

University of Denver
Graduate Student Association Council
Constitution

Preamble

We, the Graduate Students of the University of Denver, do establish this Constitution.

Article I. Name and Mission.

Section 1. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Graduate Student Association Council (G.S.A.C.) of the University of Denver, henceforth referred to as G.S.A.C.

Section 2. Mission.

The mission of G.S.A.C shall be to represent and serve all graduate students at the University of Denver. This shall be accomplished by soliciting the views of graduate students and by representing those views in University-wide committee and Board of Trustees meetings.

Article II. Membership.

G.S.A.C shall be comprised of the following members:

- A. G.S.A.C. Executive Council
- B. Graduate Student Association Presidents
- C. Graduate Student Association G.S.A.C. Representatives

Article III. Powers and Duties

Section 1. General Powers

G.S.A.C. shall have the powers necessary to carry out the mission of G.S.A.C. in accordance with this constitution. G.S.A.C shall have the power to recognize graduate student associations as provided in the By-Laws of this constitution. All G.S.A.C Executive Council members, Graduate Student Association Presidents, and Graduate Student Association G.S.A.C. Representatives shall have the powers and duties commensurate with the nature of their respective offices.

Section 2. Association Funds

G.S.A.C. shall have control and supervision of all G.S.A.C. funds. The G.S.A.C. President and the G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance shall be required to sign all requests for allocations. In the event of an absence of the G.S.A.C. Vice President of

Finance, the G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance may appoint, in writing, another officer to sign in his/her place for a specified time.

Section 3. Voting.

All G.S.A.C. members shall have the power to vote in the course of G.S.A.C. meetings. Each G.S.A.C. member shall have only one vote. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 4. Responsibilities of G.S.A.C.

G.S.A.C. responsibilities shall be the following:

- A. Shall respond to issues concerning graduate students at the University of Denver.
- B. Shall act on behalf of the Graduate Student Associations on University-wide issues.
- C. Shall develop a budget for each academic year.
- D. Shall maintain a point of contact with the graduate student community at the University of Denver.

Section 5. The G.S.A.C. Executive Council.

The G.S.A.C. Executive Council shall be comprised of the G.S.A.C. President, G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication, G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance, G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration, and G.S.A.C. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing.

- A. G.S.A.C. President.
 1. The G.S.A.C. President shall administer all the G.S.A.C. meetings.
 2. The G.S.A.C. President shall attend University-wide committee meetings.
 3. The G.S.A.C. President shall monitor and direct the G.S.A.C. Executive Council in their duties.
- B. G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication.
 1. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication shall temporarily take the place of the G.S.A.C. President in the event that the G.S.A.C. President is absent.
 2. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the G.S.A.C. website.
 3. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication shall be responsible for communicating information from the G.S.A.C. to each individual G.S.A. as well as to the greater graduate student community.
 4. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication shall be responsible for creating and coordinating the DU Graduate Student Survey.
- C. G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance.
 1. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance shall propose an annual budget to the G.S.A.C. Executive Council for approval each academic year.
 2. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance shall coordinate the budget allocation and approve all expenditures.

3. The G.S.A.C. Treasurer shall be responsible for handling any graduate student activity fee issues.
- D. G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration.
 1. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration shall keep the records of the organization, including the creation and distribution of G.S.A.C. meeting minutes.
 2. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration shall be responsible for maintaining G.S.A.C. member contact records.
 3. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration shall be a member of all committees formed in G.S.A.C.
- E. G.S.A.C. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing.
 1. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall create and administer a quarterly G.S.A.C. newsletter.
 2. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall promote and publicize G.S.A.C.
 3. The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall coordinate all G.S.A.C. events.

Section 6. Graduate Student Association Presidents and G.S.A.C. Representatives.

- A. Shall attend all G.S.A.C. meetings.
- B. Shall serve as the liaison between students in their respective graduate units and G.S.A.C.
- C. Shall publicize their role as this liaison to the graduate students within their respective graduate units.
- D. Shall report on issues, matters, and concerns brought to their attention by the graduate students from their respective graduate units.
- E. Shall participate in one of the three standing G.S.A.C. committees.

Section 7. G.S.A.C. Committees

- A. Each year, G.S.A.C. shall create necessary outreach committees.
 1. Past committees have included: philanthropy, social, and fundraising.
- B. G.S.A.C. shall maintain the following procedural committees: grievance committee, recognition committee, and communications committee.
- C. The committees shall meet at the G.S.A.C. meetings as well as special G.S.A.C. Committee meetings called for by the respective G.S.A.C. Committee chair.
- D. The chair, of each G.S.A.C. committee, shall report to the G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration.
- E. G.S.A.C. may create additional G.S.A.C. Committees when needed.

Article VI. G.S.A.C. Officer Elections.

All five G.S.A.C. officer positions shall be open to all G.S.A.C. members and to all University of Denver graduate students.

Section 1. G.S.A.C. Officer Nomination and Election Committee

G.S.A.C. members shall make up the G.S.A.C. officer nomination and election committee.

Section 2. Terms of Office.

The G.S.A.C. President, G.S.A.C. Vice President of Finance, G.S.A.C. Vice President of Administration, and G.S.A.C. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall hold office from the first day of summer interim following elections to the last day of the following spring quarter.

The G.S.A.C. Vice President of Communication shall hold office from the day he/she is elected into office during the fall quarter to the last day of the following spring quarter.

Section 3. Vacancies.

An officer position will be deemed vacant if a G.S.A.C. officer shall resign or be absent from two consecutive meetings without excuse. The voting members of G.S.A.C. shall make the decision as to whether or not an absence is unexcused.

1. If the position of the President shall become vacant, the Vice President of Communication shall succeed to the office.
2. If another officer's position becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by an appointment of the G.S.A.C. Executive Council until an election is held.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be circulated to all members of the Council.

1. The G.S.A.C. shall have the power to create and adopt By-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, as they may deem necessary or proper for carrying out the mission of the council.
2. Proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-laws shall be considered at the same meeting in which they are presented. Adoption of the amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall require a majority vote from the members of G.S.A.C.

ARTICLE VIII. Graduate Student Body Voting.

1. The Graduate Student Association Council shall approve any vote of the University of Denver graduate student body.
2. G.S.A.C. approval shall be required for any referendum that could result in change to University policy affecting graduate students.
3. Approval of a graduate student body vote shall require a majority vote from the voting members of G.S.A.C.

4. In order for a graduate student body vote to be considered valid and binding, at least five percent (5%) of the enrolled graduate student body must vote. If less than five percent (5%) of the enrolled graduate student body votes, another vote will be scheduled.
5. A majority vote by five percent of the currently enrolled graduate student population shall be required for passage of the item under consideration.

ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Authority.

The parliamentary authority of G.S.A.C. shall be the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, revised.