

CONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

SES GSA

Article I – Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION hereafter referred to as SES GSA.

Article II – Affiliation

This organization shall be affiliated with School of Economic Sciences and shall abide by its constitution and by-laws. The constitution and by-laws shall not be in conflict with Washington State University policies and procedures. WSU policies and procedures shall take precedence over the constitution and by-laws of SES GSA.

Article III – Purpose

The purpose of SES GSA shall be to give the graduate students of the School of Economic Sciences an opportunity to interact among themselves and with faculty, to prepare students to be competitive job candidates, and to create an atmosphere to explore and research new and innovative topics.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1: Full voting members: All graduate students in the School of Economic Sciences.

Section 2: Non-discrimination clause. Consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and University policies, this organization and its subordinate bodies and officers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, veteran's status, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability in its selection of members.

Section 3: Dues. New members of SES GSA are required to pay a one-time refundable deposit of \$20 for the purposes of using the SES GSA computer lab and printing service. This \$20 will be refunded upon request at the end of the member's tenure at WSU.

Article V – Officers

Section 1: Officers of the organization shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary.

Section 2: Election of officers. The Executive Board of the student organization will be elected during spring dead-week. They will be elected by private ballot during a meeting of the membership of SES GSA. The outgoing presidency shall preside and conduct the election unless one of the members is running for re-election in which case they shall not participate in administering the election. The candidate who garners the most votes will assume the office.

Section 3: The newly elected officers will work alongside the previous officers over the summer and shall officially take office the first day of fall semester and shall serve for a period of one full calendar year.

Section 4: Officers shall not be on academic or University probation at the time of their elections and throughout their term of office. Additionally, SES GSA officers must be in good standing with the organization by abiding by all organization policies including the payment of membership dues.

Section 5: Officers failing to fulfill the given responsibilities and duties may be removed by the active organization.

Section 6: The removal of an officer requires a majority vote of three-quarters of the organization members following notification of the officer in question. Such notification shall be provided in writing no less than seven days prior to the vote.

Article VI – Advisor

Section 1: Method of selecting advisor. Advisors for student organizations shall be selected from among the faculty, staff, or administration.

Section 2: The advisor must take an active role in assisting the student organization achieve its mission and purpose.

Section 3: Specific duties and responsibilities of the advisor. The advisor should act as a liaison between Campus involvement and the organization he/she is advising.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1: A regularly scheduled general meeting shall be held at least annually. The officers may call additional meetings as the need arises.

Section 2: A quorum shall consist of a number of members not less than the number of individuals comprising the SES GSA Presidency and all GPSA senators.

Section 3: A quorum shall be present in order for any official business to be conducted. Official business shall include election of officers, setting of dues, and any other major decisions.

Section 4: Parliamentary Authority (Roberts Rules of Order is typically used.) Minutes of any official meeting must be kept and archived otherwise any actions or policies resulting from the meeting will be considered void.

Article VIII – Standing Committees (if needed)

Committees may be appointed as needed by the president, chairperson, or council to assist in conducting organization business or carrying out organizational activities.

Article IX – GPSA Senators

Section 1: Election

GPSA senator elections are to be held in the fall and organized by the newly seated presidency. The length of office for GPSA senators shall be one academic year. Vacated GPSA senate seats are to be filled by plebiscite.

Section 2: Officer Exclusion: Those members holding office with the Graduate and Professional Student Association or Graduate and Professional Student Senate cannot hold an office in SES GSA.

Article X – Method of Amending Constitution

Section 1: All amendments to this constitution require notice to the president prior to being discussed and voted upon.

Section 2: The constitution may be amended with unanimous approval by quorum.

Article XI – Fund Sources End Use

Section 1: SES GSA receives funding for its operations through fees collected from the graduate student computer lab. Funds may also be solicited through grants such as the CougParents grant, GPSA, and student involvement office, among others. All grant funds are to be used in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the

granting committee. In addition, SES GSA may engage in fundraising efforts in accordance with the policies outlined in the handbook for student organizations or may participate with the School of Economic Sciences in the Annual Alumni and Friends Barbecue and Auction.

Section 2: Use of Funds: All SES GSA funds are to be used for activities and programs that are designed for the benefit of the graduate students at large. No individual initiatives shall be funded without approval by the executive board as outlined in Article V, Section 2.