

The Evergreen State College
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GEODUCK STUDENT UNION OF
THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE
BY-LAWS

GSU Executive Board, and GSU Board of Representatives, may be officially referred to as the Geoduck Student Union (GSU).

The Evergreen State College may be officially referred to as Evergreen or Evergreen College.

The Services and Activities Fee Committee may be officially referred to as S&A or the S&A Board or Committee.

The Geoduck Student Union may be officially referred to as the Geoduck Student Union

The Student Advisory Committee may be officially referred to as SAC or the SAC.

The Revised Code of Washington may be officially referred to as RCW

The Washington State Administrative Code may be officially referred to as WAC

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Preamble

The G^wídəq Student Union is the official representation of the student body at The Evergreen State College. The Union is committed to unifying students across all Evergreen campuses, serving their interests at the local, state, and national levels, and empowering all the students to participate in positive social and political change while fostering a fair and diverse community. The Union works to improve students' quality of life by advocating for students' rights and needs, facilitating communication among students, and ensuring a fair balance of power among faculty, staff administration, and students.

1. Membership

1.1 GSU membership shall be composed of the following roles:

- Vice President of Internal Affairs
- Vice President of External Affairs
- Chief Justice
- Historian & Policy Analyst
- Communications Liaison
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Legislative Liaison
- Student Life Liaison
- Treasurer

1.1.1 Executive Officers

1.1.1.2 Vice President of Internal Affairs

1.1.1.2.1 Purpose

The Vice President of Internal Affairs is the primary leadership role responsible for overseeing, guiding, and facilitating all internal GSU operations to ensure that the body is making progress toward its goals. This person ensures that essential functions are being completed, and that GSU members have the resources they need to fulfill their quarterly goals. Additionally, this person will serve as the chairperson of GSU Board of Representatives meetings.

1.1.1.2.2 Responsibilities

- a. Serve as member of the GSU Executive Board
- b. Default chairperson at GSU Board of Representative meetings
 - i. The chairperson is non-voting in regular GSU meetings, unless to break a tie vote
 - ii. Facilitate, direct, and refocus discussions in a fair and productive way
- c. Appoint students (including GSU members) to committees with the confirmation of the GSU
- d. Finalize GSU meeting agenda and provide that agenda to the GSU Communications Liaison by end of day Monday.
- e. Facilitate, with the support of Student Activities staff, GSU's quarterly/yearly priorities, goal-setting, and other strategic planning
- f. Collect and consolidate progress reports produced by GSU members
- g. Develop a working knowledge of the various resources and supports available to representatives

- h. Develop a working knowledge of and abide by GSU governing documents
- i. Provide leadership conducive to a forming and guiding a team
- j. Assist in coordinating all internal GSU projects, work, and priorities

1.1.1.2.3 Authority

1.1.1.2.3.1

The GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs has the duty to inform GSU of committees, taskforces, or on projects, which have a vacant with a seat for a student, and request volunteers with the assistance of the Executive Board.

1.1.1.2.3.1.1

The GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs has the authority to appoint GSU members to committees with the consent of appointee and with the approval of either the GSU Executive Board or the GSU Board of Representatives.

1.1.1.2.3.1.1.1

If no GSU member volunteers to fill a vacant seat or no student receives the approval of GSU's Executive Board or the Board of Representatives, the GSU Vice President of Internal affairs may appoint a consenting appointee at their discretion to the vacant seat.

1.1.1.2.3.2

The GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs has the authority to request status updates from student representatives, whether they be regarding GSU projects, or external committees and the student representative must furnish a status report within five (5) business days of receiving the request to the Vice President of Internal Affairs.

1.1.1.2.3.2.1

If the requestee fails to furnish a progress report and or provides no reasonable request for an accommodation the Vice President of Internal Affairs has the authority to demand requestees presence at the next regularly scheduled Executive Board or Board of Representatives meeting to provide a progress report.

1.1.1.2.3.2.1.1

Failure of the requestee to attend the next regularly scheduled Executive Board or Board of Representatives meeting and furnish a progress report, shall grant the Vice President of Internal Affairs the authority to bring a request to either the GSU Executive Board or the Board of Representatives to allow the Vice President of Internal Affairs to reassign responsibility of the project to an alternative individual. The respective board needs a simple majority vote to approve the reassignment of the project.

1.1.1.3 Vice President of External Affairs

1.1.1.3.1 Purpose

The GSU VP of External Affairs represents the whole of the Evergreen student body to The Evergreen State College administration and appropriate stakeholder groups. The VP of External Affairs serves as the primary spokesperson for all GSU interactions with external entities and advises the GSU on how to best coordinate and work with external stakeholders. They attend Board of Trustees meetings as the student representative to the Board of Trustees, serve on committees, attend faculty meetings, and serve to facilitate campus communications with the GSU board.

1.1.1.3.2 Responsibilities

- k. Serve as member of the GSU Executive Board
- l. Report back to GSU with information and updates
- m. Serve as the primary point of contact between GSU and community members
- n. Provide clear and consistent messaging supporting GSU priorities to all external entities
- o. Foster relationships through collaboration and support between GSU and The Evergreen State College organizations through quarterly meetings
- p. Communicate GSU and student opinions to various campus committees, administration, faculty, and staff when requested by those groups, or otherwise designate a GSU member to serve
- q. Promote positive external relations in collaboration with various college departments/offices through partnerships in projects, events, and engagements
- r. Attend Washington Student Association meetings if GSU Director of Legislative Affairs is not able to

1.1.1.3.3

The Vice President of External Affairs shall serve as the primary representative of student interests and views to The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees

1.1.1.3.3.1

If for some reason The Vice President of External Affairs is unable to act as the primary representative for GSU and the student union to The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees

then the Vice President of Internal Affairs shall fill the responsibility outlined in section 3.1.1.3.3 of the GSU bylaws.

1.1.1.3.3.1.1

Determining if The Vice President of External is unable to act as the primary representative for the GSU to The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees is completed if The Vice President of External submits their rationale for their belief that they are unable to serve as the primary representative for the GSU to The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees to the GSU Board of Representatives or the GSU Executive Board or by a member calling to question the member's conflict of interest as outlined in the GSU bylaws or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of either the GSU Board of Representatives or the GSU Executive Board.

1.1.1.4 Chief Justice

1.1.1.4.1 Purpose

The Chief Justice is the primary non-partial role in GSU which is responsible for supporting the GSU body in being in compliance with its governing documents. This person serves in a non-voting, advisory capacity, and is also and the parliamentarian in GSU meetings. The Chief Justice has the authority to veto any GSU act that violates the GSU governing documents or college policies, and acts as the primary check to balance GSU's authority.

1.1.1.4.2 Responsibilities

- a. Serve as the chairperson for GSU Board of Executive Meetings
- b. Serve as member of the GSU Executive Board
- c. When the body votes to approve an amendment to governing documents, update and post the documents to relevant sites by the following meeting.
- d. Serves as parliamentarian, ensuring meetings are conducted in accordance with agreed-upon rules
- e. Offer the GSU body information and advice about options if the group encounters a roadblock regarding policy that the group must abide by
- f. Work with the GSU Historian & Policy Analyst on GSU compliance and conduct matters
- g. Develop a working knowledge of the various resources and supports available to representatives
- h. Involved heavily in accountability procedures and investigations, and relevant record-keeping

- i. Advise the GSU on personnel matters such as ensuring expectations are met and potential conflicts of interests are addressed
- j. Oversee the development, designing and writing of all legal documents such as contracts, policies, procedures, bylaws, and resolutions
- k. Maintain a working knowledge of newly instituted laws or policies affecting the GSU
- l. Assist in ensuring compliance with Washington State's Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30) and Open Public Records Act (RCW 42.56)
- m. Assist in managing GSU Canvas site

1.1.1.4.3 Authority

1.1.1.4.3.1 Veto Powers

The GSU Chief Justice has the authority to veto any act passed or adopted by GSU that violates GSU's governing documents, college policy and procedures, or state or federal laws or regulations. Once the Chief Justice officially informs the GSU of their veto the veto immediately goes into effect temporarily nullifying and ceasing the vetoed act. The Chief Justice must then provide GSU with the rational for the veto that must explicitly outlines which specific laws, policies, procedures, or regulations the vetoed act violates and provide recommendations as to how to rectify the indicated violations within three (3) business days of informing GSU of the veto.

1.1.1.4.3.1.1

If the Chief Justice fails to provide GSU with the rational and recommendations as outlined above within three (3) business days, the veto becomes null.

1.1.1.4.3.1.2

GSU may overrule a veto with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval and GSU staff advisor(s) approval.

1.1.1.4.3.1.3

The GSU Chief Justice has the duty to partake in good faith discussions to resolve the violations they cited as grounds for the veto with the impacted parties

1.1.1.4.3.1.4

The Chief Justice may revoke their veto at any point that they determine that the violations cited as the rational for the veto have been addressed.

1.1.1.4.3.2

The Chief Justice shall serve as the chairperson of the GSU Executive Board, will full voting privileges afforded to normal GSU Executive Board members.

1.1.1.4.3.3

The Chief Justice shall not be afforded voting privileges on the GSU Board of Representatives and shall not count towards the numbers of members required to be present to establish quorum, or for the purposes of meeting the requirements of quorum or towards vote thresholds in Board of Representatives meetings unless otherwise specified in the GSU bylaws.

