

**STANDING RULES OF THE
POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

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RULE I – COUNCIL RULES

Section A – Severability

1. If any term of the Standing Rules, or a committee charter, is to any extent illegal, otherwise invalid, incompatible with Student Government or University regulations, or contradicted by the Council’s Constitution, such term shall be excluded to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, and all other terms hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section B – Maintenance of the Rules

2. The Standing Rules shall continue from one Council to the next Council unless they are changed as provided in these rules.
3. The Secretary, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall maintain current copies of the Constitution, Standing Rules, and committee charters.
4. The Secretary, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall have the authority to modify documents to ensure proper and consistent formatting, providing that any modifications are technical and do not affect the meaning or substance of the document.
5. All adopted, active rules of the Council, including the Constitution, Standing Rules, and committee charters shall be publicly available.

Section C – Amending the Rules

1. Amendments to these rules may be proposed by any member, and the Council is required to hear a proposal for an amendment. Proposed amendments must be submitted to all Officers, and the proposed amendments shall be offered for discussion at the next Council meeting following the submission.
2. Passage of amendments to these rules requires an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote by all duly chosen Officers. Amendments become effective immediately following the meeting in which they were adopted.

RULE II – CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

Section A – Presidential Succession

1. If there is not a President, Vice President, or Treasurer to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President, then the Secretary shall act as President.
2. If there is no Secretary to act as President under subsection (1), then the Officer who is highest on the following list, and who is not under disability to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President shall act as President: Social Chair, GAU Representative, American Field Chair, Comparative Field Chair, International Relations Field Chair, Methodology Field Chair, Theory Field Chair, MA Program Representative Seat 1, MA Program Representative Seat 2, MA Program Representative Seat 3, First-Year Representative.

RULE III – ELECTIONS

Section A – MA At-Large Seats

1. At-large elections shall take place at a time, and use methods, pursuant to the Constitution.
2. At-large elections shall use a modified version of plurality voting.
 - a. Political science graduate students shall receive a ballot listing all MA At-Large Seat candidates as well as the number of open seats, which shall be three (3). Individual voters may cast one (1) vote for each open position, as long as there is a candidate for the position, or at most three (3) total votes. No voter shall cast more than one (1) vote for a given candidate. Ballots that cast more than three (3) votes, or more votes than there are candidates, shall be rejected for that position only.
3. The three (3) candidates with the highest number of votes shall be considered elected to the Council. In alphabetical order of their last names, the winners should be assigned

seats: MA Program Representative Seat 1, MA Program Representative Seat 2, and MA Program Representative Seat 3.

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