



Gonzaga Student Body Association

Senate

April 23, 2018

Bill: SBS041848

Sponsor: Olivia Asato, College of Arts and Sciences Senator

Co-Sponsor: Jack Hurley, Senior Senator

Title: A Change to the Language of the GSBA By-Laws to Demonstrate Inclusivity

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

Text:

Whereas there is a lack of gender-inclusive language,
Therefore, be it enacted the following changes to the GSBA By-Laws be put in place.

Appendix:

Article XXIII, Section 4, shall be amended to read “The Speaker shall vote in the case of a tie: in which case ~~he or she~~ **they** may either vote to break the tie in the affirmative, or allow the tie to stand in which case the vote shall fail. The Speaker may assign the reasons for ~~his or her~~ **their** vote. The President Pro Tempore shall vote as any other Member while presiding.”

Article XXIV, Section 1, shall be amended to read “When the Senate is called to order, every member shall take ~~his or her~~ **their** seat and act with decorum. If a Member shall be called to order while speaking, ~~he or she~~ **they** shall cease from speaking and respect the Speaker. The violating Member may not participate until consent of the Senate is granted. This motion shall be determined without debate.”

Article XXIV Section 2, shall be amended to read “If a Senator desires to speak, ~~he or she~~ **they** shall remain seated and raise ~~his or her~~ **their** hand, and shall not proceed until ~~he or she is~~ **they are** recognized. Non-voting members of the Senate shall not speak unless time is yielded to them by a Senator during consideration or debate of legislation. No member shall interrupt another

member in debate without consent. Members shall avoid disrespect to the Senate, other branches, and all personalities; observe decency of speech and manner; and confine ~~him or herself~~ **themselves** to the question under consideration. Members shall be granted three (3) minutes per speech.”

Article XXV, Section 1, Part C, shall be amended to read “During final (third) reading, measures reported out of committee shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate. Any Member shall have the right to see the committee report. When a resolution is presented to the Senate for consideration, the Speaker shall direct the Senator introducing the bill to read all information ~~he or she~~ **they** deems necessary.”

Article XXVI, Section 6, shall be amended to read “No Senator shall vote on the final passage of any legislation, question, or motion unless ~~he or she is~~ **they are** in the chamber when the final question is put before the body, and once voting has begun no Senator may speak unless it is to ask or respond to a question regarding the taking of the vote.”

Article XXVII, Section 4 shall be amended to read “Each committee shall work in cooperation with the Speaker of the Senate working on any issue ~~he/she~~ **they** deems necessary for that committee.”

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GSBA President

Gender Inclusivity in Bylaws

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>4/23/18</u> <u>(Y/N/AB)</u>
Braxton Difuntorum	On-Campus Senator	Y
Gabriella Hanselman	On-Campus Senator	Y
Ebbisa Endale	Off-Campus Senator	NP
Olivia Moorer	Off-Campus Senator	Y
Nhan Ta	International Senator	Y
Scott Peltomaa	TVRAS Senator	Y
Olivia Asato	Arts & Sciences Senator	Y
Sophia Troeh	Arts & Sciences Senator	Y
Ben Shenk	Education Senator	Y
Michael Janney	School of Business Senator	Y
Isabelle Lada	Nursing & Human Physiology Senator	Y
Trent Smiley	Freshman Senator	Y
Marlin Jones	Freshman Senator	NP
August Corppetts	Freshman Senator	Y
Madison Schultz	Sophomore Senator	Y
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 Hansen	Senior Senator	Y