

RESOLUTION REGARDING GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Whereas the Hunter College Senate allocates 11 seats to graduate students according to the procedures defined in Article IV, Section 2.E of the Hunter College Charter (see Addendum), and

Whereas 6 graduate student seats are allocated according to program with no clear means of election, and

Whereas the remaining 5 graduate student seats are supposed to be filled by an at large election among the graduate students, yet such an election typically does not occur, and

Whereas the Senate has an interest in hearing graduate student interests voiced in its general and committee meetings, therefore,

Be it resolved that:

1. All graduate student positions shall be filled by the Graduate Student Association of Hunter College (GSA) according to the representational requirements outlined in Article III, Section 1 and Article IV, Sections 2.E (distribution of seats) and 4.B (“students shall be in good standing”) of the College Charter, and
2. In the event that the GSA decides not to put forth a sufficient number of students to fulfill the representational requirements outlined in Article III, Section 1 and Article IV, Section 2.E of the College Charter, or fails to do so by the first regularly scheduled meeting of a new Senate (at the end of the spring semester), nominations can be made by the Senate Administrative Committee or any seated Senator during a regular Senate meeting. In addition, candidacy at-large can be declared by filing a petition meeting the requirements established by the Senate. From the pool of such candidates, graduate student representatives shall be elected by a vote of the full Senate during a regular meeting (if a sufficient pool of candidates has been identified) or any meeting thereafter.

ADDENDUM:

Article IV, Section 2.E:

The 11 Senate seats reserved for graduate students shall be filled as follows:

- (i) 6 seats shall be filled by graduate students matriculated in programs offered in the various divisions (as defined in Article IV.1.B.ii) and the School of Social Work; one seat to each division and the School of Social Work.
- (ii) There shall be 4 representatives who are matriculated graduate students and are elected by the matriculated graduate students in an at-large election.
- (iii) There shall also be 1 non-matriculated graduate student representative, elected by the non-matriculated graduate students in an at-large election.