



Executive Team Business Meeting Agenda

October 17, 2024, 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM

Teams – ([Link](#))

Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more members of the GSC Executive staff or graduate students may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

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Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum

Business meeting agenda continues:

1. Discussion on the new GSC working procedures.
2. Discussion on GSC Vice President Administration and Finance Special Elections.
3. Discussion Regarding the Vote Request - NAGPS Governance Reforms.

Executive Session

The Graduate Student Council Executive Team reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

Reconvene in open session to act, if necessary, on Executive Session items.

Adjourn

Posted on this 14th day of October 2024, on the Graduate Student Council website.

Balasankar Kilaru
GSC President
2024-2025 Graduate Student Council.



Memo for discussion

October 14, 2024

Most Esteemed members of the GSC Executive Council and Directors,

Item #1 on the October 17th, 2024, GSC Business meeting agenda is a request from the GSC Parliamentarian to discuss the new GSC working procedures that will be set forth by the new faculty advisor, Dr. Oppong.

Best Regards,

Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez, M.S.

Parliamentarian | Graduate Student Council

Ph.D. Student

Department of Biological Sciences

University of North Texas



Memo for discussion

October 14, 2024

Most Esteemed members of the GSC Executive Council and Directors,

Item #2 on the October 17th, 2024, GSC Business meeting agenda is a request from the GSC President Kilaru for Discussion Regarding the GSC Vice President Administration and Finance Special Elections.

Best Regards,

Bala Sankar Kilaru
GSC President
2024-2025 Graduate Student Council



Memo for discussion

October 14, 2024

Most Esteemed members of the GSC Executive Council and Directors,

Item #3 on the October 17th, 2024, GSC Business meeting agenda is a request from the GSC President Kilaru for Discussion Regarding the Vote Request - NAGPS Governance Reforms.

Best Regards,

Bala Sankar Kilaru
GSC President
2024-2025 Graduate Student Council

RESOLUTION 2024.06.03

A resolution to endorse governance reform proposals

National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, Inc.

Date: 16 June 2024

Author(s): NAGPS President

Underlines are additions while ~~strikethroughs~~ are deletions.

Whereas, the Board of Directors, with the approval of the Membership, authorized a Strategic Planning Committee to address continuity of business per Bylaw 6.12.1; and

Whereas, the President and National Advisory Board (NAB) requested that the NAGPS Administrative Coordinator collect and draft governance reform proposals for presentation to the NAB and Board of Directors; and

Whereas, the President and NAGPS Administrative Coordinator presented governance reform proposals defined in documents NAGPS_term_sheet_060924 and NAGPS_reform_draft_060924 (revised) to the NAB on June 9, 2024; and

Whereas, the President and NAGPS Administrative Coordinator presented governance reform proposals defined in documents NAGPS_term_sheet_060924 and NAGPS_reform_draft_060924 (revised) to the Board of Directors on June 16, 2024;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors endorses the governance reform proposals in document NAGPS_term_sheet_060924 and NAGPS_reform_draft_060924 (revised); and

Therefore, be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the President to chair the Strategic Planning Committee and implement the governance reform proposals with the assistance of the NAGPS Administrative Coordinator and NAB Chair.

Constitution

Article IV.

4.03. Revised. (Board of Directors)

All Officers of the Association shall serve as a Director, constitute the Board of Directors, and include: the President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Communications, Director of Administration, Director of Outreach, Director of Legislative Affairs, Director of Compliance, and Chair of the National Advisory Board (NAB). All Officers shall be voting members of the Board of Directors unless otherwise indicated. The Director of Compliance and the Chair of the NAB shall be non-voting *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors.

4.04. Revised. (Executive Committee)

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, and Director of Finance, Director of Compliance, and the Chair of the NAB. All Executive Committee members shall be voting members of the Executive Committee unless otherwise indicated. The Director of Compliance and the Chair of the NAB shall be non-voting *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.

4.07. Revised. (Vacancy)

Whenever there is a vacancy, temporary or permanent, of an Officer or Chair of a Standing Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term by a majority vote. The vote shall occur at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article V.

5.06. Deleted. (Regional Meetings)

Article VII.

7.01. Revised. (Amendments)

Any member in good-standing or the Board of Directors shall propose amendments to this Constitution at least sixty (60) days prior to the vote, which shall be valid as part of this Constitution, when ratified at a National Membership Meeting, or by a mail ballot, by two thirds of the membership in good-standing.

By-Laws

Article I.

1.2.6. Added.

The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may authorize the Administrative Coordinator and/or the Chair of the NAB to be an official signatory to any financial instruments of the Association. Neither the Administrative Coordinator nor the Chair of the NAB shall incur any financial liability or disburse funds on behalf of the Association without the approval of the President, Vice President, or Director of Finance.

Article III.

3.1.1. Revised.

The Board of Directors shall be selected from those persons duly recognized as bona fide representatives of an Organizational Member in good-standing or Individual Student members in good-standing at the time of election or appointment; except for the Chair of the NAB, who shall be selected from among and by the members of the NAB.

3.3.2. Deleted. (Terms of Office-Regional Director)

3.3.5. Revised. (Mission Statement)

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for determining the Mission Statement and individual positional objectives at the first Board of Directors meeting.

