

**THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MASSACHUSETTS - DARTMOUTH**

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**Graduate Student Senate of  
the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
Bylaws**

**These Bylaws are rules adopted by the Graduate Student Senate, hereinafter “GSS” as  
a means of governing all meetings and affairs of the GSS and of the students of the  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, hereinafter “University.”**

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## **Preamble**

We, the Students of The University of Massachusetts -Dartmouth, in order to secure a tradition of academic excellence and professional development; to preserve the right of students to acquire a quality affordable education in a just and safe environment; to provide means of communication between students and graduate programs; to provide a responsive forum for varying student viewpoints, encourage accountability among the students, faculty, administration, alumni and surrounding community; to promote the general welfare of the student body; and to maintain liaison with alumni; do hereby establish these by-laws in accordance with the Graduate Student Senate Constitution, for the Graduate Student Senate of The University of Massachusetts School –Dartmouth.

## **Article I. Representation**

- A. The GSS shall represent the graduate student body of the University.
- B. Any graduate student who is currently registered for at least one graduate level course bearing a minimum of three (3) academic credits shall be eligible to vote in graduate student senate elections.
- C. Constituencies shall be comprised of departments or programs as defined by the Registrar/Enrollment Center and represented by senators.
- D. Representation of graduate students to the Senate shall be as follows:
  - 1. One (1) senator for every one hundred and fifty graduate students or fraction thereof in each department or program;
  - 2. Election procedures must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in Article III on election guidelines.

## **Article II. Senators**

- A. Senators shall be elected and serve a term of one academic year.
- B. In order to be eligible to serve on the GSS, candidates must be graduate students enrolled in the college which they are seeking to represent, and must be in good academic standing, as defined by their specific college or school program guidelines.
- C. Rights and Responsibilities:
  - 1. Bring the concerns, needs, and wishes of their constituents to the GSS and soliciting input from graduate students in GSS business and activities.
  - 2. Regularly attend all meetings of the GSS and meetings of its committees to which he

or she has been appointed

3. Disseminate information regarding GSS business, university-wide events, and issues that affect graduate students to the students of his/her department or program.

4. Be familiar with the GSS Constitution, Bylaws, and procedures, as well as Robert's Rules of Order.

5. Have one (1) vote at GSS meetings.

6. All senators must serve on at least one (1) standing committee of the GSS, as defined in the GSS Bylaws Article V.

D. Senators will be elected according to the guidelines defined in the GSS Bylaws Article III.

E. If any member of GSS also serves as an Executive member of another organization, said Senator must disclose their involvement to the GSS up front, and recuse themselves from any votes the GSS might have regarding said organization.

F. Termination of Senators

1. Any constituency represented in the GSS may recall its representative(s) at any time by simple majority vote of 20% of said constituency or at least 20 people, whichever is greater; upon which notice shall be given to the GSS within 48 hours. Re-election shall follow the guidelines as specified in the Bylaws Article III.

2. Senators who miss two consecutive or three unexcused meetings in one academic semester shall be notified by the Executive Committee. In order to remain in good standing Senators must:

a. Respond to notification within 10 working days;

b. Attend the meeting following notification, and

c. Give justification to GSS general board of absence,

d. GSS will vote whether to excuse absences (and place Senator in good standing) or terminate Senator.

3. Senators who fail to attend a third consecutive meeting or have a fourth unexcused absence shall be terminated and will be replaced by a replacement senator, who will be elected as per Election Guidelines under GSS Bylaws Article III, and serve the remainder of Senators original term.

4. Terminated senators forfeit their positions on all GSS committees.

5. For grievance and impeachment procedures, see Article IX of these Bylaws.

G. Serving of two seats

1. One person cannot serve in more than one Senate seat or as both a Senator and Student Trustee.

2. If during an election a student received seats in any of the above combinations, said

student must forfeit one of them and the forfeited seat shall go to the student receiving the next highest number of votes.

### **Article III. Elections**

#### **A. Voters**

Only qualified members of the student body under the GSS Bylaws Article I may vote or sign a petition. A student may sign any petition as long as the given student is a member of the constituency of the student office sought by the candidate.

#### **B. Candidates**

Only qualified members of the student body under the GSS Bylaws Article II may seek elected office.

