



GSO Senate Resolution 22.07

A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution (Increasing the Number of At-Large Senators from Six to Ten)

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Action(s): Passed (29 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions)

President & Chair of the Senate: Daniel J. Kimmel

President Pro Tempore of the Senate: Vito Iaia (APS Physics)

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Whereas, the GSO Constitution currently sets the maximum number of At-Large Senators at six (6);¹ and,

Whereas, the rationale for setting this number at 6 is presently unknown; and,

Whereas, in the 2021-2022 Academic Year the GSO Senate filled and retained every At-Large and University Senator seat, demonstrating that proactive and consistent outreach increases vital graduate student engagement and representation at various levels of shared governance; and,

Whereas, not only was every At-Large and University Senator seat filled and retained, but the GSO Internal Vice President regularly received correspondence from graduate students interested in becoming Senators who could not otherwise become Senators due to present seat limits, demonstrating that Syracuse University graduate students are eager for more opportunities to represent and serve their fellow graduate students; and,

¹ GSO Constitution, Article I: The Senate, Section 6. "There will be a maximum of six At-Large Senate seats. Any GSO members may fill these seats without restriction. The Senate will elect half of these seats in the annual Elections Special Meeting and all remaining unfilled seats at the first meeting of the fall semester."

Whereas, it would behoove the GSO Senate to provide more of such opportunities when able and in a wise and measured manner as times change; be it,

Resolved, that GSO Constitution, Article I: The Senate, Section 6 be amended to the following:

Section 6: There will be a maximum of ten At-Large Senate seats. Any GSO members may fill these seats without restriction. The Senate will elect half of these seats in the annual Elections Special Meeting and all remaining unfilled seats at the first meeting of the fall semester.

And, be it further resolved, that this amendment will be effective immediately upon a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote, per the GSO Constitution, and that the GSO Senate will fill the new requisite number of At-Large Senator seats beginning at our 2022 Elections Special Meeting.