Resolution Best Practices

What is a resolution?
A resolution is the official opinion of GPSS, and expresses consensus on issues affecting UW graduate students.

What resolutions has GPSS approved in the past?
- Minimum wage on UW campus
- On-site childcare
- Open-access publication policy
- Fee-based programs

Who can write a resolution?
Anyone can bring a resolution before the Senate, including senators, GPSS officers, and current students.

What does it mean to “sponsor” a resolution?
Resolution “sponsors” are those Senators who have contributed to the preparation of a resolution, including yourself and others (there is no limit).

What is a friendly amendment?
A friendly amendment is an informal suggestion that does not require a vote or motion; the resolution author can decide whether to accept.

What is a subsidiary motion?
Subsidiary motions are formal propositions that require a second, and a majority vote if an objection is stated.

Who can I talk to about proposing a resolution?
Contact the GPSS Secretary at gpsssec@uw.edu for any questions regarding resolution preparation.

What is the process for creating and passing a resolution?

- WEEK 1
  Authors send first draft of resolution to GPSS Secretary

- WEEK 2
  GPSS Secretary sends first draft of resolution to Senators for review
  Authors present first draft of resolution to Senate for friendly amendments and subsidiary motions

- WEEK 3
  Authors send second draft of resolution to GPSS Secretary
  Online editing discussion begins for second draft of resolution
  Online editing discussion closes for second draft of resolution

- WEEK 4
  GPSS Secretary sends final draft of resolution to Senators for review
  Senate discusses final draft resolution and votes to pass or fail