions to any governance document are feasible and should be implemented, the committee will recommend the Council to officially accepted the committee's recommendation. Any proposed amendments to these documents must have the support of ten delegates or be initiated by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. This act will take effect immediately upon approval at a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students.

Approved: Yes/No

Date: __6/12/20__



Stephen J. Post, President