



GSO Senate Resolution 24.08

A Resolution to Amend the Custom of Inviting Speakers to Regular Meetings

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Action(s): Passed (17 Yes, 7 No, 7 Abstentions)

Chair of the Senate: CJ Arnell

President Pro Tempore of the Senate: Roger Rosena

Parliamentarian: R. Luke VanderSchaaff

President of the Student Body: Daniel J. Kimmel

Whereas, the time of the deliberative assembly ought to be well managed for the efficient conduct of business; and

Whereas, it is Senate Custom to invite guest speakers to provide informational talks on various campus Service Providers at every Meeting, though the GSO Constitution does not require this; and

Whereas, Invited Speakers that provide information on campus Service Providers are not essential to the core function of the Senate as a deliberative assembly, and there are better avenues for providing such information (e.g., GSO Town Hall, GSO Website, GSO External Communications); and

Whereas, re-regulating this custom might also, happily, result in shorter, more efficient Meetings of the deliberative assembly; **therefore, be it,**

Resolved, that all Invited Speakers that provide information on campus Service Providers shall require approval by a majority vote of the Senate; and,

Resolved, that the Senate may grant the Executive Board discretion to invite guests and speakers who serve vital functions regarding the GSO (e.g., GSO co-advisors) or who

represent the University in efforts to gain direct feedback from the graduate student body on important matters; and

Resolved, that, in light of the above, the Fourth Resolved clause of GSO Senate Resolution 23.13¹ is rescinded.

¹ SR 23.12, *A Resolution to Prioritize Graduate Student Wellness Further and to Communicate Graduate Students' Distinct Group Counseling and Fitness Program Requests & Preferences to the Barnes Center*, Fourth Resolved clause states: "Resolved, that the GSO will invite the Barnes Center staff to Senate meetings at least once per academic year for two purposes: 1) to inform Senators of their available wellness opportunities, which they can disseminate to their respective constituents and 2) to encourage an ongoing dialogue between the Barnes Center and graduate student leaders and thereby keep the assessment of graduate student wellness programming desires consistent;"