

## **Graduate Student Senate Resolution: Move the GSS Elections for a Better Transition**

### **University of Vermont Graduate Student Senate**

#### **Resolution No.: Resolution 2024-10.19**

**Date: 10/19/2024**

**Title:** Resolution to move the GSS election processes up by a month, beginning in March rather than April.

**Description:** The transition from the outgoing Graduate Student Executive Council and Senate to the newly elected Graduate Student Executive Council and Senate currently occurs on the day of Commencement, which makes transition meetings and training challenging.

This resolution proposes moving the election process up by a month to allow the transition to occur on April 15<sup>th</sup> rather than the day of Commencement. This process is described in Article II-Executive Council Elections, Section B of the GSS Constitution.

**Whereas** the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Executive Council needs time to train and transfer knowledge and skills regarding the processes, introductions, and tools necessary to smoothly assume the responsibilities of the GSS.

**Whereas** the elections for all Executive Council positions for the academic year shall take place in March rather than April of the Spring semester. The Chair of the Election Committee shall send a written advertisement of elections and call for candidates to all graduate students by March 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than April 1<sup>st</sup>, as stated in Clause 3.

**Whereas** the newly elected officers will take office on April 15<sup>th</sup>, not the day of commencement, as currently stated in **Article II-Executive Council Elections, section A, Clause 10,**

**Whereas** the outgoing GSS Executive Council will remain in an advisory role until commencement,

**Whereas** a change in date and roles shall be reflected in the GSS Constitution and Bylaws, and any elections processes shall be moved to reflect the new transition date

**Be it resolved** that the Graduate Student Senate that the transition of the GSS Executive Council and Senators shall occur on April 15 each year rather than the day of commencement.

Adopted by the Graduate Student Senate on

Signature: