Graduate Student Government of
Michigan Technological University

GSG Resolution No. 2010-01

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GSG CONSTITUTION: MARCH 22, 2010

MOTION: Be it proposed that the Constitution of the Graduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University be amended to read as shown below.

EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES
All changes are indicated in boldface, with simple bold indicating additions, and strike-through indicating deletions. The changes are intended to resolve redundancy and add clarity. Specific changes include:

- Adding the word “democratically” ensures that, although the means of electing GSG representatives remains the purview and province of departments themselves, these elections are in parity with the democratic operation of the Graduate Student Government in representing students on campus. (6.b)
- Some confusion may result in 6.f between “representative” as being a representative “from each department,” or a representative from the entire GSG. Adding “forth” is a grammatical fix. (6.f)
- Removal of the 6.f.i allows GSG to effect a clearer and more flexible attendance policy in the bylaws.
- Changing “members” to “representatives” is required to correct an contradiction in the document itself since the category of “members” includes “members-at-large” who, as specified elsewhere in the document, may not be elected to the position of chair.

Proposed Changes

6.b All representatives eligible to serve on GSG must be democratically elected by their home departments, as outlined in the Bylaws.

6.f. At least one representative from each department must attend all regularly scheduled GSG meetings (excluding excused absences) in order to maintain eligibility for the department’s students to receive travel grants, as set forth in the Bylaws.

i. Absences may only be excused by a simple majority vote in the affirmative by the Board.

8.a. Committee chairs shall chair their respective standing committees, as set forth in the Bylaws.
8.b. Committee chairs shall be elected from among the GSG members or previous Board by a simple majority vote in the affirmative, as set forth in the Bylaws.