1.1.1.5 Historian & Policy Analyst

1.1.1.5.1 Purpose

The Historian & Policy Analyst of the GSU is responsible for ensuring the GSU Constitution and other governing documents are upheld and working directly with the GSU Chief Justice. This role will maintain proficiency with newly instituted laws or policies affecting the GSU and provide GSU with guidance on navigating these laws and policies. Additionally, this person will document and archive GSU related business and information and help facilitate general record-keeping for the GSU body.

1.1.1.5.2 Responsibilities

- a. Serve as member of the GSU Executive Board
- b. Take minutes at each meeting
- c. Ensure that documents are **posted**/archived in the correct place
 - a. Ensure the GSU binder in the student activities office contains up to date GSU minutes, agendas for each GSU meeting over the academic year.
 - b. Ensure GSU, documents, and the minutes and agendas for each GSU meeting are stored in hard copy within the GSU office
 - c. Backup all GSU documents, minutes, and agendas to electronic format on the designated GSU electronic storage location
- d. Work with the Chief Justice on compliance and conduct within the GSU, as necessary
- e. Develop a working knowledge of the various resources and supports available to representatives
- f. Record-keeping of organization's documents, including documents pertaining to accountability procedures and investigations
- g. Assist in ensuring compliance with Washington State's Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30) and Open Public Records Act (RCW 42.56)

- h. Assist in managing GSU Canvas site
- i. Archiving of GSU documents
- j. Other duties as assigned
- k. Access to official GSU email

1.1.1.5.3 Authority

1.1.1.5.3.1 Veto Powers

GSU's Historian & Policy Analyst has the authority to veto any act passed or adopted by GSU that violates GSU's governing documents, college policy and procedures, or state or federal laws or regulations. Once the Historian & Policy Analyst officially informs the GSU of their veto the veto immediately goes into effect temporarily nullifying and ceasing the vetoed act. The Historian & Policy Analyst must then provide GSU with the rational for the veto that must explicitly outline which specific laws, policies, procedures, or regulations the vetoed act violates and provide recommendations as to how to rectify the indicated violations within three (3) business days of informing GSU of the veto.

1.1.1.5.3.1.1

If the Historian & Policy Analyst fails to provide GSU with the rational and recommendations as outlined above within three (3) business days, the veto becomes null.

1.1.1.5.3.1.2

GSU may overrule a veto with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval and GSU staff advisor(s) approval.

1.1.1.5.3.1.3

The GSU Historian & Policy Analyst has the duty to partake in good faith discussions to resolve the violations they cited as grounds for the veto with the impacted parties

1.1.1.5.3.1.4

The Historian & Policy Analyst may revoke their veto at any point that they determine that the violations cited as the rational for the veto have been addressed.

1.1.1.5.3.2

The Historian & Policy Analyst shall serve on the GSU Executive Board, will full voting privileges afforded to normal GSU Executive Board members.

1.1.1.5.3.3

The Historian & Policy Analyst shall not be afforded voting privileges on the GSU Board of Representatives and shall not count towards the numbers of members required to be present to

establish quorum, or for the purposes of meeting the requirements of quorum or towards vote thresholds in Board of Representatives meetings unless otherwise specified in the GSU bylaws.

1.1.1.6 Communications Liaison

1.1.1.6.1 Purpose

The Communications Liaison is responsible for strategically promoting events, initiatives, and the work of the GSU to the student body. This position entails managing multiple communication platforms including the GSU webpages, social media accounts, and email communications. The Communications Liaison works to ensure that outgoing GSU messages are consistent, easily understandable, and otherwise accessible.

1.1.1.6.2 Responsibilities

- a. Serve as member of the GSU Executive Board
- b. Manage the official GSU email, ensure that GSU initiatives are promoted in campus-wide emails as necessary
- c. Edit GSU website
 - i. Post minutes, agenda, update various pages accurately and in a timely manner
 1. Post the GSU meeting agenda twenty-four (24) hours in advance to the scheduled meeting time to the GSU webpage and if possible, post a physical copy to the GSU bulletin board.
- d. Manage social media platforms
 - i. Promote events, resources, and happenings on Facebook and Instagram pages
- e. Collaborate with campus partners to promote events and initiatives
- f. Curate communication channels to receive student input on GSU actions and facilitate means for students to convey issues they may be facing to GSU
- g. Ensure that the outgoing messages are consistent with GSU mission and values and are factually correct
- h. Create a quarterly marketing strategy
 - i. Develop and write content for publications that communicate GSU actions, priorities, and objectives

1.1.2 Legislative Affairs Officers

1.1.2.1.

Legislative Affairs Officers have the authority to interpret and implement the GSU Legislative Agenda. The GSU Executive Board of Directors delegates to the Director of Legislative Affairs the powers, duties, and authority necessary to carry out the administration and operations for Legislative Affairs Officers enumerated per section 1.1.2. of the GSU Bylaws.

1.1.2.2 Director of Legislative Affairs

1.1.2.2.1 Purpose

The Director of Legislative Affairs (DOLA) represents the students of The Evergreen State College to other public universities in Washington, as well as to the State Legislature. How you present yourself will be perceived as a reflection of the values and merit of Evergreen students and the college as a whole. The DOLA will lobby for the interests of Evergreen students as well as those of students of all public four-year colleges in the state. They will work with the Washington Student Association (WSA) on a joint legislative agenda as well as on Evergreen specific issues.

1.1.2.2.2 Responsibilities

- a. Attend Washington Student Association (WSA) trainings and events
- b. Advocate for students at the state legislature
- c. Serve as the voting member and the liaison representing The Evergreen State College in the Washington Student Association Board of Directors
- d. Develop working knowledge of legislative process, advocacy, and civic education
- e. Collaborate with the GSU Legislative Liaison to report back to the GSU Board and student body on the progress of bills
- f. Meet regularly with Evergreen's administrative lobbyist
- g. Attend fundraisers and events related to higher education
- h. Build relationships with legislators their staff
- i. Create communication opportunities for students to give feedback on the legislative agenda
- j. Maintain the Legislative Agenda

1.1.2.2.3

The Director of Legislative Affairs shall not be counted as a GSU member when establishing the number of members required to achieve quorum or as member to count towards meeting the requirements of quorum or vote thresholds when the Director of Legislative Affairs is unable to attend GSU Board of Representatives meetings due to meeting conflicts that directly arise in the course of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of Director of Legislative Affairs.



1.1.2.3 Legislative Liaison

1.1.2.3.1 Purpose

The GSU Legislative Liaison's role is to represent the students of this institution to other public universities in Washington, as well as to the State Legislature. How you present yourself will be perceived as a reflection of the values and merit of Evergreen students and the college as a whole. The Legislative Liaison assists the GSU's Director of Legislative Affairs (DOLA) in lobbying efforts, as well as acts as a bridge between the DOLA and to the GSU and the student body.

1.1.2.3.2 Responsibilities

- a. Report back to the GSU on the progress of bills during legislative session
- b. Attend Washington Student Association training (in January)
- c. Assist Director of Legislative Affairs with lobbying efforts
- d. Develop working knowledge of legislative process, advocacy, and civic education
- e. Create communication opportunities for students to give feedback on the legislative agenda
- f. Lead the development and implementation of the yearly legislative poll
 - a. Describe in more detail
- g. Host a lobby day and bring students to advocate on higher education issues with the assistance DOLA

1.1.3 Officers

1.1.3.1 Student Life Liaison

1.1.3.1.1 Purpose

The Student Life Liaison is responsible for fostering strong lines of communication and relationships between GSU and other student groups on campus. This person also oversees and assists events hosted by other GSU members. This position will require development of a strong

understanding of Student Activities policy and resources, as well as a solid relationship with the Services and Activities Board (S&A Board).

1.1.3.1.2 Responsibilities

- a. Develop a working knowledge of Student Activities policies and procedures
- b. Develop a working relationship with Student Activities staff, student groups, and other student governance groups
- c. Collaborate with campus partners to promote events and initiatives
- d. Support other representatives in administrative/logistical work necessary to plan and execute GSU events
- e. Work to foster collaborative environment and facilitate student groups working with one another
- f. Other duties as assigned

1.1.3.2 Treasurer

1.1.3.2.1 Purpose

The Treasurer is responsible for managing the yearly GSU budget and advising the body on spending. This person also serves on campus committees pertaining to the school's budget and will also be in close communication with the Services & Activities Board (S&A Board) about its allocations. Additionally, this person will develop easily understandable financial reports for transparent and informative communications within GSU, and will work to share financial information with students, the institution, and external entities.

1.1.3.2.1 Responsibilities

- a. Monitor, manage, and advise GSU spending—develop regular budget reports
- b. Develop working knowledge of how funds can legally be spent
- c. Study and analyze institutional fees and determine their impact on students
- d. Open communication channels to receive student input on how the GSU should spend its funds
- e. Serve as a liaison between the school's budget related committees and the GSU
- f. Identify fees and fiscal policies that impact students
- g. Develop strong working relationship with S&A Board and GSU's Student Life Liaison
- h. to identify student group interests and needs

- i. Develop tailored financial reports to convey fiscal information to students, GSU, the institution and the community at large
- j. Other duties as assigned

1.1.4 Duties & Responsibilities of all GSU Officers

- a. Attend all training sessions, including Summer Quarter
- b. Attend all GSU meetings (Mon 3-5pm, Wed 1-3pm of academic year, unless otherwise rescheduled)
- c. Serve on all assigned committees, taskforces and projects.
- d. Regularly report to GSU on items concerning GSU, or items which have a substantial impact on students attending the Evergreen State College.
- e. Develop a working knowledge of and abide by all GSU governing documents
- f. Maintain regular office hours, which are properly logged and documented.

