GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC)
Report to GSA Council for the Cancelled 10 December 2018 Meeting

To: GSA Council
From: Sasha van der Klein
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Dear Council Colleagues,

As per the GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC)’s terms of reference, the GSA GC can “make any editorial changes (such as factual inaccuracies and other editorial issues) to the GSA governing documents as deemed necessary by the GSA GC” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section F: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, Section F.POL.4.2.b).

Accordingly, and as outlined in the previous GSA GC reports to GSA Council in October and November, the GSA GC unanimously approved a series of editorial changes to the entirety of GSA Bylaw and Policy. This comprehensive review included creating tables for each numbered section of the GSA’s governing documents that define the scope and purpose of each regulation, provide associated definitions, and include cross-references to other directly relevant sections. Other editorial changes included consolidating footnotes, renumbering Bylaw and Policy where necessary as a result of moving content into the definitions sections of the tables, a comprehensive editorial review of punctuation, spelling, proper usage of Latin terms, ensuring the composition of each GSA Standing Committee was similarly organized without changing any wording, and shifting the order (but not changing any wording) of items within various sections to ensure standardization.

Additionally, these editorial changes included clarifying in the composition of each GSA Standing Committee that “Councillors” rather than “members of GSA Council” are elected to GSA Standing Committees, to clarify that these GSA Standing Committee positions are only intended for Councillors (including Departmental Councillors and Councillors-at-Large), given that technically Directly-Elected Officers and some staff members are members of GSA Council.

Sincerely,

Sasha van der Klein, 2018-2019 GSA President and Chair of the GSA GC