



GSO Senate Resolution 23.04

A Resolution to Create the Executive Board Advisory Council Policy and Ensure Executive Continuity

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Action(s): Passed (36 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention)

President & Chair of the Senate: Daniel J. Kimmel

President Pro Tempore of the Senate: Vito Iaia (At-Large Senator)

Parliamentarian: Zafar Ali

President of the Student Body: Daniel J. Kimmel (Acting Interim President)

Whereas, the Graduate Student Organization was created to establish greater representation of graduate students' interests and concerns¹; and,

Whereas, currently, most advocacy is channeled through the office of the GSO President²; and,

Whereas, most affairs about graduate student life, interests, and concerns are researched and managed through the GSO committees instead of on the senate floor; and,

Whereas, communication between the GSO committees and the Executive Board is critical for the conveyance of issues and advocacy that pass through the GSO committees; and,

¹ Preamble to the GSO Constitution

² GSO Constitution Article II, Section 4(b), (d), (e)

Whereas, in recent memory, most committee reports presented in GSO Senate meetings have contained primarily new information to the Senate and the Executive Board, and the work of the committees has been largely unknown to the Senate and the Executive Board until the report is given; and,

Whereas, it is the duty of the GSO Vice President of Internal Affairs to serve as the GSO President if the President is ever unable to fulfill their duties³, but there is currently no constitutional provision to keep the Vice President of Internal Affairs up-to-date with the President's affairs; therefore, be it,

Resolved, that the Executive Board and Committees Communication Policy be created, and will include the following text:

- I. There will be an Executive Board Advisory Council which will provide updates, advice, and recommendations to the Executive Board and other GSO committees on graduate students' interests and concerns. The Executive Board Advisory Council:
 - (a) will consist of the GSO Executive Board, and the Chairs of all GSO committees or appointed representative as determined by the committee. The President shall serve as Chair, and the Vice President of Internal Affairs shall serve as Vice-Chair. The Council can call additional members of the Senate into attendance if it deems it necessary to accomplish its purpose.
 - i. The appointed representative from any committee must be an active member of the committee it is representing and does not have to be the same person for each council meeting.
 - (b) will have regular meetings on Wednesday evenings, two weeks before every Regular GSO Senate meeting, except the first meeting of the fall semester, to ensure robust communication among committees and the Executive Board. Any council member can request additional meetings; however, the President or Vice President of Internal Affairs, alone, can call additional meetings if either deem it necessary. The meetings will be 1 hour at maximum unless it is agreed upon in the meeting to extend the time. Minutes will be taken by the Recording Secretary and distributed to the Senate within one week of the council meeting to allow Senators to read the minutes before the regular Senate meeting.
 - (c) will not have any power to enact policies, resolutions, or initiatives unless directed by the GSO Senate.

³ GSO Constitution Article II, Section 5(f)

- II. The President and Vice President of Internal Affairs shall have a minimum of one meeting per month to brief the Vice President of Internal Affairs on the affairs and advocacy of the President, should the President ever be unable to fulfil their duties.
- III. The President must extend an invitation to Chairs of GSO committees to join all special purpose advocacy, advisory, consultatory, or informational meetings with the administration that fall within that committee's charge. In all such meetings, the President remains the primary advocate with the council member or members present for consultatory and advisory purposes. These meetings exclude regular University Senate or GSO committee meetings and regular meetings with the Board of Trustees and the Dean of the Graduate School.

Be it further resolved, that this Executive Board and Committees Communication Policy be published on the GSO website with its own sub-tab under Senate-Senate Committees.