1.1.5 Establishing Additional GSU Positions

1.1.5.1

The GSU Executive Board and GSU Board of Representatives have the authority to establish and fill additional roles not otherwise specified in the GSU bylaws.

1.1.5.1.1

The role(s) established by the GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives must include the following details:

1. A job description specifying duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the role.
 - a. The GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives may not establish a role that has authority greater than that allocated to a GSU officer position or greater than the authority granted to any GSU committee or board.
2. The job description must provide a clear timeline for the position that may not extend past the term for GSU officers.
3. In addition, the GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives may not establish a position that shifts the majority of any responsibility or duty held exclusively by a GSU officer or by any established GSU board or committee.
 - a. GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.1.3 is not intended to limit the GSU to being unable to create and fill positions that supplement or complement the duties and responsibilities held by a GSU officer or GSU entity.

4. The GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives are required to designate a GSU officer or GSU entity that the position is responsible for reporting to and clearly display this on the job description for the position.
5. Further, the GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives must establish an estimate of the hourly workload for the position and allocate a compensation equal to greater than what hourly minimum wage compensation would equate to working at the estimated hourly workload for the position.
 - a. The estimated hourly workload and total compensation amount must be clearly provided in the job description for the position.

1.1.5.1.2

The GSU Executive Board and GSU Board of Representatives are encouraged to utilize section 1.1.4 of the GSU bylaws to establish roles for student representatives participating in shared governance activities or college committees.

1.1.5.1.2.1

GSU members, boards, or entities may not establish positions which complete work they are required to complete per their officer role or that they would otherwise complete or to establish positions which would allow GSU members to subsequently fill and receive additional compensation for the work completed in that established position that would otherwise be completed without the establishment of the position.

1.1.5.1.2.1.1

GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.2.1 shall not apply to the establishment of positions which are responsible for duties and responsibilities outside those required per GSU officer roles duties and responsibilities, so long as there is sufficient evidence that work is not duplicative of GSU officer duties and responsibilities, or in instances where there were past positions in student activities which completed the duties and responsibilities of the position in question so far as that position was not previously transferred to a GSU officer or entity with the intent a specific GSU member or entity would be responsible for the duties and responsibilities of the position in question.

1.1.5.1.2.1.1.1

Any member of the student constituency who feels that the GSU may have violated GSU bylaw 1.1.4.1.2.1 has the authority to request that the GSU adviser(s) review the concern, and the GSU adviser(s) shall have the authority to unilaterally veto the creation of the position and/or prevent GSU officers from being considered for the position.

1.1.5.1.2.1.1.1.1

The GSU adviser(s) action taken per GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.2.1.1.1 shall not be subject to appeal or be overturned or vetoed by the GSU or by any GSU personnel or entity.

1.1.5.1.2.2

When the GSU Executive Board and GSU Board of Representatives establish positions, they are strongly encouraged to seek funding from additional sources to supplement GSU funds spent on compensation for the established positions where feasible.

1.1.5.1.3

The GSU Executive Board and GSU Board of Representatives may not establish a position that has voting authority on either the GSU Executive Board or the GSU Board of Representatives.

1.1.5.1.4

The GSU Board, which approved establishing a position must at a minimum conduct a quarterly analysis by the second week of each quarter of all positions they established to determine the following details:

1. If the established position(s) duties and responsibilities have been successfully accomplished
2. If the established position(s) are still essential to accomplishing GSU core objectives
3. If the GSU entity or personnel that the established position(s) reports to has successfully supported and managed the established position(s)
4. If the students the GSU serves would be better or more efficiently served by an alternative position or altering the duties and responsibilities of the GSU officer(s) or entities(s)

1.1.5.1.4.1

The GSU Board, which established the position, must then determine based on the findings in GSU bylaws 1.1.5.1.4 whether to continue supporting the position by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

1.1.5.1.4.1.1

The GSU board, alternative to the GSU board that established the GSU position has the authority to overturn the decision to continue to fund any GSU position by a three fourths (3/4) majority vote.

1.1.5.1.4.1.2

If the GSU board which established the position fails to conduct a vote approving the position(s) for additional quarters by week 4 of the quarter, the established position(s) shall be terminated.

1.1.5.1.4.2

The ultimate findings of the quarterly analysis conducted by the respective GSU board as required by GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.4 must be reported in a regularly scheduled open public meeting by week three of the quarter in which the quarterly analysis as required per GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.4 was conducted.

1.1.5.1.4.2.1

Nothing in GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.4.2 shall be construed as limiting the GSU to conduct performance evaluations in executive sessions as defined by RCW 42.30.110.

1.1.5.1.5

All positions established by GSU and their respective job descriptions and steps for applying must be publicly published to the Evergreen community prior to filling the position.

1.1.5.1.6

The GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs shall have the authority to require or request status and progress updates from the individual filling a GSU established positions and the individual or board the position reports to.

1.1.5.1.6.1

Status or progress reports the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs requests or requires per GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.6 must be provided in full to the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs within five (5) business days of the date the request was sent by the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs.

1.1.5.1.6.2

Failure to provide a status or progress report to the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs within the timeframe specified in GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.6.1 shall permit the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs to request that the GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives suspend the position by a simple majority vote.

1.1.5.1.6.2.1

Failure to provide a status or progress report to the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs within the timeframe specified in GSU bylaw 1.1.5.1.6.1 shall permit the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs to immediately suspend the GSU position with the consent of GSU adviser(s).

1.1.5.1.6.2.2

The individual(s) in the position facing suspension and boards or person(s) to which they may report to shall be provided the opportunity to review the rationale and any supporting documentation supporting the decision to suspend the position.

1.1.5.1.6.2.3

The individual(s) in the position facing suspension and the boards or person(s) to which the position may report to shall be provided an opportunity to provide additional information to the entities which issued the suspension or are considering suspending the position.

1.1.5.1.6.2.4

Nothing in GSU bylaw section 1.1.5 shall be construed as preventing the GSU Executive Board, GSU Board of Representatives or the GSU Chief Justice or the GSU Historian & Policy Analyst from taking permissible actions as outlined in the GSU bylaws that may suspend, veto,

terminate, or dissolve a GSU established position prior to following the procedures that may result in the suspension or elimination of a GSU established position per section 1.1.5 of the GSU bylaws.

2.0 Boards & Committees

2.1. Committee Formation

2.1.1.

The GSU Executive Board, GSU Board of Representatives, may commission or decommission any GSU board, committee, or organization unless otherwise specified in the GSU Bylaws.

2.1.1.1

The GSU Executive Board, GSU Board of Representatives, and the GSU Accountability Board may not be decommissioned without changes to the GSU Constitution.

2.1.2.

All GSU boards, committees, or organizations shall report to their respective commissioning board.

2.1.3.

The respective commissioning board must specify and approve the Purpose, Vision, Mission, and or Goals of any committee which is commissioned.

2.2 GSU Executive Board

2.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of the GSU Executive Board is to manage, direct, and monitor all activities and policies of the GSU.

2.2.2. Authority

The GSU Executive Board shall have the authority to and be responsible for implementing all matters of legislation enacted by the GSU Board of Representatives.

2.2.1 Membership

The GSU Executive Board shall consist of:

- Chief Justice (Chair)
- Vice President of External Affairs
- Vice President of Internal Affairs

- Policy Analyst & Historian
- Communications Representative

2.2.2

The GSU Executive Board with the consent of the GSU Accountability Team shall have the right to handle matters relating to reviewing the performance of public employees, and to handle the initial implementation of probationary status for all GSU members.

2.2.3

The GSU Executive Board shall have the responsibility to handle matters of screening topics submitted by past and present GSU members and other students at large as determined by the GSU Executive Board to be a potential conflict of interest and determine what actions should be implemented to mitigate the conflict of interest.

2.2.4

The GSU Executive Board of Directors shall meet weekly unless there is unanimous agreement of the Executive Board members that there are no items of business to be discussed or addressed.

2.2.4.1

The requirement to meet as outlined in 2.2.4 can be met by meeting over remote methods and/or by discussing and reviewing items over Canvas or other electronic mediums

2.2.4.2

The GSU Executive Board may be called together for an emergency, or special meeting as outlined in section 3 of the GSU bylaws.

2.2.5

Members outside of those stipulated in 2.2.1 of the GSU Bylaws may attend GSU Executive Board meetings, however they shall be treated as non-voting members and solely as resource liaisons to provide additional information on the matters being addressed in the GSU Executive Board meeting.

2.2.6

The GSU Executive Board shall be responsible for setting, reviewing and initiating strategic planning.

2.2.6.1

This may include, but is not limited to prioritizing GSU's legislative agenda, forming committees or taskforces to review and or implement GSU priorities and projects, and delegating duties and responsibilities for specific projects to the appropriate GSU entity.

2.2.6.2

The GSU Executive Board must at least once a year undertake strategic planning which shall include the following: soliciting input from students to guide prioritization of projects and issues, creating a timeline of projects that are to be accomplished by the end of year and assign these projects and tasks to specific GSU entities, gather and consolidate yearly plans crafted by specific GSU members, as outlined in these bylaws, and consolidate these plans into a comprehensive document, and present these consolidated plan to the GSU Board of Representatives and to publicly publish this plan for students at large to review.

