

Graduate Student Advisory Council

Constitution

Eastern Illinois University

Revised 2009

PREAMBLE

We, the graduate students of Eastern Illinois University, organize to represent our needs, address our concerns, and create a voice to the university community declare this Constitution for the Graduate Student Advisory Council and thereby establish a government for graduate students.

Article I. Name

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the Graduate Student Advisory Council of Eastern Illinois University.

PREVIOUS ARTICLE MODIFICATIONS

Article VIII. Elections and Appointments

Section 1.

The first meeting of the fall semester shall be chaired by a Graduate School Student Representative, as deemed appropriate by the GSAC Advisor, at which times the duties of the executive officers and committees shall be described to the GSAC members.

Section 2.

All members of the GSAC Membership are eligible for nomination and candidacy of an executive board position. Members wishing to run for an executive position must submit their name and the interested position to the GSAC Advisor prior to the first Assembly meeting. Nominations from the floor at the first Assembly meeting shall also be permitted. Once all nominations are submitted, the candidates will present a maximum of a three minute speech to the Assembly, immediately followed by a maximum of a five minute Q&A session. All of the present GSAC membership shall receive secret ballots to vote for the executive board. Every candidate must achieve a simple majority to be elected in office.

Section 3.

At the first GSAC Assembly meeting, as deemed necessary, the GSAC Advisor and Graduate School Student Representative shall receive nominations to appoint auxiliary officers. Committee representatives shall also be appointed at the first Assembly meeting on a voluntary basis. If any officer fails to perform his or her duties, he or she may be removed by the Executive Board. If an officer is removed or resigns, an election or appointment shall take place at the following GSAC Assembly meeting. Specifications to the election and appointment process shall be referred to in the By-Laws.

NEW ARTICLES TO BE ADDED

Article XI. By-Laws

Section 1.

The powers to enact By-Laws shall rest with the GSAC Membership. The membership must provide the Executive Board a minimum of two week's notice prior to the following GSAC Assembly meeting to consider any such amendments to the By-Laws.

Section 2.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the GSAC membership at any meeting. Amendments to the By-Laws shall take effect immediately upon passage, unless otherwise specified. All such amendments shall be reported to the membership for information.

Section 3.

In the instance that quorum is not met at any GSAC Assembly meeting the By-Laws may also be amended by a majority vote of the regular membership present and then to be followed by an electronic vote of the members not present in order to reach the two-thirds quorum.

Article XII. Ratification

Section 1.

This constitution shall take immediate effect upon ratification by a majority of the GSAC membership.

Section 2.

Upon ratification, this Constitution shall supersede all previous Constitutions for the GSAC.