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Abstract

The Drafting Committee was constituted by the GAPSA General Assembly on March 15, 2023. This report was prepared over the summer and fall, incorporating the previous report of the Drafting Committee, GA/C.D/44/M/3, recommended amendments to the GAPSA Constitution discovered upon the committee’s work compiling the most recently adopted set of amendments, and memorialization of changes to the budget process. This Bill is the second part of three of the committee’s report.

These constitutional amendments refine budget reallocation rules, clarify the scope of the sunshine policy, require two Readings for all Bills without exception, modify the schedule for elections, prohibit members of the Executive Board from being Speaker, regulate the appointment of Deputy Directors, and refine Bylaws authorization and amendment.

This Bill also proposes changes which refine budget authorization rules and implement ticketing rules.

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RESOLVED, *by the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly of the University of Pennsylvania,*

Section 1. That the amendments in this instrument are applied sequentially and take effect simultaneously, even if this instrument is divided and voted on in separate questions at the same meeting; all punctuation included quotes is literal and interpreted as the content of the quote, not as part of the enacting sentence;

1 Budget Rules

Section 2. That Article VIII(A)(8)(c) is amended by adding “The Finance Division Bylaws may specify a mechanism for the reallocation of unspent or underspent line items (including constitutionally protected ones).” to the end of the paragraph;

Section 3. That GAPSA Standing Rule 101 is amended by adding an additional subdivision (2) with the text “GAPSA Finance shall be the authorizing agent for every line item whose purpose contains a “fund” or “funds”.”;

Section 4. That GAPSA Standing Rule 101 is amended by adding an additional subdivision (3) with the text “Except as specified under this rule, if a line item does not explicitly specify an authorizing agent, GAPSA Finance shall act as the authorizing agent.”;

2 Revenue Rules

Section 5. That GAPSA Standing Rule 401 is amended by adding the following two new subdivisions:

“(2) Every attendee must be uniquely identified on every ticket.

“(3) Tickets are nontransferable.

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3 Sunshine Policy

Section 6. That Article VIII(B)(2) is amended by striking out “GAPSA activities and direct or indirect support by GAPSA” and inserting “GAPSA activities (e.g., spending, funding, grants, events, and programs) and GAPSA-funded activities (whether directly or indirectly)”;

Section 7. That Article VIII(B)(7) is amended by inserting “(e.g., spending, funding, grants, events, and programs)” after “GAPSA activities”;

4 Readings

Section 8. That Article II(D)(9)(e) is substituted by “The requirement for two Readings cannot be suspended.”;

Section 9. That Article II(D)(9) is amended by striking out subparagraph (d) in its entirety and by redesignating subparagraph (e) as subparagraph (d);

5 Election and Appointment Process

Section 10. That Article II(B)(1)(a) is stricken out in its entirety;

Section 11. That Article II(G)(3) is amended by striking out “after the annual election of Executive Officers” and inserting “at the penultimate regular meeting of the spring term”;

Section 12. That Article II(G)(3) is amended by striking out “Elected members and members-elect (except outgoing members) of the Executive Board may not run for Speaker if there are other qualified candidates” and inserting “No member of the Executive Board may simultaneously hold the office of Speaker”;

Section 13. That Article II(G)(4) is amended by striking out “at noon on May 15” and inserting “with the final adjournment of the General Assembly in the spring term”;

Section 14. That Article IV(A)(1)(a) is amended by striking out “at the antepenultimate regular meeting of the spring term” and inserting “on or before March 25”;

Section 15. That Article III(B)(6) is amended by inserting “The General Assembly may define the roles of, regulate, and limit the appointment of Deputy Directors by Standing Rule.” at the end of the paragraph;

Section 16. That Article VI(D)(1) is amended by inserting “The committee may appoint a chair *pro tempore*.” at the end of the paragraph;

Section 17. That Executive Board Bylaws Article 8.4.5 is amended by striking out “, one member making counterpoints to previous members’ speeches, and” and inserting “followed by”;

6 Bylaws

Section 18. That Article XII(A)(1) is amended by striking out “that conform” inserting “explicitly authorized by and conforming”;

Section 19. That Article XV(B)(2) is substituted by “GAP is authorized to have Bylaws which may only be enacted or amended by three-fourths vote of participating governments and majority vote of the General Assembly with ten (10) days’ notice of the full text, both on the same language.”;

7 Enactment

Section 20. That the official abstract of the constitutional amendments in this proposal is: “These amendments refine budget reallocation rules, clarify the scope of the sunshine policy, require two Readings for all Bills without exception, modify the schedule for elections, prohibit members of the Executive Board from being Speaker, regulate the appointment of Deputy Directors, and refine Bylaws authorization and amendment.”