



Gonzaga Student Body Association

*Senate*  
2017-2018

February 26, 2018

Bill: SBS021830

Sponsor: Jack Hurley, Senior Senator

Co-Sponsor: James Daniel Valle, Junior Senator;

Title: A Change to the Language of the GSBA Constitution to Demonstrate Inclusivity

Purpose: This bill adjusts the language in the GSBA Constitution to remove gender binary pronouns and better reflect the evolving changes within the GSBA organization, specifically with regards to inclusion. Through this bill, our Constitution will recognize all students regardless of their gender identity.

Text:

Whereas there is a lack of including language,

Therefore, be it enacted the following changes to the GSBA Constitution be put in place

Section 1: The Mission Statement shall be amended to read, "The Gonzaga Student Body Association promises to support and advocate for our fellow students, while providing the opportunity for experiences which inspire Zags to live extraordinary lives as ~~men and women~~ **people** for others."

Section 2: Article II, Section 5, shall be amended to read, "All GSBA members have the right to be present at all hearings directly involving ~~him or herself~~ **themselves**."

Section 3: Article II, Section 6, shall be amended to read "All GSBA members have the right to a just and fair hearing following the established procedures including the opportunity to present information supporting ~~him or herself~~ **themselves**."

Section 4: Article II, Section 9, shall be amended to read ,“All GSBA members have the right to respectfully express ~~him or herself~~ **themselves** in student programs and activities, in academic courses, and in hearings.”

Section 5: Article IV, Section 4, shall be amended to read, “The GSBA advisors are employees of the Student Development Department and are appointed by the Vice President or ~~his or her~~ **their** designee.”

Section 6: Article V, Section 7, Part D shall be amended to read “The President shall be responsible for the approval or veto of all bills and joint resolutions passed by the Student Senate. All bills, joint resolutions, budgets, and appropriations shall be considered by the President within ten academic days of passage. The President shall communicate ~~his or her~~ **their** action on all legislation to the Senate within the ten academic days allotted for approval or rejection. Failure of the President to take action within ten academic days, will bring the bill, joint resolution, budget, or appropriation into force without ~~his or her~~ **their** consent.”

Section 7: Article IX, Section 2, Part A, shall be amended to read, “A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate moves for impeachment. If the accused is a Member ~~he or she~~ **they** may not vote. A quorum of three-fourths (3/4) of the Senate is required for referral of impeachment.”

Section 8: Article XII, Section 4, shall be amended to read “Amendments of this constitution shall be initiated upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate in the form of a joint resolution to amend the Constitution, or by a properly forwarded petition. Based on the President’s approval or veto, the President shall immediately communicate ~~his or her~~ **their** action to the Senate and the student body, and the President shall call a special election to consider the proposed amendments if appropriate. Ratification of amendments shall occur upon a two-thirds majority vote of the student body in a special election in which at least twenty-five percent of the GSBA members cast ballots.”

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President

## Gender Inclusive Constitutional Amendment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>2/26/18</u> <u>(Y/N/AB)</u>
Braxton Difuntorum	On-Campus Senator	Y
Julia Taylor	On-Campus Senator	NP
Ebbisa Endale	Off-Campus Senator	Y
Olivia Moorer	Off-Campus Senator	Y
Nhan Ta	International Senator	Y
Scott Peltomaa	TVRAS Senator	Y
Olivia Asato	Arts & Sciences Senator	Y
Ben Shenk	Education Senator	Y
Michael Janney	School of Business Senator	NP
Aubrey Ellerbruch	School of Engineering Senator	NP
Isabelle Lada	Nursing & Human Physiology Senator	NP
Trent Smiley	Freshman Senator	NP
Marlin Jones	Freshman Senator	Y
August Corppetts	Freshman Senator	Y
Madison Schultz	Sophomore Senator	NP
Tess Allen	Sophomore Senator	Y
Giulianna Pendleton	Sophomore Senator	Y
JamesDaniel Valle	Junior Senator	Y
Elizabeth Van Drimmelen	Junior Senator	Y
Kate Bredenberg	Junior Senator	Y
Rafael Castellanos- Welsh	Senior Senator	Y
Jack Hurley	Senior Senator	Y
Aizley Hanson	Senior Senator	Y