#### **C. Election Guidelines:**

1. Senators shall be elected by their respective constituencies, but must follow these minimum guidelines

- a. Elections shall have a minimum one week nomination and campaigning period;
- b. The election process must not exceed three weeks.
- c. The winner is determined by simple majority.
- d. Elections must have 5% or 5 grad students, whichever is more, voting in the election. (Discuss election size with GSS, possibly increase size )
- e. The GSS Elections Committee shall announce the election results within 72 hours.

2. The Elections Committee reserves the right to review the nomination, election and voting procedures of any constituency. If said procedure fails to follow the minimum required guidelines, the Committee may require the constituency to hold a new election that fulfills minimum requirements.

3. Special elections of senators shall be held to fill vacancies in a timely manner.

4. There shall be at least one regularly scheduled Senate meeting between the close of elections and the end of the academic year.

- a. During this meeting, new officers will be internally elected.
- b. For purposes of voting, only the newly elected GSS members will be allowed to vote.
- c. For internal election guidelines, see Section F in this Article.

#### **D. Regulation of Elections**

1. Removing or interfering with any other candidate's signs is prohibited. Any such activities should be reported to the Election Committee or Senator who shall refer the matter to the Judicial Affairs Office.

2. Candidates may begin to put up posters as soon as petitions become available.

3. All candidates must follow the University poster policies, which shall be stated in the election packet
4. In the event of a tie, an internal election shall be held at the next Senate meeting after the completion of the election to determine the winner.

E. Disputes

1. The Election Committee shall be designated to mediate any and all disputes
2. All disputes must be placed in writing and submitted to the Election Committee within 48 hours after the results have been released and certified accordingly (signed and dated).
3. If the Election Committee is unable to successfully mediate a dispute, they shall refer the matter to the Senate advisor.

F. Internal Elections

1. Internal Elections shall be conducted under an Executive Session, which hereinafter is defined as a “closed session of the GSS, where only current GSS members will be in attendance”.
  - a. Executive Session shall be used in cases where the GSS needs to address sensitive issues.
  - b. Any GSS Senator may request for an Executive Session. A simple majority vote of GSS shall be required to enter into an Executive Session.
2. Any current GSS member can run for any vacant Executive position. A simple majority vote will be required. In the event of a tie, the acting President shall be the deciding vote.

#### **Article IV. Officers**

A. Terms

1. The term of all Senators shall be one academic year, or the remainder of the term of the Senator who left office
2. The officers shall serve as part-time equivalent staff for the academic year and shall receive a stipend equal to the minimum hourly rate of part-time equivalent graduate employees as determined by the Graduate School Assistantship Office or the Office of Graduate Studies. Stipends shall be set at 5 hours a week.

B. Rights and Responsibilities

1. President: Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:
  - a. Serves as chief administrative officer and controls all business and affairs of the GSS.
  - b. Shall be a non-voting member of all GSS committees.
  - c. Chairs all GSS meetings.
  - d. Serves as liaison with the university administration.

- e. Shall act as co-signer, with the Treasurer on all financial matters.
- 2. Vice President: Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:
  - a. Serves as Acting President in the absence of the President.
  - b. Assists the President in all their duties.
  - c. Acts as Parliamentarian to ensure Robert's Rules of Order.
- 3. Secretary: Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:
  - a. Shall assist the President and Vice President in their duties
  - b. Be responsible for facilitating all GSS communications
  - c. Keep records of all correspondence
  - d. Shall issue constitutions to all new senators
  - e. Take the minutes of all GSS meetings
  - f. Be responsible for the digital publication of those minutes within 24 hours
  - g. Keep record of all motions, minutes, activities, and duties performed by the Senate.
- 4. Treasurer: Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:
  - a. Serves as chief financial officer of GSS.
  - b. Manages the GSS Account in conjunction with the Finance Committee and at the direction of the GSS.
  - c. Controls purchasing and expenditure of funds.
  - d. Develops the budget with the Finance Committee and the University.
  - e. Maintains and monitors the list of GSS recognized groups during the year, especially as new groups are added
    - i. Once a year at the beginning of the fall semester, will check to ensure groups are SAIL recognized and still exist
    - ii. If groups are no longer SAIL recognized, they shall be notified and will not be eligible for funding from the GSS until they are re-recognized by SAIL
    - iii. For guidelines and more details on Graduate Recognized Organizations (GROs), see Article VI of these By-laws.
- C. For Discipline and Resignation of officers see the GSS Bylaws Article IX.

## **Article V. Committees**

- A. The GSS shall have the power to establish and/or appoint standing and ad hoc committees to the GSS as are deemed necessary for the successful conduct of its business.
- B. Committee Operations:
  - 1. Committees shall function collectively according to principles of maximum participation of the membership.

2. All committee members shall recuse him/herself from committee actions that may present a conflict of interest.
3. Committees shall keep accurate written minutes of their meetings.
4. The appointment of senators to standing committees shall be on the agenda of the first GSS meeting of the academic year.
5. The Chair in coordination with their Committees shall have the right to recall any representative serving on said committee by two-thirds (2/3) vote of that committee.
6. Only members of a committee shall be entitled to cast a vote regarding committee matters. Any other persons present may participate in discussion but are not entitled to vote in any committee matters. This applies to all Standing and Ad Hoc committees.
7. Committee chairs have the right to invite other students and faculty/staff to meetings as deemed necessary to answer any questions that members may have regarding committee matters.

C. Standing Committees:

1. Executive Committee

- a. Membership of the Executive committee shall consist of the President as chair, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer as voting members, and the faculty advisor as a non-voting member.
- b. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President or any two members of the Executive Committee as required for the conduct of necessary business. A quorum for all business shall be three members of the Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held under Executive Session. However, the Executive Committee reserves the right to invite other people to join and speak as deemed necessary.
- c. The Committee shall be charged with the following tasks:
  - i. To fulfill those functions required of it under these By- Laws.
  - ii. To discuss and approve GSS priorities, plans, policies, and actions, and proposing and recommending such to the GSS for approval.
  - iii. To review motions submitted for inclusion on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the GSS. No such motion submitted may be omitted from the agenda.
  - iv. To organize and to execute efficient day-to-day functioning of GSS. Such duties may include but are not limited to purchase of necessary materials, maintenance of files and archives, and issuance of GSS documents.
  - v. To ensure an accurate and current record of income and expenditure of GSS funds, which shall be open to inspection by any member of University administration.

- vi. To act in full, on behalf of the GSS, in such areas and for such terms as the GSS may determine (e.g., Intersession, Summer Vacation).
- d. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be strictly subject to review and amendment or repeal by a regular or special meeting of the GSS.

## 2. Finance Committee

- a. Membership of the Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as chair and any number of senators who choose finance committee as their committee of choice during the first meeting of the GSS in any academic year.
- b. Committee meetings shall be called as required for the conduct of necessary business. A quorum is obtained when a simple majority of members are present. Meetings shall be open to all those who wish to attend.
- c. The Committee shall be charged with the following tasks:
  - i. To review requests to the GSS for funds submitted by any organization.
  - ii. To advise all Graduate Student Recognized Organizations, hereinafter GROs, for funds on the budgets they have submitted and their supporting documentation, clarifying where possible problems in funding requests, according to guidelines laid out in Article X of these Bylaws.
  - iii. To make recommendations to the GSS for the approval of any funding request or part thereof, that was submitted to GSS in accordance with these by-laws.
  - iv. The Finance Committee shall have the authority to lock any GRO's account. Upon locking an account the Finance Committee must give a justification to the GSS, of said justification. The GSS reserves the right to reactivate any locked GRO account.
- d. When evaluating funding requests and making its recommendation to the GSS for GRO and Ad Hoc allocation the Finance Committee shall consider all of the following

- i. Is the funding used for an event in which all graduate students spanning all colleges within the University will be able to attend
- ii. What is the event's likelihood of success, and the academic/cultural value given to the attendees, and the promotion of the University's name.
- iii. Has the entity requesting funds done any form of fundraising, or has the entity requested departmental funds
- iv. What is the requesting entities primary funding source
- v. If the requesting entity is a GRO what is their current account

balance

e. The following section shall serve as guidelines for the Finance Committee when dealing with types of expenses covered. The Finance Committee reserves the right to deviate from the guidelines below if they feel the circumstances warrant it. By deviating from the below guidelines the Finance Committee shall give a report to the GSS body as a whole on why they felt deviation was necessary.

