GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC)
Report to GSA Council for the 15 October 2018 Meeting

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

The GSA GC met on 24 September 2018 to review and recommend to GSA Council two separate proposals for changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy. The first proposal addresses administrative changes to GSA graduate student groups and the second proposal focuses on administrative changes to Section D: Officers, GSA Policy, GSA Officer Portfolios and Section F: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees. The proposal addressing GSA graduate student groups is before you now, and the proposed changes to Section D and Section F will be presented at the 19 November 2018 GSA Council meeting.

Additionally, at the 24 September 2018 GSA GC meeting, members discussed a series of editorial changes that will be brought forward to the GSA GC following the 19 November 2018 GSA Council meeting. One of the main components of these editorial changes will be to revise the tables at the beginning of each GSA policy, which outline the purpose, scope, related GSA Bylaw and Policy, and related forms so that they now apply to complete sections, rather than to isolated policies. Definitions that currently reside in GSA Bylaw and Policy will also be moved into these tables in order to streamline our governing documents and make them more user-friendly. 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). An update on these changes will be provided in the GSA GC’s report to the November meeting of GSA Council.

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