RESOLUTION 16-05

A RESOLUTION TO FORM A SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE SENATE ELECTIONS PROCESS

WHEREAS, the GPSF Constitution, Article 5, Section 8, empowers the Senate to establish Committees “to study, plan, or otherwise conduct business of the Senate,”

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 5, Section 1-2, provides that each representative unit may select their Senator and Alternate by either appointment or election according to each unit’s own standards,

WHEREAS, some representative units have indicated unfamiliarity with these standards,

WHEREAS, for the purposes of oversight and accountability, the standards of selection to a representative body should be apparent to both the representatives and their constituency and the selection process of a representative body should be conducted democratically,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT FEDERATION that a select committee on the senate election process be established;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of four (4) current GPSF Senators and/or Alternates, with the Chair selected from its members by the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPSF Vice-President of Internal Affairs shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee is charged with researching the current election processes of Senators and Alternates, determining possible unifying alternatives to these processes, and formulating any necessary amendments to the Constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall prepare and present a report of its initial findings to the Senate by the regularly scheduled Senate meeting on November 1, 2016; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following the Senate discussion of the report, the Committee shall prepare and present to the Resolutions Development Committee any necessary amendments to the election process and Constitution such that the amendments may be presented for consideration before the Senate by the regularly scheduled Senate meeting on December 6, 2016.

Done this day, the sixth of September two thousand and sixteen.

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