AS INTRODUCED
An act amending Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Graduate Student Senate by-laws; providing for codification; and setting an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Omnibus GSS By-Law Amendment Act of 2013”.

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to make various amendments to the by-laws of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). It will do the following:
- 1.) adjust the procedure for selecting a Proxy as listed in Section 4 of the GSS by-laws,
- 2.) adjust the procedure for election of GSS Officers as listed in Section 5 of the GSS by-laws,
- 3.) adjust the GSS order of succession as listed in Section 6 of the GSS by-laws,
- 4.) remove the GSS Liaison to International Student Services as listed in Section 7 of the GSS by-laws,
- 5.) make the composition of the GSS Executive Council consistent with the true number of the Senate’s Standing Committees, and
- 6.) add the Development and Philanthropy Committee to the GSS by-laws.

Section 3: AMENDATORY. Section 4 of the GSS by-laws is hereby amended as follows, with renumbering to occur accordingly:

SECTION 4. Proxies

C. For that missed Meeting, a Proxy shall have all of the powers of the represented Senator as long as the following conditions are met:
   1. A Senator seeking a Proxy must first inform the Executive Committee at least one day before the Meeting of the Senate in which the absence is to take place and must inform the Executive Committee of the reason for the requesting the Proxy.
   2. The Proxy must come to the Meeting with the Proxy Request Form completed by and signed by the Senator missing the Meeting.
Section 4: AMENDATORY. Section 5 of the GSS by-laws is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 5. Officer Elections
A. Election of Officers

... 2. To serve as an officer, a Senator must be in Good Standing and must have served either a Spring or Fall semester attended at least four (4) Senate Meetings as a Senator prior to taking office as a GSS Officer.

Section 5: AMENDATORY. Section 6 of the GSS by-laws is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 6. Elected Officers
D. If the Officers of the Senate are unable to attend a Meeting, or must temporarily recuse themselves, then the duties of the Chair fall to the Committee Chairs in the following order: Internal Affairs, Ways and Means, External Affairs, Academic Affairs, Problems and Projects, Public Relations, and Human Diversity, and Development and Philanthropy.

Section 6: AMENDATORY. Section 7 of the GSS by-laws is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 7. Appointed Officers
B. Positions
2. GSS Liaison to International Student Services

Section 7: AMENDATORY. Section 8 of the GSS by-laws is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 8. Executive Council
A. The EC shall be composed of the three (3) elected officers and the chairs of the six (6) standing committees or the three (3) elected officers until the committee chairs have been selected.

Section 8: AMENDATORY. Section 9 of the GSS by-laws is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 9. Standing Committees
A. There shall be seven (7) standing committees, listed as follows:

... 8. Development and Philanthropy — plans and executes events that promote personal development and inculcate values of community service and philanthropy among the members of the Graduate Student community.

B. The Senate may, from time to time, pass legislation dictating the committee appointment process. The Senate EC shall have the power to conduct the committee appointment process and to determine the composition of all standing committees.

Section 9: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Action taken by Senate: Passed without objection

Verified by Chair of Senate: [Signature] Date: 26 Jul 2013