2.2.6.2.1

This consolidated strategic plan must have measurable metrics to determine the success of the planned activities, a clear timeline as to when they are to be completed and explain the rationale behind the selection and prioritization of the issues and projects chosen to be included in the strategic plan.

2.2.6.2.2

The GSU Executive Board has the responsibility to at a minimum conduct a review of GSU's strategic planning and determine whether the timelines and metrics outlined in the original plan were met and if they were not met determine whether to amend the strategic plan on a quarterly basis. Amendments or changes to the strategic plan should include a description as to why the amendment or change was required.

2.2.6.2.2.1

The quarterly review of the strategic plan and findings on the success and progress of initiatives, priorities and projects contained within the quarterly strategic plan shall be made publicly available to the students at large.

2.2.7

The GSU Executive Board has the authority to take any and all actions required to ensure the stability and productivity of GSU in accomplishing GSU's fundamental goals, objectives and for ensuring GSU serves the needs of the students attending The Evergreen State College, unless otherwise limited by the GSU bylaws.

2.2.7.1

The GSU Executive Board is required to inform the entirety of GSU at the earliest possible time after exercising 2.2.7, if the action(s) the Executive Board takes limit the rights of any member in GSU, or that substantially alters the plans or priorities adopted by the GSU or if the Executive Board's actions constitute taking a formal and public stance on any issue directly impacting the GSU as a whole or the majority of students attending The Evergreen State College.

2.2.7.1.1

The GSU Board of Representatives has the authority require a vote of the GSU Board of Representatives to determine if the actions taken by the Executive Board under 2.2.7, and 2.2.7.1, should be upheld, amended or overturned by two thirds (2/3) vote.

2.3 GSU Board of Representatives

2.3.1 Purpose

The legislative power of the GSU shall be vested in the Board of Representatives who will serve to direct and regulate all activities and policies of the GSU and enact measures for the general welfare of the students attending The Evergreen State College.

2.3.2 Authority

All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in the GSU Board of Representatives of the Geoduck Student Union. Such powers shall include collecting and determine the prioritization of issues facing students at The Evergreen State College, and the enactment of measures for the general welfare of the students attending The Evergreen State College. The GSU Board of Representatives shall be the venue for formalizing GSU's public stance on any issue impacting the students at The Evergreen State College, or the GSU. GSU's Board of Representatives shall be the primary GSU entity within GSU to prioritize issues impacting the students at The Evergreen State College and shall be vested with the power to adopt GSU's strategic plan which outlines specific actions GSU will take to advance and resolve the issues enumerated in GSU's strategic plan.

2.3.3. Membership

The GSU Board of Representatives shall consist of:

- Vice President of Internal Affairs (Chair)
- Vice President of External Affairs
- Chief Justice (Non-Voting)
- Policy Analyst & Historian (Non-Voting)
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Treasure
- Student Life Liaison
- Legislative Liaison
- Communications Liaison

2.3.4

The GSU Board of Representatives shall not take action without quorum. To have quorum, one-half of GSU members in good standing shall be rounded up to the nearest full number of the voting members must be present or have previously submitted their voting position to the GSU Board of Representatives Chairperson unless otherwise specified in the GSU bylaws.

2.3.5

The GSU Board of Representatives shall meet weekly and follow Chapter 42.30 of the Revised Code of Washington.

2.3.6

Any GSU Board member who is excused from attendance of an GSU official meeting, and wishes to vote on action items that appear on the meeting's agenda may do so by putting into writing the following: their voting position on the meeting action items, a signature and a date. The proxy or absentee voting document must be turned in to and approved by the GSU Board of Representatives prior to the scheduled meeting time.

2.3.7

The GSU Board of Representatives may be called together for an emergency or special meeting as outlined in section 3 of the GSU bylaws.

2.3.8

The GSU Board of Representatives is the primary venue for members of The Evergreen State College to bring concerns and issues to. Furthermore, the GSU Board of Representatives shall be the entity responsible for informing the community of The Evergreen State College of the issues, projects and measures taken by GSU to improve the welfare of students attending The Evergreen State College. Therefore, the GSU Board of Representatives shall be responsible for both providing a forum conducive to receiving student input and regularly and publicly reporting on the efforts taken by entities within GSU, whether they be those of teams or individual representatives.

2.3.9

Unless otherwise outlined in these bylaws, the GSU Board of Representatives shall be the entity responsible for formally adopting any decision that publicly declares GSU's stance on issues or topics impacting students attending The Evergreen State College or that impacts the entirety of GSU.

2.4 GSU Accountability Board

2.4.1 Membership of the GSU Accountability Board shall be as follows

- Chief Justice (Chair)
- Vice President of Internal Affairs
- Staff Advisor(s) to GSU

2.4.2

The GSU Accountability Board shall be the entity entrusted with the responsibility for ensuring GSU members adhere to the duties and responsibilities outlined in the GSU governing documents, and within each position's job application. The GSU Accountability Board, has the authority to take actions as outlined in the GSU governing documents to ensure members of

GSU uphold their responsibilities as GSU members, student leaders, and as representatives bound to further the interests of students attending The Evergreen State College.

2.4.3

The GSU Accountability Board shall be responsible for handling accountability measures as outlined in GSU's governing documents and for properly documenting these proceedings and findings, as well as thoroughly and objectively investigating instances or complaints alleging a GSU member failed to uphold the duties, responsibilities, and authority they are vested with per the GSU bylaws.

2.5 Student Advisory Committee

2.5.1 Purpose

Per RCW 28B.15.190(1)(a, b, c, d, e) The Student Advisory Committee (SAC) shall be responsible for reviewing and providing recommendations on the following topics:

- (a) The institution's annual budget;
- (b) Tuition and fee levels;
- (c) Financial aid policies;
- (d) Long-range budget priorities and allocation planning; and
- (e) Admission and enrollment policies.

2.5.2 Authority

The Student Advisory Committee shall have the authority to request any or all nonconfidential information, documents, and reports that are necessary for the committee to provide informed recommendations from The Evergreen State College. Further, The Student Advisory Committee shall be provided the opportunity to present recommendations to the Evergreen State College's board trustees before final decisions of the administration that relate to the issues described section 2.5.1 of the GSU Bylaws or RCW 28B.15.190(1)(a, b, c, d, e).

2.5.3 Membership

- Vice President of Internal Affairs
- Chief Justice (or Designee)
- Treasurer (or Designee)
- Historian & Policy Analyst
- Any GSU Officer

2.5.3.1

The GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs shall chair the initial meeting of each academic year of the Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.3.1.1

In the initial meeting of each academic year of the Student Advisory Committee the Student Advisory Committee shall conduct a vote to appoint the yearly chair and co-chair of the Student Advisory Committee by a simple majority vote.

2.5.3.1.1.1

Only members that are students of The Evergreen State College may hold a voting position on the Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.3.2

The Student Advisory Committee shall have the authority to create additional seats to represent student constituency groups of The Evergreen State College by a simple majority vote.

2.5.3.2.1

The Student Advisory Committee shall have the authority to appoint members to SAC by a simple majority vote after consultation with the GSU Vice president of Internal Affairs or the GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives.

2.5.3.2.2

The GSU Vice president of Internal Affairs, the GSU Treasure or the GSU Executive Board or the GSU Board of Representatives shall have the authority shall have the authority to create additional seats on the Student Advisory Committee to represent student constituency groups of The Evergreen State College after consultation with Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.3.2.2.1

At the discretion of the GSU Vice president of Internal Affairs or the GSU Treasure or after a simple majority vote the GSU Executive Board or the GSU Board of Representatives may the party have the authority to appoint members to SAC after consultation with Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.3.2.3

The GSU and the Student Advisory Committee are strongly encouraged to ensure membership on the Student Advisory Committee accurately reflects the diverse demographic, socioeconomic, political or economic philosophies held by the student constituency attending The Evergreen State College.

2.5.4

All meetings of the Student Advisory Committee shall be conducted in a manner consistent with Washington's Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.

2.5.4.1

To the best of its ability all meetings of the Student Advisory Committee shall be conducted in a manner consistent with section 3 of the GSU Bylaws.

2.5.5

The GSU Executive Board or GSU Board of Representatives has the authority to veto any act by the Student Advisory Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote if the action violates RCW 28B.15.190, the GSU Bylaws, or applicable state or federal law(s).

2.5.5.1

The GSU Chief Justice or GSU Historian & Policy Analyst shall have the right to veto any act of the Student Advisory Committee as described in Sections 1.1.1.4.3 or 1.1.1.5.3 of the GSU bylaws.

2.5.6

Independently The Student Advisory Committee or in coordination with the GSU the SAC shall:

(a) Make reasonable efforts to solicit feedback from students regarding the issues described in subsection (1) of RCW 28B.15.190, or section 2.5.1 of the GSU Bylaws and on matters that are of general interest and impact students;

(b) take reasonable steps to keep students informed of deliberations and actions of the student advisory committee.

2.5.6.1

The manner in which The Student Advisory Committee independently or in coordination with the GSU meets the requirements outlined in section 2.5.6 of the GSU Bylaws shall be at the discretion of The Student Advisory Committee and the GSU.

2.5.7

The Student Advisory Committee may take any and all actions necessary to accomplish its purpose and authority as outlined in Section 2.5 of the GSU Bylaws or RCW 28B.15.190; However The Student Advisory Committee must, at a minimum, regularly provide a report including all information received by the SAC and all recommendations made by the SAC to the GSU on a quarterly basis.

