To Amend the GSC Policies to Clarify Candidate Districts for GSC Elections and Procedures for Electing Officers

Graduate Student Council #8, GSC Policies Amendment #1

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Action Requested: Approval; Requires consensus or majority vote

WHEREAS the GSC Policies should be explicit about how GSC districts are determined,

WHEREAS the GSC Policies should clarify the procedure used for internal elections of officers

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Graduate Student Council of Stanford University

THAT Appendix I of the GSC By-Laws be changed from:

Violations of University rules in an attempt to influence the outcome of an election shall be grounds for disqualification.

to:

A. Violations of University rules in an attempt to influence the outcome of an election shall be grounds for disqualification, except where those University rules are in violation of the ASSU Constitution.

B. Each candidate in a GSC election shall file a Declaration of Intent that specifies his or her GSC District. Engineering candidates must specify their department(s) as well. Humanities and Sciences students should consult with their department administrators or the Humanities and Sciences web site to determine which district they belong to. The GSC shall work with the Elections Commission to verify that all candidates are running in the correct district.

C. When two GSC members are running for a GSC officer position, the winner shall be determined by simple majority. When three or more members run, the winner must obtain a majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority in the first round of voting, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and another round of voting is conducted. The ballots are recounted, and candidates are eliminated in this fashion until one winner emerges with a majority of the vote.