



GSO Senate Resolution 22.11

A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution (Creating the Communications Secretary Executive Board Position)

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Whereas, the GSO Constitution currently outlines two secretarial positions on the Executive Board, the Recording and Financial secretaries, which assist with the internal and financial operations of the GSO respectively;¹ and,

Whereas, there is currently no secretarial position which assists with the external operations of the GSO; and,

Whereas, the current Executive Board has assessed that it would greatly improve the efficiency of the GSO's external operations as well as ensure the timely upkeep of the GSO's public resources, such as the GSO website, if such a position were made; and,

Whereas, the current Executive Board has deemed that the burden upon the Recording Secretary is too great and exceeds the intent of the position, that simply increasing the pay for that position would not solve the issue, and that reallocating a portion of the Recording Secretary's duties (namely pertaining to the maintenance of the GSO's public documents) would free the Recording Secretary to fulfill their duties internal to the GSO Senate and the GSO Grant Committee; be it

¹ See GSO Constitution, Article II: The Executive Board.

Resolved, that the Executive Board position of Communications Secretary be created; and be it

Resolved, that the following text be added to the GSO Constitution as Article II, Section 10:

Section 10: The Communications Secretary shall:

- (a) Assist the External Vice President in the External Vice President's duties, including recruiting Senators from academic plans without representation, increasing the visibility of the GSO in the University community, organizing GSO events, and managing GSO advertisements;
- (b) Serve as vice chair of all Standing Committees dealing with outreach and event planning;
- (c) Maintain the GSO's various public documents and forms, including the GSO website, and update them as needed, in consultation with the Executive Board or the relevant committees;
- (d) Serve on a GSO committee or as a liaison in the event that a necessary position is not filled; and
- (e) Serve in the University Senate in the event that one of the GSO's allotted seats is not filled.

And, be it further resolved, that Article II, Section 8(h) be struck from the Recording Secretary's duties, and the remaining subsections be renumbered appropriately;² and be it

Resolved, that Article II, Section 2 be modified to read:

The Executive Board shall consist of seven Executive Officers: President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs, Comptroller, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Communications Secretary.

And, be it further resolved, that Article II, Section 2(c) be modified to read:³

² GSO Constitution Article II, Section 8(h) currently reads: "Section 8: The Recording Secretary shall... (h) Maintain the GSO's various public documents and forms, and update them as needed, in consultation with the Executive Board or the relevant committees," which has been reallocated to the proposed Article II, Section 10(c) under the duties of the Communications Secretary.

³ In both this and the above resolved clauses, the only change proposed is to add Communications Secretary or Communications to the already existing list.

The Recording, Financial, and Communications Secretaries shall be elected by the Senate at the first Meeting of the academic year during which they will serve.

And, be it further resolved, that this amendment will be effective immediately upon a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote, per the GSO Constitution.