2.5.7.1

The GSU, at its discretion, has the authority to request a status report from The Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.7.1.1

The Student Advisory Committee must provide in full the information in GSU's requested status report within five (5) business days of receiving the request.

2.5.7.1.1.1

If GSU's requested status report requires work summarizing information or creation of reports or documents not readily available by The Student Advisory Committee, they may provide GSU

with all readily available information and they may request additional time or resources to fully provide GSU with the requested reports, or documents.

2.5.7.1.1.1.1

GSU shall make every effort possible to ensure a collaborative and productive relationship with The Student Advisory Committee and shall be responsible for working with the SAC to accommodate the needs and proposed timeline of The Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.8

The Student Advisory Committee may not be decommissioned by the GSU, by any means without unanimous consent of the GSU Board of Representatives and approval of the GSU advisor(s), and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of The Student Advisory Committee.

2.5.8.1

Proposed amendments to the GSU bylaws or constitution that significantly impact the Student Advisory Committee must be provided to the SAC at least five (5) business in advance to enacting them.

2.5.8.1.1

The SAC must be provided the opportunity to provide comment and input on any proposed changes as outlined in GSU Bylaw 2.5.8.1.

2.5.8.2

Changes expanding the membership of The Student Advisory Committee shall not require amendments to the GSU bylaws prior to becoming effective.

2.5.8.3

The Student Advisory Committee may establish operational policies and procedures to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the SAC by a simple majority vote of the SAC as long as those operational policies and procedures do not conflict with any governing document of the GSU or any applicable law or policy, unless otherwise specified by law or the GSU Bylaws, or guiding documents.

2.5.8.3.1

Operational policies and procedures enacted by The Student Advisory Committee must be provided the GSU within five (5) business days of becoming effective and the GSU must be provided the opportunity for input and comment on the operational policies and procedures.

2.5.9

The Student Advisory Committee has the authority to request additional resources from any college entity in order to effectively carry out its duties outlined in section 2.5 of the GSU Bylaws or RCW 28B.15.190.

2.5.9.1

When The Student Advisory Committee requests additional resources they must to the best of their ability inform the GSU of the requested resources and rational for their request and to the best of their ability work in collaboration with the GSU to receive the additional resources.

2.6. Vacancies

2.6.1

If a position on the GSU Executive Board becomes vacant, the GSU Board of Representatives has the right to appoint any GSU member to the position on an interim basis by two thirds (2/3) vote by the GSU Board of Representatives.

2.6.2

If a position on the GSU Board of Representatives becomes vacant, the GSU Board of Representatives may appoint any eligible Evergreen student to the position on an interim basis by two thirds (2/3) vote by the GSU Board of Representatives.

2.6.2.1

Members in interim appointments shall hold the interim appointment for no longer than one academic quarter from the date they were appointed to the interim position.

2.6.6.2.2

Nothing in this section of the GSU bylaws shall be constructed as preventing individuals who assume an interim position as being prevented from applying for the position through the hiring process as outlined by the GSU bylaws.

2.6.6.3

Members who accept an interim appointment will receive compensation budgeted for the position at a prorated rate equivalent to the number of weeks they fill the vacant position in an interim capacity.

2.6.6.3.1

Members who accept an interim appointment that results in a greater duties, responsibilities and hours than their previous role shall have the right to receive altered compensation that considers the increase in duties and responsibilities.

2.6.6.4

Once a position becomes vacant, or when a GSU member submits an official letter of resignation accepted by GSU, the GSU must form a hiring committee to fill the vacant position or decide to leave the position unfilled and/or vacant.

2.7. Selection Process for Hiring

2.7.1 Hiring Committee for annual hiring proceedings

2.7.1.1 Membership

- Advisor(s) to the GSU
- Student at large
- Student at large
- Current or outgoing GSU Representative

2.7.1.1

One of the student at large positions shall be appointed by the advisor(s) to the GSU

2.7.1.2

One of the student at large positions shall be appointed by the GSU Board of Representatives

2.7.1.2.1

The GSU Board of Representatives shall widely and publicly post the opportunity to serve on the hiring committee to students attending The Evergreen State College and if possible, appoint a student not directly associated with the GSU.

2.7.1.3

Any current or outgoing GSU representative may fill the current or outgoing GSU representative position however, priority shall go to the GSU member who has the more experience with the specific duties and responsibilities

2.7.1.3.1

Outgoing GSU members shall receive priority over current GSU members, or over GSU members intending to pursue a GSU position in the following year.

2.7.2 Hiring Committee for filling vacant roles

2.7.2.1 Membership

- Advisor(s) to the GSU
- Student at large
- Current or outgoing GSU Representative

2.7.2.1.1

One of the student at large positions shall be appointed by the advisor(s) to the GSU

2.7.2.1.1.1

The advisor(s) to GSU shall strive to appoint a student not directly associated with the GSU when possible.

2.7.2.2

Any current or outgoing GSU representative may fill the current or outgoing GSU representative position however, priority shall go to the GSU member who has the more experience with the specific duties and responsibilities

2.7.2.2.1

Outgoing GSU members shall receive priority over current GSU members, or GSU members intending to pursue a GSU position in the following year.

2.7.3 Conflict of Interests in Hiring

2.7.3.1

No GSU member applying or intending to apply for a position selected by the committees as outlined in these bylaws may participate in or on those committees or cast a vote or participate in activities related to the selection of the student at large appointed to the hiring committee by the GSU.

3. Meetings

3.1 Meeting Requirements

3.1.1

All meetings of the GSU shall be conducted in a manner consistent with Washington's Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30

3.1.2

GSU shall publicly post an agenda for all meetings no later than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

3.1.2.1

GSU meeting agendas shall be posted publicly online.

3.1.3

GSU shall be responsible for taking minutes for weekly board meetings and GSU commissioned committee meetings.

3.1.3.1

GSU meeting minutes shall include at a minimum, the time, place, and date of the meeting, the names and positions of all members of GSU in attendance and indicate for each GSU member not in attendance if they were excused from the meeting or not, each motion made, the name or position of the person who made the motion, and that of the seconder, as well as the final vote

count for each motion, the outcome of the vote, and where feasible the supporting documents, texts or information relevant to the motion or action taken in the meeting.

3.1.3.1.1

GSU meeting minutes shall be publicly posted, archived, and made available for inspection by any community member during normal operating hours for The Evergreen State College.

3.1.4

The GSU Board of Representatives shall be required to provide at least five (5) minutes for public comment which any community member has the right to utilize in order to bring matters before the GSU Board of Representatives.

3.1.4.1

The GSU Board of Representatives shall be unable to amend the agenda to remove, amend or restrict the opportunity for public comment as outlined in 3.1.4 other than if the amendment is made at the request of the public commenter(s) to afford them the flexibility and opportunity to comment.

3.1.4.2

The GSU Board of Representatives has the authority to proceed to other items on the agenda if no member of the community is present, or has requested to utilize the public comment section, within the first two (2) minutes of public comment.

3.1.4.3

If multiple members of the community wish to utilize public comments and there is not enough time for all of them to comment, the GSU Board of Representatives, at the advice of the chairperson, has the right to limit the speaking time for individual commenters, extend the duration of time allocated to public comments, and or implement other measures so long as they are necessary to preserve an orderly meeting which is conducive for public comments.

3.1.5

GSU has the authority to call emergency or special meetings as allowed by law.

3.1.5.1

Each GSU entity may call an emergency or special meeting at the discretion of a majority of the GSU Executive Board members or by a majority of the board members or at the discretion of the chairperson upon the request of a board member.

3.1.5.2

Each individual GSU member has the right to request that the chairperson call an emergency meeting. This request shall specify the grounds for needing an emergency meeting, and why the matter can or should not be allowed to wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

3.1.5.2.1

The chairperson of the GSU meeting has the responsibility to respond to a request for an emergency or special meeting within two (2) business days of receiving the request either by calling the emergency meeting to order or responding and detailing why the meeting could not be called to order.

3.1.5.2.1.1

In cases where a chairperson chooses to not call a meeting to order at the request of a GSU member, the chairperson's response and rationale for not calling an emergency or special meeting to order shall be presented and recorded at the next regularly scheduled GSU meeting.

3.1.5.2.1.1.1

If the GSU board or individual members feel the chairperson's refusal to call a meeting to order was detrimental to GSU, the GSU Accountability Board can choose to proactively take up the matter or GSU member(s) can request the matter to be referred to the GSU Accountability Board for investigation.

3.1.5.3

Actions taken in special or emergency meetings must be brought before the respective GSU board at the next regularly scheduled meeting and a vote must be held to determine if the action taken in the emergency or special meeting is to be affirmed or nullified.

3.1.5.3.1

If the action taken in the special or emergency meeting is not presented and voted on at the next regularly scheduled board meeting the action taken in the special or emergency meeting shall be considered void.

3.1.6

All meetings of the GSU shall require quorum to be present to conduct business or action

3.1.6.1

Quorum shall be met when more than half of all GSU members currently in good standing are present at an official Gw'ídəq Student Union meeting. Quorum for half of an uneven count of representatives is mathematically rounded up to the next whole number. For example, half of nine (9) is four point five (4.5), so the required quorum number would be eight (5).

