University of Delaware Graduate Student Government

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Amendments to the By–Laws

Whereas the University of Delaware’s Graduate Student Government is continually striving to update its governing documents in order to best serve its constituents, and,

Recognizing that the Parliamentarian might be unable to fulfill his or her duties during a particular meeting, and,

Whereas it was the original intent of the Constitution to limit students from serving more than two years in a particular officer position, but not to limit service as an officer to a maximum of two years,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following sections of the University of Delaware Graduate Student Senate By–Laws be changed as follows:

Article 2, Section 3, subsection b, which previously read as follows:

(b) Per Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, the chairperson of the Senate shall be the Parliamentarian.
   1. The duties of the Parliamentarian are to ensure the adherence to parliamentary procedure.
   2. The Parliamentarian shall be the chair of the Governance Committee.
   3. The Parliamentarian shall review all amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as well as any legislation brought before the Senate.
   4. The Parliamentarian shall be elected in the Spring with the rest of the Executive Council.
   5. To ensure the unbiased nature of the position, the Parliamentarian will not be a member of the Executive Council, nor can they serve as a senator.
   6. The Parliamentarian shall meet monthly with the Executive Council to aid in the planning of the public meeting’s agenda.

Shall now read

(b) Per Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, the chairperson of the Senate shall be the Parliamentarian.
   1. The duties of the Parliamentarian are to ensure the adherence to parliamentary procedure.
   2. The Parliamentarian shall be the chair of the Governance Committee.
   3. The Parliamentarian shall chair the Senate floor. In the event the Parliamentarian is unable to chair a meeting the Deputy Parliamentarian shall chair the Senate.
a. The Executive Council shall nominate a Senator to be the Deputy Parliamentarian prior to the first meeting.
b. The Senate shall vote to approve the nominee at the first meeting. In the event the nominee is not approved, nominations will be taken from the floor and an election held immediately.
c. The sole duty of the Deputy Parliamentarian will be to chair the Senate in the Parliamentarian’s absence. If this is necessary he or she will not have voting powers for that meeting but may designate a proxy to vote. He or she shall be an ex-officio member of the Governance Committee.

4. The Parliamentarian shall review all amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as well as any legislation brought before the Senate.
5. The Parliamentarian shall be elected in the Spring with the rest of the Executive Council.
6. To ensure the unbiased nature of the position, the Parliamentarian will not be a member of the Executive Council, nor can they serve as a senator.
7. The Parliamentarian shall meet monthly with the Executive Council to aid in the planning of the public meeting’s agenda.

And Article IV, Section 2, Subsection (a), which previously read as follows:

Eligibility: All graduate students are eligible to run for an officer position, unless the individual has already served two terms in an officer position.

Shall now read:

Eligibility: Any graduate student is eligible to run for any officer position in which he/she has not already served two terms.