3.10.9. Revised. (Assistant Director Appointment)

Each Director, with the exception of the President, Vice President, and Chair of the NAB shall have the authority to appoint an Assistant to the Director. Assistants to the Directors: ...

3.4.8. Revised. (IPP)

To serve, for the year following the term as President, as a member of the National Advisory Board and as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors with the right to attend meetings of the Executive Committee;

3.4.10. Revised. (Objectives)

To publish objectives of the Board of Directors within one month of the first Board of Directors meeting.

3.4.11. Added. (ICA)

To review the independent contractor relationship, work performance, and scope of work periodically with the Administrative Coordinator and the Vice President.

3.5.9. Added (ICA)

To review the independent contractor relationship, work performance, and scope of work periodically with the Administrative Coordinator and the President.

3.6.10. Revised (Committee on Finance and Fundraising)

To serve as Chair of the Committee on Finance and Fundraising.

3.6.12. Added

To develop and maintain sponsor and partner relationships for the Association and/or additional fundraising opportunities

3.9.8. Added (Alumni Relations)

To develop strategies for engaging NAGPS alumni and developing and maintaining the NAGPS Alumni Association.

3.10.1. thru 3.10.10. Deleted (External Affairs)

3.12.1. thru 3.12.6. Deleted (Regional Directors)

3.13.4. Revised (Committee Chairs)

To provide regular updates on Association activities to the members of their Committee via official communication.

3.14.1. Revised (IPP)

To assist and guide the Director of Finance, in developing and maintaining sponsor and partner relationships for the Association and, organizing NAGPS fundraising events, engaging NAGPS alumni, and developing and maintaining the NAGPS Alumni Association

3.17. Added (NAB Chair)

The Chair of the National Advisory Board shall have the following responsibilities:

3.17.1. To serve as Chair of the National Advisory Board

3.17.2 To serve as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board

3.17.3 To assist the Administrative Coordinator in coordinating leadership transitions and maintaining continuity of business when any position of the Board becomes vacant.

Article IV.

4.2. Deleted (Regional Directors)

4.3. Revised (Elections)

The President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Compliance, Director of and Legislative Affairs shall be elected by the membership at the National Business Meeting. The order of election shall be: President, then Vice President, then Director of Finance, then Director of Compliance, and then Director of Legislative Affairs.

4.4. Revised (Elections)

The Director of Communications, Director of Administration, Director of Outreach, and the Chairs of the Standing Committees shall be elected simultaneously by secret ballot.

4.8. Added (Virtual Elections)

In the event the National Business Meeting is held virtually, elections may be conducted in digital format consistent with the provisions of Article IV.

Article VI.

6.1. Revised (Advocacy Committee)

The Advocacy Committee shall consider employment concerns, international student concerns, and social justice concerns. Committee members will choose a chairperson among themselves who will maintain a non-voting position on the Executive Committee. Any NAGPS member shall be invited to participate on the Advocacy Committee. The Advocacy Committee shall work together on projects and campaigns to address issues which affect graduate students from their respective areas of focus.

6.2. Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee shall be comprised of the Director of Outreach, Director of Communications, and any NAGPS member in good standing who indicates interest in serving on the Committee. The Outreach Committee shall designate appropriate membership categories for each applicant and certify satisfaction of requirements for membership. The committee shall advise the Board of Directors concerning strategies for member recruitment and retention. The Director of Outreach shall serve as Chair of the Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee shall be responsible for developing member resources to aid in their organizational and leadership development and training, and any other resources necessary for member growth. The Outreach Committee is also responsible for increasing the accessibility of these resources. The Outreach Committee shall be responsible for developing the Leadership Academy and resources to improve the leadership skills of its members.

6.4. Standing Committees

6.4.4. Added

Outreach Committee

6.4.5. Added

National Advisory Board

6.5. Deleted (Director of Employment Concerns)

6.6. Deleted (Director of International Student Concerns)

6.7. Deleted (Director of Social Justice Concerns)

6.8. Revised (Legislative Concerns Committee)

The Legislative Concerns Committee shall monitor pending federal legislation, recommend advocacy efforts, issue policy statements, provide analysis, issue calls to action when needed, and coordinate grassroots efforts to support the legislative mission of the Association. The Committee shall assist the Director of Legislative Affairs in developing the Association's Legislative Platform. The Director of Legislative Affairs shall be the chair of this committee.

6.9. Revised (Committee on Finance and Fundraising)

The Committee on Finance and Fundraising shall be responsible for developing strategies for increasing and diversifying revenue sources of the Association. The committee shall also be responsible for assisting the Director of Finance in: (1) monitoring the NAGPS budget, (2) producing finance reports, and (3) developing a proposed budget for the National Membership meeting at the National Conference. The committee shall also be responsible for assisting the Director of Finance in preparing and reviewing financial agreements between NAGPS and its partners. Any student from a member institution in good standing may serve on the committee.

6.10. Deleted (Administrative and Communications Committee)

6.11. Deleted (Committee on External Affairs)

Article VII. Deleted (JLAR)

7.1 thru 7.2 Deleted (JLAR)

Article VIII.

8.2.7. Deleted (Regional Proxies)

8.5.1. thru 8.5.4. Deleted (Regional Membership Meetings)

8.6.1. thru 8.6.5. Deleted (Regional Conferences)

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