3.1.6.1.1

Quorum shall be reduced by each currently vacant GSU Board of Representatives position

4. Financial Reporting Obligations

4.1

GSU has the duty to regularly and publicly post budget and fiscal reports so all members of the Evergreen community may review GSU's fiscal activity.

4.2

GSU has the responsibility to post a preliminary yearly budget by week eight (8) of Fall quarter. The preliminary yearly budget must include the following details:

1. Expected yearly revenue by quarter
2. Yearly expenses clearly delineated in the following subcategories
 - a. Student employee compensation and benefits
 - b. Professional staff, or non-student college employees'
 - c. Materials
 - i. It is recommended that expenses resulting from purchasing equipment that will be used for multiple years, for example laptops, are list in a sub-category.
 - d. Travel
 - e. Training and Professional Development
 - f. Dues for membership in organizations
3. Reserve funds

4.3

GSU has the responsibility to provide quarterly budget reports that display budgeted expenses to actuals on a quarterly basis by week eight (8) of the quarter.

4.4

GSU has the responsibility to provide to the public an end of year budget that displays actuals to budgeted amounts by week eight (8) of Spring quarter. Additionally, this year-end budget report must include the quarterly budget reports.

4.5

In addition to the budget reports GSU has the responsibility to provide a written report that is included with the budget reports that explains GSU fiscal stability and provides the rational for GSU's overall fiscal activity and planning.

4.6

All GSU fiscal reports as outlined in section 4 of the GSU bylaws shall be made publicly available by being posted on GSU's website.

4.6.1

GSU fiscal reports may also be made publicly available through additional mediums either at the request of a community member or by choice of the GSU.

5.0 Qualifications, Disciplinary Action, and Removals

This section is undergoing development and refinement. (Trygve Vandal, 9-21-10)

6. Attendance

6.1.

Members of GSU Boards/Committees shall be allowed no more than five (5) unexcused absences per GSU Board/Committee per term.

6.1.1

Members of GSU Boards/Committees shall be allowed no more than three (3) consecutive unexcused absences per GSU Board/Committee per term.

6.1.1.1

A term shall consist of one (1) academic year.

6.1.1.2

Meetings other than regularly scheduled meetings, including but not limited to, emergency meetings, or temporarily rescheduled meetings shall not constitute GSU Board/Committee meetings which one may be required to request or receive an excused or unexcused absence for per section 6.1 of the GSU bylaws.

6.1.2.

Requests to be excused from a GSU Board/Committee meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson, Chief Justice, and staff advisor(s) to the GSU at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting or within five (5) business days following the meeting.

6.1.3.

Upon receiving such a request, the Chairperson or Chief Justice shall inform the GSU Board/Committee whether members not present are excused by the next scheduled meeting.

6.1.3.1

When determining whether to grant excused absences, the Chairperson, Chief Justice, and staff advisor(s) to the GSU shall take every opportunity reasonably possible to accommodate members of GSU who may be facing extenuating circumstances due to protected or underprivileged status. This may include, but is not limited to, relying on input and recommendations from subject matter experts and/or GSU's staff advisor(s).

6.1.3.2

Failing to meet the requirements stated in section 6.1.3.1 is grounds for an appeal based on a failure to meet due process rights as outlined in section 6.5.

6.1.3.3

The standard for action shall be what a reasonable person could do in the application of 6.1.3.1 and 6.1.3.2.

6.1.4.

A GSU Board/Committee member whose absence was not excused may appeal the Chair's ruling to the GSU Board/Committee at the next meeting. The GSU Board/Committee may overrule the Chair's decision by two thirds (2/3) majority vote.

6.1.5

Members who have failed to adhere to either 6.1. or 6.1.1. shall be placed in probationary status and be considered in poor standing and their probationary status shall be announced by the Chairperson or the Chief Justice and go into effect at the meeting in which they meet the standards outlined in either 6.1. or 6.1.1.

6.2

Members of GSU in probationary status shall lose the following rights:

6.2.1

Loss of the privilege to vote on matters coming before the GSU

6.2.2

Loss of the privilege to bring matters before the GSU board, unless otherwise specified in this section.

6.2.3.1

Matters shall consist of, but is not limited to, discussion topics, formal motions, reports, stating opinions, either personal or professional, for, in opposition to or neutrally to any item that has, is, or will, come before the GSU.

6.2.3.2

The Chair of the GSU meeting has, at their discretion, the right to determine if actions not named in section 6.2.3.1 should fall under the definition of matter in the application of this section.

6.2.3.2.1

The member which the Chair ruled against has the right to request an appeal to overturn the chairs determination by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, vote of all GSU members in good standing.

6.2.4

Loss of the privilege to represent the GSU or convey stances to members of the campus community on behalf of the GSU in either official or unofficial capacities.

6.2.4.1

Members in probation may regain the right outlined in section 6.2.4 if a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the GSU explicitly approves waiving section 6.2.4.

6.2.4.2

The extent to which a member may regain the right(s) outlined in section 6.2.4 is subject to the GSU's determination.

6.2.4.2.1

For example, GSU may determine the member shall be allowed to represent GSU's interests on select committees and not others or limit the scope of what topics or persons the member in question may speak to on GSU's behalf.

6.3

Members in probationary status shall not count towards establishing the threshold for quorum or towards the threshold for voting.

6.3.1

For example, if there are a total of ten (10) GSU members and three (3) are in probationary status quorum would be counted as seven (7) divided by two (2), or 3.5, and rounded up to four (4).

6.4

Members in probationary status shall have the right to regain good standing as outlined in 6.4.1 or 6.5. or 6.6.

6.4.1

If a member in probationary status successfully attends and/or receives excused absences for two (2) calendar months' worth of regularly scheduled GSU meetings from the date they were placed in probationary status.

6.5.

If a member is found to have violated 6.1. or 6.1.1. and placed in probationary status, they have the right to appeal this decision on the grounds of unmet procedural due process or extenuating circumstances.

6.5.1

The member appealing the probationary action must file their appeal in writing to the Chairperson, Chief Justice and staff advisor(s) to the GSU within one week of the date in which the action placing the member in probationary status was listed on the GSU minutes or the date by which the action of placing the member in probationary status was served to the member in question, whichever is shorter.

6.5.1.1

If a member fails to file an appeal in a timely manner, they forfeit the right to recourse or appeal unless otherwise stated in this section.

6.5.2

Appeals on the grounds of extenuating circumstances shall be heard by the Chairperson, Chief Justice and staff advisor(s) to the GSU and their decision, and rationale shall be given to the membership of the GSU for ratification or rejection by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the GSU.

6.6

GSU has the authority, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the GSU, to grant a member who is found to have violated 6.1. or 6.1.1. temporary good standing to the member in question if they enter into, and abide by, a formal agreement that GSU's staff advisor(s), and GSU's Chief Justice determine will prevent further unexcused absences.

6.6.1

Failure to adhere to this formal agreement is grounds for immediate reinstatement of probationary status.

6.7 Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the accumulation of unexcused absences and taking accountability measures to this section of the bylaws as they may be grounds for pursuing alternative and/or simultaneous action per alternative section(s) of the GSU bylaws or constitution.

6.8.1

For the purpose of this section, a member in probationary status shall be used synonymously with a member in poor standing.

6.8.2

For the purpose of this section, members not in probationary status, shall be used synonymously with a member being in good standing.

6.9

Filing by writing shall consist of traditional methods such as hardcopy transmission of communication as well as sending an electronic e-mail from one's Evergreen e-mail account or by Canvas message to the relevant parties.

6.9.1

Clarification and or exceptions to 6.9 may be determined by unanimous consent of GSU members.

6.9.2

Nothing in section 2.1 of the bylaws shall be constructed as to limit excused members in good standing from being able to cast votes on motions as outlined section 2.3.6 of the GSU bylaws.

7. Compensation for Members Who Resign or Are Removed

7.1

Members who resign or who are removed shall receive prorated compensation.

7.2

This prorated amount shall be calculated as follows.

7.2.1

The entirety of the quarterly compensation shall be divided into weekly amounts.

7.2.2

Each academic quarter shall consist of ten (10) weeks, not to include breaks, evaluations, or other weeks unless otherwise described in this section of the bylaws.

7.2.2.1

For example, if the quarterly compensation amounts to \$600, and there are ten (10) weeks, each week would be equal to \$600 divided ten (10) and equal \$60 per week.

7.2.3

The week in which the member officially resigned or was removed in shall be used as the week that marks the last week for computing their quarterly prorated compensation.

7.2.4

The member then shall receive the combined compensation for each week's worth of work they completed from the quarter's first academic week until the last academic week in which they either resigned or were removed in.

7.2.4.1

For example, even if the member was removed or resigned on the first day of week four (4) they are to receive compensation for the entirety of week one (1) through week four (4) of that academic quarter.

7.3

The application of this section shall be applied to the summer quarter in the same manner as outlined above, and it may be adjusted to take into account differing number of academic weeks in session(s) over summer quarter by GSU's advisor(s) in consultation with GSU's leadership team where feasible.

7.4

Chapter seven (7) of the GSU Bylaws shall apply retroactively to the academic quarter in which it was adopted.

7.5

Members who resign or are removed shall receive compensation contingent on the successful completion and submission of a SLAR.

8. Conflict of Interest

8.1

Whenever a member of GSU has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the GSU, the affected person(s) shall (a) fully disclose the nature of the interest and (b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter.

8.1.1

Only with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the GSU may the member(s) with a conflict of interest regain the right to participate in discussion, and lobbying, on the matter.

