Rules Committee Meeting  
September 23, 2015

Called to order 5:40

Attendance: All

1510A:  
Recommended Changes:  
First resolved clause: insert “adopt a standing policy in support of”

Third resolved clause: Cannot direct a committee, only the officer. Amend to read CAVP. “maintain” attempts to modify the duties of the officer, which would need to be a bylaw change. Recommend striking “maintain.”

Fourth Resolved Clause: Contacting the chair of each department is infeasible, recommend changing “chair” to “representative”, strike empty footnote 7

Fifth Resolved Clause: Cannot direct delegates, recommend striking entire clause, as the standing policy covers this: delegates should respect standing policies in their committee endeavors.

Sixth Resolved Clause: Recommend changing “student members” to Grad Council “Representatives”

Committee notes that this resolution as stands is incompatible with the bylaws as written. Assuming severability, it would require 2/3rds vote to adopt what reads as a standing policy. If the proposed changes are adopted, the committee fully supports adoption of the resolution.

1510D:  
Recommended Changes:  
Whereas clauses: These inflammatory claims need citations to carry weight, or risk exposing the GA for making false statements (eg, libel.)

8th Whereas clause: strike “properly” as there is no “proper” mechanism to refer to.

12th Whereas clause: Recommend to strike. The students on the committees put best information they had in front of delegates for feedback on difficult decision, and attempted to reflect the apparent will of the delegates with their decision.

14th Whereas clause: Recommend changing “such” to “official” to reflect that there is no mechanism for the GA to consent to any change of this nature, but acknowledge the publicly available minutes of the meeting last year.
16th Whereas clause: Recommend changing “Major Universities” to “major universities” as it is not a proper noun.

17th Whereas clause: Recommend changing “will” to “may”

1st Resolved Clause: Recommend that it be amended to read “The Graduate Assembly adopts a standing policy in support of the expectation that”, strike “past” students.

2nd Resolved Clause: Recommend that it be amended to read “The Graduate Assembly adopts a standing policy in support of the expectation that”

4th Resolved Clause: Recommend that it be amended to read “shall be directed to”, add “periodic”, strike “every delegates meeting of the …”

5th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”

6th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”, strike “make a concentrated effort”

7th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”, change “demand” to “urge for”

8th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”

9th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”

10th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”

11th Resolved Clause: Recommend amend to read “shall be directed to”

Standing policy requires a ⅔ vote, however, due to the lack of citations and the inflammatory language of the whereas clauses, the committee recommends that the resolution be tabled until November to allow for the inclusion of citations for all claims to avoid the potential for adopting any false statements, exposing the GA to potential libel action. Especially when this resolution takes offense at misrepresentation of the GA’s actions, we should be especially conscious not to return the same action in kind.

Adjourned 6:30pm.