- i. General organizational apparel will not be funded
- ii. Specific event apparel directly related to the execution/promotion of the event will be covered by no more than \$200
- iii. GSS will cover banners, flyers and signs not to exceed \$100 per academic semester
- iv. Travel expenses for lecturers or distinguished visitors to the University will be covered by no more than \$500 per event.
- v. Travel expense for students will be covered by no more than \$500/ trip
- vi. Hotel or room rentals for students or distinguished visitors will be covered by no more than \$1000 per event
- vii. Food allocations for students traveling shall not exceed \$50 per day upto a maximum of \$500 per trip
- viii. Equipment for events will be covered by no more than \$500 per event
- ix. Registration for events will be covered in total with a general maximum allocation limit of \$1,500.
- x. Honoria expenses for lecturers, distinguished visitors or events will be covered by no more than \$1000 per event

### 3. Elections Committee

- a. Membership shall consist of any number of senators who choose elections committee as their committee of choice during the first meeting of the GSS in any academic year and a Chair elected by the committee members.
- b. Candidates running for office may not stand on the elections committee, and may not attend election committee meetings. If the Chair or any member of the election committee is interested in running for a position in an election, that senator must forfeit their membership on the election committee.
- c. Committee meetings shall be called as required for the conduct of necessary business. A quorum is obtained when a simple majority of members are present.
- d. The Committee shall be charged with the following tasks:
  - i. Conducting elections of executive officers according to the GSS Election Guidelines in Article III of these Bylaws,

- ii. Calling for special elections when needed in accordance with the GSS Election Guidelines in Article III of these Bylaws.
- iii. Report the results of elections to the GSS.
- iv. Reviewing, if necessary, the senator election procedures of each constituency as stated in these Bylaws under Article III.

#### 4. Policy Committee

- a. Membership of the Policy Committee shall consist of the Vice President as Chair and any number of senators who choose the policy committee as their committee of choice during the first meeting of the GSS in any academic year. The Vice President reserves the right to decline serving as chair, in which instance the President shall appoint a new Chairperson.
- b. Committee meetings shall be called as required for the conduct of necessary business. A quorum is obtained when a simple majority of members are present.
- c. The Committee shall be charged with the following tasks:
  - i. Reviewing and revising the Constitution and By-Laws as necessary; and
  - ii. Interpreting judicial matters pertinent to the GSS or student body; and
  - iii. Advising administration on student handbook issues; and
  - iv. Addressing student complaints regarding policy within a timely manner.

#### 5. Social Committee

- a. Membership of the Social Committee shall consist of the Secretary as chair and any number of senators who choose the social committee as their committee of choice during the first meeting of the GSS in any academic year. The Secretary reserves the right to decline serving as chair, in which instance the President shall appoint a new Chairperson.
- b. Committee meetings shall be called as required for the conduct of necessary business. A quorum is obtained when a simple majority of members are present. Meetings shall be open to all those who wish to attend.
- c. The Committee shall be charged with the following tasks:
  - i. To promote events that aim to create a unified graduate student body across all colleges of the University.
  - ii. To plan, advertise for, and host all GSS-sponsored events.

#### D. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to establish ad hoc committees for specific purposes as the needs of the GSS require. The ad hoc committees shall be responsible for electing their own Chairperson.
- 2. Ad hoc committees shall exist until fulfillment of the purpose for which it is

established

or until otherwise dissolved by the Executive Committee.

3. An ad hoc committee may become a standing committee upon the passage of an Amendment to these Bylaws, as outlined in Article XI, establishing it as such.

## **Article VI. Graduate Student Recognized Organizations (GROs)**

### **A. Procedures for becoming a GRO**

1. A club/organization must have at least ten members in order to receive GSS funding.
2. The members of the club/organization must pick an advisor which must be an active UMD faculty, administration, or staff member.
3. The members shall write and approve by a 2/3 majority the constitution of their club/organization before submitting it to the GSS Vice President
4. The club/organization's constitution and all future amendments must conform to GSS guidelines as specified in Section B of this Article.
5. The GSS will then need a majority vote to approve the club/organization constitution.
6. Upon GSS approval, the organization shall thereafter be recognized as a GRO
  - a. All new GROs receive \$200 from the GSS as starting funds.
  - b. If an organization exists for any amount of time as a non-GRO and then follows the procedures for becoming a GRO, this organization shall be considered a new GRO upon GSS approval and will receive \$200 from the GSS as starting funds.

