



Gonzaga Student Body Association

Senate

Bill: SBF111819

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Title: A Change to the Language of the GSBA Constitution to Demonstrate Inclusivity

Purpose: This bill adjusts the language in the GSBA Constitution to remove gender binary pronouns and better reflect the evolving changes within the GSBA organization, specifically with regards to inclusion. Through this bill, our Constitution will recognize all students regardless of their gender identity.

Text:

Section 1: Whereas, the GSBA Administration ran on a pillar of inclusivity and the GSBA Senate is committed to promoting inclusivity within the GSBA Organization.

Section 2: Whereas, there remain instances of gender binary pronouns in the GSBA Constitution, contradicting this pillar and promotion of inclusion.

Section 3: Therefore, be it enacted the following changes to the GSBA Constitution be put in place:

The Mission Statement shall be amended to read, “The Gonzaga Student Body Association promises to support and advocate for our fellow students, while providing the opportunity for experiences which inspire Zags to live extraordinary lives as ~~men and women~~ **people** for others.”

Article II, Section 5, shall be amended to read, “All GSBA members have the right to be present at all hearings directly involving ~~him or herself~~ **themselves.**”

Article II, Section 6, shall be amended to read, “All GSBA members have the right to a just and fair hearing following the established procedures including the opportunity to present information supporting ~~him or herself~~ **themselves.**”

Article II, Section 9, shall be amended to read, “All GSBA members have the right to respectfully express ~~him or herself~~ **themselves** in student programs and activities, in academic courses, and in hearings.”

Article IV, Section 4, shall be amended to read, “The GSBA advisors are employees of the Student Development Department and are appointed by the Vice President or ~~his or her~~ **their** designee.”

Article V, Section 7, subsection D shall be amended to read, “The President shall be responsible for the approval or veto of all bills and joint resolutions passed by the Student Senate. All bills, joint resolutions, budgets, and appropriations shall be considered by the President within ten academic days of passage. The President shall communicate ~~his or her~~ **their** action on all legislation to the Senate within the ten academic days allotted for approval or rejection. Failure of the President to take action within ten academic days, will bring the bill, joint resolution, budget, or appropriation into force without ~~his or her~~ **their** consent.”

Article IX, Section 2, subsection A, shall be amended to read, “A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate moves for impeachment. If the accused is a Member ~~he or she~~ **they** may not vote. A quorum of three-fourths (3/4) of the Senate is required for referral of impeachment.”

Article XII, Section 4, shall be amended to read, “Amendments of this constitution shall be initiated upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate in the form of a joint resolution to amend the Constitution, or by a properly forwarded petition. Based on the President’s approval or veto, the President shall immediately communicate ~~his or her~~ **their** action to the Senate and the student body, and the President shall call a special election to consider the proposed amendments if appropriate. Ratification of amendments shall occur upon a two-thirds majority vote of the student body in a special election in which at least twenty-five percent of the GSBA members cast ballots.”



President



Speaker of Senate