

**THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

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PREAMBLE

We, the graduate student body of The University of Akron, hereby set forth to structure an effective representative graduate student government in the interests of all substantive matters pertaining to the general welfare of The University of Akron graduate students. Our intention is to provide advocacy in the formulation and application of University and community policies and enhance the quality of life for all graduate students, and as such we hereby institute Graduate Student Government at The University of Akron.

ARTICLE I. IDENTITY

SECTION 1. Name:

The governing body of graduate students at The University of Akron shall be known as Graduate Student Government, hereinafter GSG.

SECTION 2. Purpose:

Act as the official representative body for graduate students enrolled at The University of Akron.

SECTION 2.1 Communicate with University administration regarding decisions and issues that affect the graduate student body.

SECTION 2.2 Communicate with the graduate student body about issues as deemed necessary.

SECTION 2.3 Allocate funds received from the Division of Student Engagement and Success in compliance with University policies and procedures.

SECTION 2.4 Encourage academic and professional development of graduate students.

SECTION 2.5 Establish working relationships with faculty members, administrators, and staff throughout the campus community.

SECTION 2.6 Consider graduate student opinions concerning matters of interest to the graduate student body.

SECTION 2.7 Appoint GSG representatives to University committees, including Faculty Senate and Graduate Council, in order to ensure graduate student input on matters concerning the University and the graduate student body.

SECTION 3 Student Development Clause:

Graduate Student Government shall maintain a current registration form including a list of officers, addresses, the name(s) of the Faculty Advisor(s), and the most recent amended Constitution, with the Student Organization Resource Center (SOuRCe).

SECTION 4 In case of doubt or silence in the Constitution, a recent copy of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the acknowledged authority.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility:

All full and part-time graduate students from The University of Akron currently enrolled in graduate degree granting programs and in good standing, as determined by the standards of the Graduate School, are eligible to be members of GSG.

SECTION 2. Role:

All members are eligible for appointment to committees within GSG and the University community.

SECTION 3. Discrimination Clause:

GSG shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, sex, age, handicap, veteran status, or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs, unless federal or state law allows for such an exception.

ARTICLE III. LEADERSHIP

SECTION 1. Executive Positions:

The elected GSG Executive Committee is to be determined by general election and voted upon by eligible graduate students from the graduate student body and shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

SECTION 1.1 President:

The President shall be the principal executive officer and shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of GSG. The President is responsible for corresponding between all constituencies.

SECTION 1.2 Vice President:

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President when not acting as President.

SECTION 1.3 Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and budgets of GSG. The Treasurer is also responsible for maintaining, reviewing, and revising EAF/SAF/PEG processes and policies and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President.

SECTION 2. Senators

There shall be one Senator from each graduate degree granting college within The University of Akron to represent the interests of the graduate population within the college. The current edition of the Graduate School Bulletin shall serve as a complete listing of eligible colleges.

SECTION 3. Advisor:

GSG shall be advised by at least one full-time member of The University of Akron's graduate faculty or administration in accordance with the guidelines established by the University. The faculty advisor shall have a one-year term. At the first Executive Board meeting of the year, a vote of confidence will be taken. A majority vote from the total seated executive membership shall be needed to continue the faculty advisor in office. If a new advisor is needed, the President will appoint a faculty advisor until the Executive Board nominates and votes on a new advisor.

SECTION 4. Multiple Offices:

No person may hold more than one voting position in Graduate Student Government at a time.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. GSG Meetings:

The GSG President may call meetings of GSG members when deemed necessary and/or appropriate. The GSG Vice President, Treasurer, or Senators may call for a meeting with the approval of a majority of GSG members.

SECTION 1.1 Quorum:

Quorum to conduct business at meetings shall be a minimum of 2 Officers, and ½ of the sitting Senators.

SECTION 2. Campus-Wide Meetings:

Campus-Wide Meetings may be held to inform and educate the graduate student body on issues of interest, while further allowing graduate students the opportunity to suggest and contribute to the discourse on major policies impacting the graduate student body at The University of Akron.

SECTION 2.1 Quorum:

Quorum to conduct business at Campus-Wide Meetings shall be a minimum of 2 Officers, ½ of the sitting Senators.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Proposal:

Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by the GSG Executive Board or by a petition of 25 graduate students at The University of Akron.

Proposed amendments shall be presented via resolution and disseminated to the graduate student body.

Proposed amendments shall be adopted by a ¾ majority vote of the voting membership of GSG.