

CONSTITUTION OF THE PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PGSA)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Association shall be the UNLV Psychology Graduate Student Association (PGSA).

ARTICLE II

Preamble

The main goal of the PGSA shall be to promote the academic culture of research, teaching, and service to the broader University community. Aspiring to this goal, Experimental and Clinical doctoral students will collaborate to host programming including but not limited to: invited scholars and speakers, brown bag talks, journal club sessions, and symposia.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Admission. Any member of the Experimental Psychology or Clinical Psychology doctoral program shall be declared an at-large member of the PGSA. The PGSA does not discriminate against any psychology doctoral students with regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.

Section 2. Rights of *At-Large* and *Full* members. At-large members of the PGSA have the right to publicize their “at-large membership” among the campus community, department, or note this honor on their Curriculum Vitae. Full members of the PGSA are eligible for the benefits above and are bestowed full membership privileges and voting rights.

Interested parties receive Full Membership status and are bestowed voting rights after they have been recognized on the roll call of one (1) regularly scheduled meeting of the PGSA. This distinction in membership is to encourage regular attendance at PGSA meetings and ensure only the most active members are afforded the privilege to vote on business matters.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers. The presiding officers of the PGSA shall be the Experimental Student Representative and the Clinical Student Representative selected by their respective programs. Hereafter, these officers shall be referred to as *Co-Chairs* of the

PGSA. A Recorder, Treasurer, and Campus Liaison shall work with the Co-Chairs to perform the duties prescribed by this Constitution and the parliamentary authority adopted by the PGSA.

Section 2. Appointments. The Co-Chairs of the PGSA shall be decided upon by psychology doctoral students during the month of May each year. The Experimental and Clinical Student Representatives are conferred presiding duties of the PGSA as soon as they are installed by their respective programs.

Since the Experimental Student Committee and Clinical Student Committees both hold separate meetings and elect their own officers, the Co-Chairs will appoint their current committee officers to serve on the PGSA. The PGSA Co-Chairs shall appoint 1 Experimental doctoral student and 1 Clinical doctoral student to fill the positions of Recorder and Treasurer. The position, PGSA Campus Liaison, may be assumed by either an Experimental or Clinical doctoral student at the discretion of the PGSA Co-Chairs.

Section 3. Duties. Officers of the PGSA shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its official business meetings, decide upon the time and place of departmental events and campus-wide programming, and make recommendations to the psychology department, experimental program, and clinical program.

Section 4. Vacancies. If a PGSA Officer vacates office before the customary program representative election in the month of May, the Experimental Student Committee or Clinical Student Committee will fill this vacancy by their own election processes.

ARTICLE V

Executive Board

Section 1. Composition. The PGSA Co-Chairs, Recorder, Treasurer, and Campus Liaison shall be referred to as the Executive Board.

Section 2. Duties. In addition to the duties outlined in Article IV, Section 3, the Executive Board of the PGSA shall meet regularly prior to the regularly scheduled business meetings to decide upon goals of the organization, new business, and other points of discussion.

Section 3. Vacancies. See Article IV, Section 4.

ARTICLE VI

Advisors

Section 1. Composition. The PGSA shall install two advisors after appointing the co-chairs and presiding officers. One (1) advisor shall be a tenure-track faculty member of

the Experimental program; one (1) advisor shall be a tenure-track faculty member of the Clinical program.

Section 2. Election of Advisors. PGSA advisors shall be elected by the presiding officers and full members of the PGSA. A simple majority vote (50% + 1) of the presiding officers and full PGSA members is necessary.

Section 3. Duties. Advisors to the PGSA shall offer recommendations and advice to the PGSA Co-Chairs in the daily operations of the organization.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

A simple majority (50% + 1) of the total number of PGSA Executive Board and Full Members must be present. If a quorum is not present at a regularly scheduled meeting, no official business may be conducted.

ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the PGSA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and any special rules of order this Association may adopt.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at a regularly scheduled business meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those full members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the Co-Chairs in writing at least 30 days before the meeting.