M-06-16 Memorandum on Federal Legislative Advisory Board

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1. Composition

   a. The Federal Legislative Advisory Board (FLAB) shall be composed of the Vice President of External Affairs, the Policy Analyst, and any number of volunteer members that are graduate and professional students.

   b. The Vice President of External Affairs or the Policy Analyst shall oversee the functioning of the FLAB.

2. Function

The FLAB works to ensure federal legislative policies and federal appropriations are consistent with the needs and values of graduate and professional students. To that end, the FLAB serves to:

   a. advise and assist the Vice President of External Affairs on issues related to GPSS’ federal-level lobbying efforts including work with Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) and the development of white papers on various federal higher education issues.

3. Meetings

   a. The FLAB shall meet as determined by the Vice President of External Affairs.

   b. Meetings may take place online.

4. Authority

   a. Opinions of the FLAB shall not become official GPSS opinions until approved by a majority vote of the GPSS.

   b. While the FLAB may discuss and develop changes to policy positions it may not act on these changes until approved by a majority vote of the GPSS.

Presented to and Approved by the GPSS Executive Committee on