

Graduate Chemistry Society of Washington State University Constitution

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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Graduate Chemistry Society/Phi Lambda Upsilon of Washington State University herein referred to as the GCS.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the GCS is to work for further improvement of the quality of graduate education and graduate student life of the members of the GCS at Washington State University. GCS shall present the interests of the members of the GCS to the appropriate persons and organizations.

Section I: The Exercise of Power by the GCS. The authorities and powers of the GCS shall be exercised by the GCS Executive Officers in accordance with the GCS Constitution and the GCS Bylaws.

Section II: Nature of Activities. The GCS facilitates the organization of social events for the members of the GCS. These events include, but are not limited to nor required, social gatherings such as tailgating and attending sporting events, picnics, barbecues, wine and cheese parties, and annual award banquets. These and other events sponsored by the GCS are warranted given approval by the GCS Executive Officers and members of the GCS. The GCS also manages but does not fund nor solely organize the Prospective Students' Weekend held annually to recruit new Chemistry graduate students.

Article III. Membership

All students accepted into the Chemistry Department at Washington State University - Pullman as either MS or PhD seeking candidates shall be members of the GCS, or those approved by a majority of the GCS officers.

Article IV. Executive Officers & Responsibilities

There shall be Executive Officers of the GCS.

Section I: The GCS President. There shall be a President of the GCS.

A. Term of Office for the GCS President. The terms of office for the GCS President shall run from May 16 of the year elected to May 15 of the following year.

- B. Recall for the GCS President. The GCS President may be recalled by vote of the membership. Recall shall be initiated by the remaining GCS Executive Officers upon receipt of a recall petition signed by twenty (20%) percent of the membership. Upon receipt of the petition and verification of the signatures, the remaining GCS Executive Officers shall schedule a recall election to be held not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days following notification of the GCS President. The GCS President shall be informed of the initiation to recall at least two (2) weeks prior to the recall election.
- C. Eligibility, Election and Duties of the GCS President. The eligibility, election and duties of the GCS President shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Section II: The GCS Vice President. There shall be a Vice President of the GCS.

- A. Term of Office for the GCS Vice President. The terms of office for the GCS Vice President shall run from May 16 of the year elected to May 15 of the following year.
- B. Recall for the GCS Vice President. The GCS Vice President may be recalled by vote of the membership. Recall shall be initiated by the remaining GCS Executive Officers upon receipt of a recall petition signed by twenty (20%) percent of the membership. Upon receipt of the petition and verification of the signatures, the remaining GCS Executive Officers shall schedule a recall election to be held not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days following notification of the GCS Vice President. The GCS Vice President shall be informed of the initiation to recall at least two (2) weeks prior to the recall election.
- C. Eligibility, Election and Duties of the GCS Vice President. The eligibility, election and duties of the GCS Vice President shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Section III: The GCS Secretary. There shall be a Secretary of the GCS.

- A. Term of Office for the GCS Secretary. The terms of office for the GCS Secretary shall run from May 16 of the year elected to May 15 of the following year.
- B. Recall for the GCS Secretary. The GCS Secretary may be recalled by vote of the membership. Recall shall be initiated by the remaining GCS Executive Officers upon receipt of a recall petition signed by twenty (20%) percent of the membership. Upon receipt of the petition and verification of the signatures, the remaining GCS Executive Officers shall schedule a recall election to be held not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days following notification of the GCS Secretary. The GCS Secretary shall be

informed of the initiation to recall at least two (2) weeks prior to the recall election.

- C. Eligibility, Election and Duties of the GCS Secretary. The eligibility, election and duties of the GCS Secretary shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Section IV: The GCS Treasurer. There shall be a Treasurer of the GCS.

- A. Term of Office for the GCS Treasurer. The terms of office for the GCS Treasurer shall run from May 16 of the year elected to May 15 of the following year.
- B. Recall for the GCS Treasurer. The GCS Treasurer may be recalled by vote of the membership. Recall shall be initiated by the remaining GCS Executive Officers upon receipt of a recall petition signed by twenty (20%) percent of the membership. Upon receipt of the petition and verification of the signatures, the remaining GCS Executive Officers shall schedule a recall election to be held not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days following notification of the GCS Treasurer. The GCS Treasurer shall be informed of the initiation to recall at least two (2) weeks prior to the recall election.
- C. Eligibility, Election and Duties of the GCS Treasurer. The eligibility, election and duties of the GCS Treasurer shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Article V. Other Officers & Responsibilities

There may, but not required to, be additional officers of the GCS.