8.1.2

Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the GSU determines that it is in the best interest of the GSU, and all students attending The Evergreen State College to do so.

8.1.3

The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.

8.2.

Any member(s) with a conflict of interest are compelled to abstain from votes occurring as a result of section eight (8) of the GSU bylaws unless the entirety of GSU membership has a conflict of interest.

8.2.1

If the entirety of GSU membership has a conflict of interest, the GSU must disclose the conflict of interests in the meeting and the disclosure must be recorded in the minutes for the meeting.

8.2.1.1

GSU has the authority when all members of the GSU have a conflict of interest to determine which action(s) are in the best interests of the students at The Evergreen State College and with a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the GSU to allow the body to take action on the matter.

8.3

Section eight (8) of the GSU bylaws shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with The Evergreen State College policy titled Ethics and Chapter 42.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (Ethics in Public Service).

8.3.1

If a situation arises which Section eight (8) of the GSU bylaws fails to address, but either The Evergreen State College policy titled Ethics, or Chapter 42.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (Ethics in Public Service) would be applicable, the GSU has the responsibility to act in accordance with the applicable college policy or state statute

8.3.2

If a conflict arises between Section eight (8) of the GSU bylaws and either The Evergreen State College policy titled Ethics or Chapter 42.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (Ethics in Public Service). Then priority shall be first given to Chapter 42.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (Ethics in Public Service), and then to the Evergreen State College policy titled Ethics over GSU bylaws.

8.3.3

Exceptions to section eight (8) of the GSU bylaws shall only be taken when in accordance with applicable statutory authority, legal precedent or in accordance with a current attorney general opinion.

8.4

Amendments to section eight (8) of the GSU bylaws require unanimous approval of the GSU.

8.5

All subsequent version(s) of the GSU Bylaws shall contain section eight (8), in its entirety.

9. Public Disclosures

9.1

GSU members hold leadership positions with a considerable amount of influence on college operations, student activities, student governance and registered student organizations. Therefore, all GSU members must at a minimum publicly disclose the items listed in section 9.2 and such disclosures shall be recorded and archived within the GSU records which must be readily available for review by any community member.

9.2

- 1) All registered student organizations that the GSU member holds a leadership position in or acts in a decision-making capacity on.

- 2) All campus employment positions currently held by the GSU member. The following details must be included in the disclosure:
 - a) The name and official title of the position's supervisor
 - b) The name and official title of the hiring manager
 - c) The name of the division, and department the position works in
 - d) The date of hire
 - e) GSU members are encouraged but not required to include the job description for the role, and expected compensation for the position
 - f) If the supervisor or hiring manager are individuals the GSU members works with in an official GSU capacity, it is highly encouraged that the GSU member notes this in their disclosure.
- 3) The name of all instructors which the GSU member is or plans to take a class with and either directly works with in a GSU capacity or in instances in which the GSU member takes action in an official capacity that directly impacts the instructor and/or their specific course offerings.
 - a) For example, if the GSU officer participates on the tenure review committee and is taking a course with a candidate the tenure review committee is evaluating the GSU member must disclose the name of the committee, the name of the instructor, and the course name.
- 4) The name and position of all college governance positions which the GSU member is a member of which may take action that has a direct impact on GSU or GSU's initiative(s), goal(s) or objective(s). The GSU member must list the name of committee, the name of the position they fill on the committee and the name of the committee's chair and if applicable the name and title of the committee's staff advisor.
 - a) Committees or college governance positions which GSU members participate on in an official GSU capacity do not require disclosure per section nine (9) of the GSU bylaws

9.3

Amendments to section nine (9) of the GSU bylaws shall require a unanimous minus one (1) vote to go into effect.

10. Parliamentary Authority

10.1

The most current version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings when they are not in conflict with the GSU bylaws.

10.2

The Chief Justice shall act as the official parliamentarian for all GSU meetings.

10.3

For all matters relating to voting, and vote thresholds, the GSU shall count only votes for those present and voting unless otherwise specified in the GSU bylaws.

10.3.1

Voting by proxy or write in voting shall constitute a member who is present and voting in application of 10.3.

11. Amendments

11.1

Amendments to the GSU bylaws must be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the GSU Board of Representatives unless otherwise specified in GSU bylaws.

11.1.1

All GSU bylaws must the following information:

- a. The date when which the bylaws were last amended
- b. A version or document number for each version of the bylaws
 - i. For example if this was the first set of bylaws adopted by the GSU it could be given a document number of one (1) and if it was amended and a new version of the GSU bylaws were adopted this new set of bylaws would be given a document number of two (2).

11.1.1

The GSU is strongly encouraged to include a running list of each motion to amend the GSU bylaws that passes. This should include the full motion, the name of the person who made the motion and the name of the seconder and the date when the motion was made, at the end of the GSU bylaws.

12. Elections and Referendums

12.1

The GSU shall be responsible for hiring Election Commissioner(s) to manage and facilitate all elections.

12.1.2

The Election Commissioner(s) shall report to both the GSU advisors(s) and GSU.

12.1.2.1

In the case of a conflict between who the election commissioner(s) report to the GSU advisor(s) shall supersede the authority of the GSU.

12.1.3

The Election Commissioner(s) shall be hired primarily by the GSU advisor(s); however, GSU may serve on the hiring committee.

12.1.3.1

The hiring committee for the Election Commissioner(s) shall permit at least one GSU member to serve on the hiring committee however the GSU adviser shall prioritize establishing a committee with a majority of students at large who have minimal direct connections to the GSU when feasible.

12.1.3.2

The Election Commissioner(s) serve in a neutral impartial capacity as they are responsible for facilitating a free and open election. Subsequently no entity may hire or terminate an election commissioner without consent of both the GSU and GSU advisor(s).

12.1.4 Election Commissioner

1) Job Description

- 2) The student election commissioner serves in a neutral role and are responsible for the development, promotion, and implementation of a fair and open campus wide student body election.

3) Job Duties

- a) Disseminate information to the campus community, including the Reservation Based and Tacoma Program, about elections and ballot measures
- b) Work collaboratively with Administrative Computing in the development of the on-line ballot
- c) Enforce elections and voting policies and guidelines as outlined in the GSU bylaws and identify and document misconduct and policy violation
- d) Promote the elections, encouraging the student body to get out and vote and staffing the polling stations
- e) Meet with the Geoduck Student Union representatives to help develop procedures and guidelines
- f) Certify the elections and disseminate the results of the elections
- g) Develop and disseminate an impartial voters guide on ballot measures

12.1.5

The elections commissioner(s) and the GSU will agree on unbiased language for the specific question that students will have the opportunity to vote on prior to opening voting and placing the proposed question which students will vote on in the ballot.

12.1.5.1

The elections commissioner(s) and the GSU shall use the standard outlined in section 12.2.6 through 12.2.6.1.1.1 of the GSU bylaws if there is conflict between the elections commissioner(s) and the GSU

12.2 Election Rules

12.2.1

Members who submit a referendum item or directly worked on the creation of the item are prohibited from staffing polling sites.

12.2.2

No individual or group may distribute conditional gifts or incentives to students in exchange for votes. Individuals or groups may sponsor events that promote voter participation, but these events must be open to all eligible voters, including students who have already voted. For example, if a group wants to sponsor a chili cookout in Red Square to promote voter participation, said group may not withhold chili from any student.

12.2.3

No individual shall directly or indirectly offer any bribe, reward, or anything of value to a voter in exchange for the voter not voting, or in exchange for the voter's vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.

12.2.4.

Candidates or groups wishing to organize collations to either support or oppose any items on the ballot must form an official campaign group per GSU bylaw 12.2.4.1.1.

12.2.4.1

A campaign group shall consist of candidates or affiliates that share marketing materials, strategies, branding, or funds; or identify as an organized group of individuals supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot item.

12.2.4.1.1

All members of a campaign including paid or unpaid volunteers must register their members with the election commissioner(s) by an official Evergreen e-mail listing the full names of each member of their campaign within 48 (forty-eight) hours of forming the campaign group.

12.2.4.1.1.1

If there are any changes in campaign membership the campaign shall be responsible for informing the election commissioner(s) within 24 (twenty-four) hours of the change in membership and provide the election commissioner(s) an updated list of campaign members.

12.2.4.1.1.2

If a campaign manager or volunteer is no longer a representative of the vision of the group or candidate they are registered to campaign for, the group inform volunteer or manager of their

removal and submit in writing to the Election Commissioner(s) that volunteer or manger is no longer affiliated with their campaign.

12.2.4.1.1.3

All actions taken by a candidate in a group is representative to all members of said group unless otherwise determined by the Election Commissioner(s) and GSU Advisor(s).

12.2.4.1.1.3.1

All candidates and groups are liable for the actions of any volunteers or campaign manager registered to their campaign.

12.2.4.1.1.3.2

All actions taken by an unregistered volunteer shall be subject to interpretation by the Election Commissioner(s), Election Committee, and GSU Advisor(s) and will be within limits of their authority.

12.2.4.2

Campaign expenditures shall not exceed \$150 US per campaign member. Proof of expenditures must be submitted to the election commissioner(s) 10 (ten) days after election results have been announced.

12.2.4.3

Student Activities, the GSU and the Election Commissioner(s) will not supply free campaign materials to candidates or campaigns.

12.2.4.4

No candidate or affiliate shall intentionally view any voter's ballot or make any mark on a voter's ballot.

12.2.5

No candidate or affiliate shall use any menace, force, threat, or unlawful means, as interpreted by the Election Commissioner(s), to hinder or deter any voter from voting or to obtain a vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.

12.2.5.1

Candidates or affiliates will not appeal to and will condemn appeals to prejudices based on race, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, or disability.

12.2.5.2.1

Candidates or affiliates will not participate in and will condemn personal vilification, defamation, and other attacks, as interpreted by the election commissioner(s) and student activities staff, toward any opposing candidate, group, party, or ballot measure advocates.

12.2.5.2.2

Candidates or affiliates will not take part in, will condemn, and report to the election commissioner(s) and student activities staff all practices that violate the GSU Bylaws and/or GSU Constitution.

12.2.6

Campaigns, affiliates, volunteers, groups supporting or opposing any action are required to adhere to statements of facts to the best of their ability when advocating for their stance.

12.2.6.1

Fact and opinion often become blurry in elections. For example, national initiatives to raise minimum wage have received arguments that it will reduce the number of jobs, while others have argued the impact on job availability is over inflated. To determine fact from opinion it is recommended one use a reasonable person test and request materials that support the claim(s). For example if an opponent to raising minimum wages states that the measure will reduce job openings by 75% but there is no reasonable factual evidence to support that this claim is reasonable then the election commissioner(s) has the authority to determine the statement as factually incorrect and notify and request that the advocate cease promoting the specific fictitious claim(s).

12.2.6.1.1

The election commissioner(s) are required to notify those making factually erroneous statement(s) of their concern(s) of the factual basis for their claim(s) and request they provide a rational or materials which support their statement(s).

12.2.6.1.1.1

If the advocate fails to comply with GSU bylaw 12.2.6.1.1 within 24 (twenty-four) hours of being notified the election commissioner(s) are free to label and produce and disseminate materials which explicitly state that the statement(s) are not factual.

12.2.7

Nothing in this section shall be construed as to infringe a student or candidate's voting rights.

12.3 General Election Guidelines

12.3.1

A candidate or ballot item in a GSU election is considered the endorsed based on receiving the majority of "yes" votes cast per position. For unopposed positions there must be yes/no voting options.

12.3.2

Ballot measures are not required to meet a predetermined voter participation threshold unless otherwise stipulated in the GSU bylaws, constitution or by a legally binding contractual obligation.

12.3.3

All individuals who are classified as a student per [WAC 174-123-140](#) are eligible to vote in student elections.

12.3.4

Ballots may be advisory items or enact binding change.

12.3.4.1

Ballot items must clearly display whether it's advisory or not.

12.3.5

During the voting sessions, the number of students who have votes so far must be released to the public upon request; however, no information will be released to anyone (including election commissioner(s), candidate(s) and administrator(s)) about how students have voted (for or against issues, or for certain candidates) until voting has officially ended and all votes have been tallied.

12.3.5.1

Under no circumstances may any party disclose voter information that identifies the name or other personally identifiable details of a voter and/or how that individual may have voted.

12.3.6

All elections must be open for students to vote in for at least two full weeks.

12.4 Election Committee

12.4.1 Purpose:

The Election Committee oversees the GSU Elections and gives a verdict on appeals against the election process.

12.4.2 Authority:

The Election Committee has the authority to interpret election bylaws and campaign rules to pass judgment on appeals up to the disqualification of election candidates, ballots and pass verdicts on appeals against the election process.

12.4.3 Membership:

The Election Committee shall consist of:

- Director of Student Activities or designee (chair) (limited to tie breaking votes)
- One (1) Evergreen staff or faculty appointed per GSU bylaw 12.4.3.1
- GSU Chief Justice or designee
- GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs or designee
- One (1) Evergreen student at large appointed by per GSU bylaw 12.4.3.2
- One (1) Evergreen student at large appointed per GSU bylaw 12.4.3.3

- Election Commissioner (nonvoting)

12.4.3.1

The Evergreen state college staff or faculty shall be appointed by the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs with the ratification of the GSU Board of Representatives.

12.4.3.2

The one (1) Evergreen student at large appointed by the Director of Student Activities shall be with the ratification of the GSU Board of Representatives.

12.4.3.3

The one (1) Evergreen student at large appointed by the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs shall be with the ratification of the GSU Board of Representatives.

12.4.3.4

The Election Committee membership shall consist of persons whose presence on the committee does not constitute a conflict of interest as decided by the GSU Vice President of Internal Affairs, GSU Chief Justice, and Director of Student Activities or designee.

12.4.4 Against the Election Results

12.4.4.1

Any student may appeal the election results no later than five (5) business days after the election results are certified.

12.4.4.1.1

The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Election Committee chair.

12.4.4.2

The Election Committee shall hold a public hearing no later than five (5) business days after the submittal of an appeal.

12.4.4.2.1

A decision shall be issued by the Election Committee no later than five (5) business days after the public hearing.

12.4.4.2.1.1

The final ruling of the Election Committee must be publicly published and include all evidence gathered, or presented to the Election Committee and include the votes taken by the Election Committee, and the rationale for their decision which is presented as a singular narrative if the

Election Committee's determination is unanimous or as a the rational of the majority and a separate rational proposed by the dissenting parties.

12.4.4.3

The Election Committee has the duty to investigate and hear all evidence presented in the appeal to determine if violations of the GSU bylaws regarding elections occurred and determine if the election results are valid and should be upheld.

12.4.4.3.1

The Election Committee may investigate complainants and any and all actions which could be reasonably constructed as having negated a free and open election which includes but is not limited to violations of GSU bylaws or in extreme and unforeseeable circumstances actions that occurred which The Election Committee determines could significantly undermine the validity of the elections.

12.4.4.3.2

The Election Committee has the authority to request testimony, documents, or any materials it deems as pertinent to the allegations of improper activity and all members of the Evergreen community are urged to fully, and timely supply the requested information. Any information requested but not supplied to the Election Committee must be noted in the final report issued per GSU bylaw 12.4.4.2.1.1.

12.4.4.3.3

The Election Committee is limited to only acting on evidence which is factual and corroborated.

List of motions and amendments to the GSU Bylaws

Revised September 30, 2020

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, motions to approve and adopt the revised GSU bylaws in the September 30th Board of Representatives Meeting.

Legislative Liaison, Zachery Lynch, seconded. 3-0-1 Passed

* Vice President of Internal Affairs, Trygve Vandal abstained because he was primary author of the presented revision of the GSU bylaws.

Amended October 21, 2020

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, motions to approve proposed amendments to GSU bylaws presented in the October 21st Board of Representatives Meeting.

Legislative Liaison, Zachery Lynch, seconded. 3-0-0 Passed

Proposed Amendments listed below:

Amendment 1

1.1.2.2.3

The Director of Legislative Affairs shall not be counted as a GSU member when establishing the number of members required to achieve quorum or as member to count towards meeting the requirements of quorum or vote thresholds when the Director of Legislative Affairs is unable to attend GSU Board of Representatives meetings due to meeting conflicts that directly arise in the course of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of Director of Legislative Affairs.

Amendment 2

1.1.2.2.3.1

Amend the entirety of 1.1.2.2.3.1 to remove section 1.1.2.2.3.1 from the GSU Bylaws.

Amendment 3

2.3.3. Membership

Amended to read as follows:

2.3.3. Membership

The GSU Board of Representatives shall consist of:

- Vice President of Internal Affairs (Chair)
- Vice President of External Affairs

- Chief Justice (Non-Voting)
- Policy Analyst & Historian (Non-Voting)
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Treasure
- Student Life Liaison
- Legislative Liaison
- Communications Liaison

* Removing “(Limited Voting)” from the Director of Legislative affairs in section 2.3.3. of the GSU bylaws.

Section 1.1.2.2.3.1 as written prior to amendments made on October 21, 2020 below:

The Director of Legislative Affairs shall not be counted as a GSU member when establishing the number of members required to achieve quorum or as member to count towards meeting the requirements of quorum. Further, the Director of Legislative Affairs shall not count towards establishing vote thresholds on topics that they are prohibited from voting on.

Amended December 9, 2020

Vice President of Internal Affairs, Trygve Vandal, motions to amend the GSU bylaws to include section 2.5 titled Student Advisory Committee as presented and amended in the December 9th Board of Representatives meeting.

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, seconded. 5-0-0 Passed

Amended January 20, 2021

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, motions to amend the GSU bylaws to include section 2.6 as presented in the January 20th Board of Representatives Meeting.

Director of Legislative Affairs, Sophie Parker, seconded. 4-0-0 Passed

Amended January 20, 2021

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, motions to amend the GSU bylaws to include section 2.7 as presented in the January 20th Board of Representatives Meeting.

Director of Legislative Affairs, Sophie Parker, seconded. 4-0-0 Passed

Amended January 20, 2021

Director of Legislative Affairs, Sophie Parker, motions to amend the GSU bylaws to include section 1.1.4 as presented in the January 20th Board of Representatives Meeting

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, seconded. 4-0-0 Passed

1.1.4 Recodified to 1.1.5 January 20, 2021

Section 1.1.4 recodified to 1.1.5 due to conflicting codifications when adopted. No substantive changes made to 1.1.5 of GSU bylaws.

Amended March 17, 2021

Vice President of External Affairs, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, motions to amend the GSU bylaws to include section 12 as presented in the March 17h Board of Representatives Meeting.

Communications Liaison, Rayni Lussier, seconded. 5-0-0 Passed