

13 February 2015

TO: GSS Executive Board  
FROM: GSS Governance Committee  
Re: Bylaws Amendment 2015.1

Dear GSS Executive Board,

Despite the recent fall in graduate student enrollment at UNH, the graduate student population has grown over the past several years. The growth, however, was not evenly spread throughout the colleges. Also the graduate student housing on campus has evolved, leading to a decline of graduate students living in Babcock Hall. This has led to a reevaluation of the GSS Senator distribution by the GSS Governance Committee. The Governance Committee has also been tasked with adding a requirement for senators to attend at least one GSS Programming event per semester. A correction is suggested to correct Peter T. Paul School to Peter T. Paul College

The goal in the reevaluation of the GSS Senator distribution is to maintain a fair distribution of Senators to graduate students and graduate programs in the separate colleges; as well as a fair distribution of Senators to graduate students living in on-campus graduate housing units. By considering both the number of graduate students and the number of graduate programs within the colleges the GSS Governance Committee was able to determine what we feel is a fair distribution of senators based on the present graduate student population. We recommend that number of Senators from the colleges of Engineering and Physical Science (CEPS) and Health and Human Services (CHHS) increase from two (2) to three (3). We also recommend that the Babcock and Forest Park Senator positions be combined into one (1) Graduate Housing Senator position. This would raise the total number of Senators from fifteen to sixteen.

We believe that by increasing the number of Senator positions for CEPS and CHHS we will be more fairly representing the total number of graduate students and graduate programs in those respective colleges. We also believe that due to the decline of graduate student living in Babcock Hall, eliminating the separate graduate housing units Senators and creating a single Graduate Student Housing Senator will better represent the graduate students living on-campus.

The addition of requiring Senators to attend one GSS Programming event per semester is to help encourage Senator participation outside of scheduled meetings and committees as well as increase potential interactions with constituents.

Pending your approval, the Governance Committee recommends the attached amendment for review by the full GSS at the February 24, 2015 general meeting.

Sincerely,  
The GSS Governance Committee

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University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate  
Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2015.1  
February 13, 2015

These amendments directly affect *Article I: Composition, Sub-Section 3: Senators* of the current graduate student senate bylaws.

This amendment seeks to increase the number of senator positions for the colleges of Engineering and Physical Science (CEPS) and Health and Human Services from two (2) to three (3) as well as change Peter T. Paul School to Peter T. Paul College.

The following language would replace section *Article I: Composition, Sub-Section 3: Senators, Part 1: Colleges, Sub-Section a: Number of Senators from each college*:

I.3.1a Number of Senators from each college:

- Engineering and Physical Science (CEPS) -- 3
- Health and Human Services (CHHS) -- 3
- Liberal Arts (COLA) -- 4
- Life Science and Agriculture (COLSA) -- 1
- Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics (PAUL) -- 1

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This amendment seeks to combine the Babcock Hall and Forest Park senator positions to form a single Graduate Student Housing senator position.

The following language would replace section *Article I: Composition, Sub-Section 3: Senators, Part 2. Graduate Housing Units*:

I.3.2 Graduate Student Housing: One (1) Senator representing graduate housing units shall be elected by the graduate students living in on-campus housing.

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This amendment directly affects *Article I: Composition, Sub-Section 5: Rights and Responsibilities, Part 1: Senators* of the current graduate student senate bylaws.

This amendment seeks to add the requirement for senators to attend at least one GSS Programming event per semester.

The following language would replace section *Article I: Composition, Sub-Section 5: Rights and Responsibilities, Part 1: Senators*:

I.5.1 Senators: All Senators are voting member of the GSS. All Senators are expected to serve on at least one (1) GSS committee. The President may appoint Senators to additional committees as needed. All Senators are expected to attend

all meetings and all meetings of committees on which they serve, and at least one GSS Programming event per semester. Each Senator shall serve as liaison for college/department issues and shall serve as representatives to college/department committees. All new Senators shall attend New Representative Orientation prior to the first regularly scheduled GSS meeting of the academic year.