

Indiana University - Bloomington Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution To Deem Inactive Assembly Seats And Solicit Participation

Whereas, the Fall 2020 GPSG General Assembly holds 131 seats (including Diversity Council), only 88 of which are currently filled. There were 25 seats that have been empty for three or more semesters;

Whereas, Article 1-3.2 of the GPSG Bylaws states that “departments without Representatives for three or more semesters may be placed on an inactive department list by a majority vote of the Assembly. All opportunities must be provided to the department to participate, and the relegation of the seat to the inactive list is not automatic. Departments become active automatically by sending a Representative to the Assembly;”

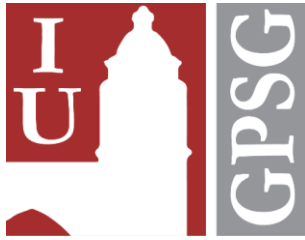
Whereas, Article 1-3.2.1 of the GPSG Bylaws states that “inactive departments will be notified of their status at the beginning of each semester as an attempt to solicit participation. Graduate and professional students in inactive departments will still be eligible for GPSG funds, despite their departments’ inactive status;”

Whereas, the GPSG recognizes that deeming seats inactive as an approach to solicit participation is an essential component of a long-term, measurable solution to Representative attendance and engagement challenges.

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that:

- (1) The GPSG General Assembly puts the following 25 seats on an inactive list and requires the GPSG to use the inactive status to solicit their engagement:
 - a. College of Arts and Sciences: Linguistics; Political Science; Religious Studies; Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures; Speech & Hearing
 - b. Hamilton Lugar School of Global & International Studies: African Studies; Central Eurasian Studies; East Asian Languages & Cultures; Latin American & Caribbean Studies; Russian & East European Studies



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- c. School of Education: Curriculum and Instruction (including Literacy, Culture, and Language Education) (1 of 4 seats)
- d. Maurer School of Law: LLM; PhD
- e. Jacobs School of Music: Voice, Early Music, Choral Conducting (1 of 2 seats); Woodwinds, Brass, Composition, Wind Conducting (2 seats); Piano, Organ, Percussion, Guitar, Jazz Studies (2 seats); Music Education
- f. School of Informatics & Computing: Computer Science (Master's and PhD) (1 of 3 seats)
- g. School of Optometry: Optometry Grad; Optometry Prof (3 of 4 seats)
- h. Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design.

(2) Seats will be automatically removed from the inactive list once a Representative is chosen, returning to normal status.

(3) Instructs the Executive Committee, pursuant to 1-3.3 of the Bylaws, to consider whether consolidation of “constituents of two or more departments previously recognized separately to combine those constituencies into one “department” for the purposes of representation” for inactive seats that have “a clear connection between the units in question;”

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on October 2, 2020.

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Date