

Graduate Association of Students in Psychology (GrASP) Constitution

Revised March, 2004

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be The Graduate Association of Students in Psychology. It shall hereinafter be referred to as GrASP.

Article II. Membership

All graduate students in the Department of Psychology shall be members of GrASP.

Article III. The GrASP council

Section 1 – Definition

The GrASP council will be representative of the graduate students in psychology

Section 2 – Objectives

The objectives of this council shall be:

- 1) to represent the graduate students in psychology
- 2) to disseminate information of importance to all graduate students and faculty
- 3) to provide a forum for discussion of problems and matters of importance to the graduate students
- 4) to provide services to the graduate students in psychology

Section 3 – Composition

A. The GrASP council shall be composed of:

- 1) Executive Board of GrASP
- 2) All psychology graduate students enrolled in one of the five following programs
 - i. School
 - ii. Developmental
 - iii. Ergonomics/Experimental
 - iv. Industrial/Organizational
 - v. Psychology in the Public Interest

Article IV. Amendments

Amendments to this constitution will be made with a simple majority vote by those in attendance at the meeting of the second reading of the amendment.

Article V. Bylaws

Section 1 - Election of Officers

- A. The permanent offices shall be those of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, UGSA Representative
- B. Regular elections shall be held in April of each year via an electronic media such as email. The President via email shall announce elections. New officers will take office officially in June of that same year.
- C. Nominations of candidates in regular or special elections shall come from the graduate students. Any election shall be by a simple majority of votes cast.
- D. The candidate who receives a majority of votes will win the seat. In the event of a tie, the presiding officer will vote to break the tie.

Section II. Duties of Officers

Section 1 – Duties of the Officers

A. The President shall:

- 1) Call and preside over GrASP Council meetings
- 2) Represent GrASP at University functions
- 3) Coordinate with other officers various events, workshops, etc.
- 4) Work with Treasurer to approve various expenditures
- 5) Contact and meet with department administration on various issues as deemed important by the council

B. The Vice-President/UGSA Representative shall:

- 1) Preside over GrASP council meeting at the request of or in the absence of the President
- 2) Oversee correspondence of events to chapter members
- 3) Work with other officers to coordinate events, workshops, etc.
- 4) Attend all UGSA meetings and functions as well as disseminate information from those meetings to the GrASP council

C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- 1) Record and maintain minutes of the GrASP council meetings and Executive Officer meetings
- 2) Maintain a roll of council members
- 3) Work with other officers to coordinate events, workshops, etc.
- 4) Keep the financial records

D. The Faculty Representative shall:

- 1) Attend all faculty meetings
- 2) Relay student-relevant information to the council
- 3) Announce various events, issues, and concerns to the faculty
- 4) Assist the GrASP officers with events, workshops, etc.

Section 2 – Other Offices

A. The Webmaster shall:

- 1) Maintain the GrASP website
- 2) Frequently check and respond to GrASP-related emails

B. Area Delegates (School, I/O, Developmental, Ergo/Ex, PsyPI)

- 1) Each area in psychology will have one appointed delegate who will attend GrASP meetings, attend GrASP-related events, and act as the liaison between GrASP and their respective program areas.

Section 3 – Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month during the school year, except December. Meetings shall be open to all graduate students of the psychology department. Non-council members (i.e., speakers, faculty, etc.) shall enter discussion only with permission of the presiding officer.

Graduate Students in Psychology (GRASP)

Constitution

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| Article I | Section 1 | This organization shall be known as the Graduate Students in Psychology (GRASP). <i>-graduate student psychology</i> |
| | Section 2 | The purpose of GRASP is to provide an organized body and voice for the graduate students enrolled in the Department of Psychology at North Carolina State University. |
| Article II | Section 1 | Membership in GRASP shall be open to all regularly admitted and currently enrolled psychology graduate students. |
| Article III | Section 1 | The elective officers of GRASP shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Faculty Representative, Treasurer, and GSA Representative. |
| | Section 2 | The officers shall be elected by GRASP members during the May meeting to serve a term of one year, beginning immediately following the election until the completion of the next election. |
| Article IV | Section 1 | No formal dues shall be required for membership in GRASP. The President may propose the assessment of dues for special occasions or needs that may arise. However, no dues may be assessed without two-thirds majority approval from the current, attending members of GRASP. |
| Article V | Section 1 | Amendments to the constitution shall be presented by members of GRASP in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting. In order for the proposed amendment to take effect, a two-thirds majority vote of the current, attending members of GRASP shall be necessary. |
| Article VI | Section 1 | GRASP shall meet at least once a month during the academic year. More than one meeting per month can be held, but only with a majority agreement by the elected officers. |
| Article VII | Section 1 | The President of GRASP shall have the right to appoint any member of GRASP to head any committee or committees deemed necessary and beneficial to the development and pursuits of GRASP, as outlined in Article I, section 2 of this constitution. |

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Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to enhance the development of the Psychology student body by facilitating communication among the graduate students, the Psychology faculty and staff, and the University. The specific purposes shall include 1) the continual assessing of needs and means of strengthening the student body and programs of the Department of Psychology, and 2) the making of recommendations to the faculty, staff, and University on matters of concern and interest to the Association.

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Section 1. GrASP officers shall include the President, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Representative, the Alternate GSA Representative, the Treasurer, and five (5) area representatives.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected or appointed for a term of one year, according to the following procedure:

- a. The President, the GSA Representative, and the Treasurer shall be elected by all GrASP members. Elections will be held during a scheduled meeting in April.
- b. The Alternate GSA Representative shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the remaining officers.
- c. Area representatives shall be elected by GrASP members in each respective area of psychology. A GrASP member can vote for only one area representative in his/her area of psychology.

Section 3. Responsibilities of GrASP officers shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall call meetings, preside over meetings, and serve as a liaison between the administration and students.

- b. The GSA Representative shall represent GrASP at GSA meetings and report GSA activities to GrASP.
- c. The Alternate GSA Representative shall assume the above responsibilities in the absence of the GSA Representative.
- d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving all GSA rebates and other moneys, shall be responsible for accessing moneys as approved by GrASP, and shall be responsible for accounting to GrASP for all expenditures.
- e. The duties of the five (5) area representatives are as follows:
 - (1) to represent the interests of the students in their respective area of psychology.
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Article VI

Procedure

Section 1. Meetings

- a. GrASP shall have a minimum of three(3) meetings per semester.
- b. The President shall have the authority to set the time and place of all meetings of GrASP.
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