

Graduate Physics Student Association
NC State University

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Graduate Physics Student Association (GPSA).

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To represent the graduate student body in the Department of Physics.
- b. To provide a forum for graduate student opinion.
- c. To voice graduate student opinion in all matters of mutual interest to graduate faculty and students.
- d. To promote professional interest and fellowship among graduate students.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be concurrent with the enrollment in a Masters or PhD course of study in the Department of Physics.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Treasurer
- d. UGSA Representative
- e. UGSA Alternate
- f. Past President

Section 2. Election of Officers

- a. Officers, excluding Past President, shall be elected by secret ballot by the members of the organization
- b. Election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast.
- c. Elections shall be held at the first meeting in April.

d. Any vacancies created by the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by a special election.

e. At the end of a President's term he or she shall become the Past President.

Section 3. Terms of Officers

a. Officers are elected for terms of one year.

b. The terms of office shall begin on the first day of June.

c. Officers may not hold the same office for more than two terms.

d. The office of Past President is held for one year at the end of a President's term.

Section 4. Duties of the Officers

a. The President shall call and preside over GPSA meetings. The President shall call a minimum of twelve meetings per year. The president will represent the GPSA at University and Department of Physics functions.

b. The Vice-President shall preside over GPSA meetings at the request or absence of the President. The Vice-President will, at the President's request, substitute for the President at University and Department of Physics functions.

c. The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the GPSA.

d. The UGSA Representative must participate on one UGSA committee per year and must attend seven of eleven monthly UGSA meetings in order for the GPSA to receive an annual rebate from the UGSA.

e. The UGSA Alternate shall attend UGSA meetings along with the UGSA Representative. In the event that the UGSA Representative cannot attend a UGSA meeting, the UGSA Alternate shall assume the duties of the UGSA Representative for the meeting.

f. The Past President shall be an advisor to the President.

Article IV. Committees

Section 1. The organization shall make provisions for the formation of any special committees when needed.

Article V. Amending the Constitution

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and shall be read and voted upon at a regular meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required for approval.

Section 2. All amendments to the Constitution shall be subject to the approval of the Student Government.

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Elections shall be held at the first meeting in April. The terms of office shall begin at the end of the Spring semester. Any vacancies created by the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by a special election.

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Section 5. GSA Representatives

There will be one representative and one alternate to serve as members of the GSA Council. The representative and alternate will be nominated by at large nominations and will be approved by a majority vote at a GPSA meeting. The GSA representative must participate on one GSA committee per year and must attend seven of eleven monthly GSA meetings in order for the GPSA to receive an annual rebate from the GSA. The GSA representative will be an elected officer other than the President of the GPSA.

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