Section I: The GCS Librarian. There may be a Librarian of the GCS.

- A. Term of Office for GCS Librarian. The terms of office for the GCS Librarian shall run from May 16 of the year elected to May 15 of the following year.
- B. Dismissal of the GCS Librarian. The GCS Librarian may be dismissed from his or her duties by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Officers if failing to perform adequately. The GCS Librarian shall be informed of the dismissal in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to any replacement or reinstatement to their position.
- C. Eligibility, Election, and Duties of the GCS Librarian. The eligibility, election, and duties of the GCS Librarian shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Section II: The GCS Public Relations Officer. There may be a Public Relations Officer of the GCS.

- A. Term of Office for GCS Public Relations Officer. The terms of office for the GCS Public Relations Officer shall run from May 16 of the year elected to May 15 of the following year.
- B. Dismissal of the GCS Public Relations Officer. The GCS Public Relations Officer may be dismissed from their duties by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Officers if failing to perform adequately. The GCS Public Relations Officer shall be informed of the dismissal in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to any replacement or reinstatement of their position.
- C. Eligibility, Election, and Duties of the GCS Public Relations Officer. The eligibility, election, and duties of the GCS Public Relations Officer shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Section III: The SWIC Representative. There may be a SWIC representative to the GCS.

- A. Term of office for SWIC Representative. There is no term of office for the SWIC representative.
- B. Dismissal of the SWIC Representative. The SWIC Representative may be dismissed from their duties by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Officers if failing to perform adequately. The SWIC Representative shall be informed of the dismissal in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to any replacement or reinstatement to their position.
- C. Eligibility, Election, and Duties of the SWIC Representative. The eligibility, election, and duties of the SWIC Representative shall be as defined in the GCS Bylaws.

Article VI. The GCS Constitution

There shall be a Constitution of the GCS which shall serve in conjunction with the GCS Bylaws as the governing documents of the GCS.

Section I: Adoption of the GCS Constitution. This Constitution shall be adopted after it has been recommended for approval unanimously by the GCS Executive Officers.

- A. Precedence of the GCS Constitution. This Constitution shall supersede all previous Constitutions of the GCS.
- B. Retention of GCS Officers. Officers elected prior to or concurrently with the adoption of this Constitution shall continue to hold or assume their offices but their respective powers and authorities shall be governed by this Constitution.

Section II: Amendments to the GCS Constitution. Amendments to this

Constitution may be submitted to the GCS following: a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Officers or by a petition to the GCS President signed by ten (10%) percent of the membership.

- A. Voting Procedures for Constitutional Amendments. Three-quarters (3/4) of the Executive Officers in support a constitutional amendment shall guarantee the submission of the amendment to the membership for ratification in an election to be held coincidentally with the GCS General Election of GCS Executive Officers.
- B. Voting Margin for Approval of Constitutional Amendments. A simple majority of the votes cast by the membership present at the voting meeting in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment in the GCS General Elections shall constitute approval of proposed constitutional amendment.

Article VII. The GCS Bylaws

There shall be Bylaws of the GCS which shall serve in conjunction with the GCS Constitution, as the governing documents of the GCS.

Section I: Adoption of the GCS Bylaws. The GCS Bylaws shall be adopted after they have been recommended for approval by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Officers.

- A. Precedence of the GCS Bylaws. These GCS Bylaws shall supersede all previous GCS Bylaws upon their adoption.

Section II: Amendments to the GCS Bylaws. Proposed amendments to the GCS Bylaws may be submitted to the GCS for approval by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Officers or by a petition to the GCS President signed by ten (10%) percent of the membership.

- A. Approval of Proposed Amendments to the GCS Bylaws. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a GCS member meeting in favor of a proposed amendment to the GCS Bylaws shall constitute approval of the proposed amendment.
- B. Notification of the GCS of Proposals to Amend the GCS Bylaws. Written notice of any proposed amendments to the GCS Bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Officers prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment to the GCS Bylaws will take place.
- C. Notification of the Members of the GCS of Changes to the Bylaws. Written notice of approved changes to the GCS Bylaws shall be submitted to the members of GCS via electronic mail.

Article VIII. The GCS Advisor

There shall be an advisor to the GCS.

Section I: Naming the GCS advisor. The GCS advisor shall be named unanimously by the Executive Officers. He/she must be a tenured faculty member

of the Chemistry Department and he/she must be willing to accept the position.