### **B. Requirements for being a GRO**

1. The club/organization must be open to all students.
2. There must be an executive board comprised of students and elected by the members.
3. There must be at least 10 student members.
4. The club/organization must be recognized by Student Activities Involvement and Leadership Office, hereinafter "SAIL", before approval for recognition from the GSS can be sought.

### **C. Procedures for un-recognizing a GRO**

1. The GSS will need a majority vote to unrecognize a GRO
2. The reasons for un-recognizing an GRO include, but are not limited to:
  - a. The Finance Committee has deemed the club/organization inactive for at least two years.
  - b. The club/organization is not open to all students
  - c. The club/organization's executive board is composed of non-students.
  - d. The club/organization does not have at least 10 members.
  - e. The club/organization is no longer recognized by SAIL.

D. The GSS shall reserve the right to investigate evidence or accusations of malfeasance or misconduct by GROs funded by the GSS. This may result in the suspension of payments or assignments of money to said group until the accusations are investigated and their credence established. If such accusations are found to be true no further funding will be forthcoming until such time as the GSS is satisfied that it will be well spent. The GSS also reserves the right to

demand the return of misspent funds.

### **Article VII. Meetings**

- A. All regular GSS meeting dates shall be set during the first meeting of the academic year. The first meeting of the academic year will be determined by the general availability of the senators.
- B. The President shall preside over all GSS meetings. In the absence of the President, or if the agenda includes a motion to recall the President, the Vice President shall preside.
- C. Meeting minutes shall be recorded by the Secretary (or if the Secretary cannot be present, by another member of the GSS) and should be made available within 24 hours to the GSS.
- D. All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless superseded by these Bylaws.
- E. The Vice President shall act as Parliamentarian, If the Vice President is unable to act in this role, the presiding President shall appoint a member of GSS to fulfill that obligation during that meeting.
- F. Meeting agendas shall be prepared in accordance with the Constitution and these Bylaws. For motions to be included on the agenda they shall be made available to the Executive Committee at least 48 hours before the meeting.
- G. All motions not on the agenda must be given to the parliamentarian in writing upon presentation.
- H. All meetings are open unless the GSS votes to continue the meeting in executive session, as defined in Article III of these Bylaws.
- I. Quorum is required to start all meetings. Quorum is defined as a simple majority of all members.
- J. During meetings, the President shall act as a non-voting member, and shall only cast a vote in the event of a tie.
- K. Proxy voting is not allowed. Only senators present at the meeting may cast a vote.
  - 1. Absent senators, however, may submit a statement in writing to the Secretary to be read during open discussion on the GSS matter.

### **Article VIII. GSS Code of Conduct**

- A. No officer, staff or senator of the GSS shall participate in any private business or professional activity, or have any direct or indirect financial interest which would place said officer in a position where there is a conflict between that private interest and the best interests of the GSS.

- B. No officer, staff or senator of the GSS shall use or allow the use of any GSS property, facilities, or personnel of any kind for any activity not officially sanctioned by the Constitution of the GSS, the Bylaws of the GSS or an Act of the GSS.
- C. No person shall corruptly give, offer, or promise to any GSS officer, staff or senator any pecuniary or other benefit not authorized by the Constitution or the Bylaws of the GSS, or by Act of the GSS, for the past, present, or future performance or non-performance of an act.
- D. No officer, staff or senator of the GSS shall aid, advise, procure or in any other way directly induce another to act in violation of the Constitution or the Bylaws of the GSS, or an act of the GSS.
- E. All members of GSS shall act in a professional and responsible manner and exhibit conduct befitting a graduate student of the University. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to termination.

#### **Article IX. Grievance Procedure**

- A. Failure to perform duties and/or violation of the GSS Code of Conduct:
  - 1. Upon the substantial failure of any GSS member to perform the duties assigned or the violation of the GSS Code of Conduct, the GSS by simple majority vote, may open a disciplinary or recall procedure by issuing a formal written warning to the offending member. A motion for opening the disciplinary recall procedure shall be added to the meeting agenda either upon submission of a letter written by the Executive Committee, or a petition signed by no fewer than 1/3 of the senators in good standing.
  - 2. If the offending member fails to correct the mistakes or improve his/her performance, the GSS may vote to impeach and/or remove the member by a two-thirds vote of the GSS in the subsequent meeting.
  - 3. If the violation of the GSS Code of Conduct is deemed as an extreme case as defined by the GSS body and/or the faculty advisor, disciplinary and/or judicial actions will be taken by the appropriate authority outside of the GSS.
    - a. The GSS reserves the right to impeach said offending member and/or to remove them from the GSS.
    - b. The removed member will sever all ties with GSS and be required to return all GSS properties, both tangible and intangible within 24 hours.

#### **Article X. Finance**

- A. Ad hoc Funding: GSS makes Ad hoc funding grants to organizations that benefit the graduate student community
  - 1. Ad hoc funding is intended to provide monetary support for specific events throughout

the fiscal year. In this way Ad hoc funding supplements a GRO's annual budget request or provides monetary aid for non GROs and individuals.

2. GROs and/or non-GROs may apply for Ad hoc funding as many times as needed throughout the fiscal year but only once per event. Multiple applications for Ad hoc funding for the same event will be denied.

3. Any approved Ad hoc funds are only good for the fiscal year and event for which they were approved. Any unused portion of Ad hoc funding for that specific event which is not used will be re-appropriated and placed back into the GSS account.

4. All monetary allocations given by GSS must comply with University Regulations

5. Procedure:

a. The ad-hoc funding request must be submitted to the GSS Treasurer at least one month prior to the event. However, the GSS reserves the right to review Ad hoc funding requests that do not comply with the previously stated deadline as necessary.

b. The request must include the following:

i. A brief explanation of the nature and purpose of the requesting organization with specific attention to graduate student participation.

ii. A brief explanation of the event or purpose for which the funds are requested.

iii. The specific amount of total funds requested.

iv. An itemized budget for the event or purpose detailing anticipated expenses for the proposed event,

v. All other committed and requested funding sources for the event.

vi. As well as estimates of any funds to be raised by the event.

B. Eligibility: In order to be eligible for funding a GRO has to be approved by the GSS and SAIL as defined in Article VI of these Bylaws. Non GROs applying for funding can do so only on an Ad hoc basis.

C. Annual Budget Request:

1. Annual Budget requests are intended to provide operating budget to GROs and are comprised of the yearly anticipated budget for the GRO.

2. Only GROs are eligible to submit Annual Budget requests. Each GRO can only submit one Annual Budget request during an academic year. Any additional funding requests by a GRO that is not included in the Annual Budget request will be considered as an Ad-Hoc funding request.

3. All monetary allocations given by GSS must comply with University Regulations

4. Procedures:

a. The annual budget must be submitted to the GSS Treasurer by GROs before the last day of March of that academic calendar year.

b. The Finance Committee will review all Annual Budget requests and make recommendations to the GSS for approval.

D. Discretionary funding:

1. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to use discretionary funds not to exceed \$500 per calendar month on any expenses deemed necessary for the daily operation and function of the GSS.

2. The Finance Committee shall have the authority to use discretionary funds not to exceed \$250 per calendar month on any expenses deemed necessary for the daily operation and function of the GSS.

E. Fundings for GSS sponsored events:

1. Anytime GSS spends funds outside the scope of Article X section D of these bylaws, a vote of the entire GSS body is required. A simple majority is required to pass said vote.

### **Article XI. Amendment Procedures**

A. Any voting member of the GSS may propose an amendment to these Bylaws.

1. The proposal for an amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at least one week before the meeting where it will be presented. Amendment proposals shall include:

a. Original article (if applicable)

b. Proposed amendment

c. Reason for proposed amendment

2. The proposed amendments shall have been presented at one previous meeting of the GSS and be voted on at the subsequent regularly scheduled meeting.

3. The final vote on all Bylaw amendments shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

4. No Bylaw may violate any portion of the GSS Constitution.