

Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
Resolution to Amend the GPSS Constitution
CGPSA 2025-26A

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Approved, President	Date
Approved, Board of Visitors	Date
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WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) of Virginia Tech serves as the governing body of 7100+ graduate and professional students at all Virginia Tech campuses; and

WHEREAS, the GPSS is committed to participate in and embody transparent and effective shared governance on behalf of graduate and professional students at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, the GPSS constitution, as approved by the Board of Visitors on June 7, 2021, has not been amended to keep up with the constitution of the University Council and the current framework of shared governance; and

WHEREAS, ambiguities currently exist in the officer roles, election procedures, and procedures surrounding vacancy or removal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GPSS constitution shall be amended to clarify the roles and responsibilities of Executive Board officers, standardize the election procedures for both the Executive Board and Senate membership, and align the GPSS Constitution more closely with the structure and principles of the University Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPSS constitution shall be amended as shown below in red.