



M-10-16 Memorandum on GPSS Executive Senator Term

To: GPSS Executive Committee  
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## 1. Introduction

The GPSS Bylaws describe the Executive Senator election process, conditions of their position termination, and the Executive Committee’s major functions. Existing GPSS Bylaws, however, include no language that defines the length of an Executive Senator’s term. While an Executive Senator can provide an invaluable institutional memory for serving many years differently from Officers, unchallenged long-term service does not sufficiently implement a set of checks and balances suitable to the purposes of a student government.

## 2. Policy Recommendation

- a. The initial term for a newly elected Executive Senator will be two academic years.
- b. A second term and all following terms for an Executive will be one academic year.
- c. No limit to a total term length shall be set as long as the Executive Senator is re-elected and follows all Executive Senator responsibilities as listed in the GPSS Bylaws.
- d. At the end of an Executive Senator’s first term, the Executive Senator’s position shall open to all Senators in good standing and the Executive Senator shall run for re-election.
- e. The election will be conducted in the manner in the GPSS Bylaws Article VI, Section A, Clause 1. Subsection b.
- f. While an Executive Senator election can happen any time of the year on the occurrence of a vacancy, an election schedule can be moderated by the Executive Committee within a time window of two Senate meetings for efficient running of Senate meetings.

## 3. Policy Implementation

With an endorsement from the GPSS Executive Committee, this memorandum shall stand as official GPSS policy. This policy is subject to review by the GPSS (as referenced in GPSS Bylaws Article VI, Section A, Clause 4), and could also be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

*Presented to the GPSS Executive Committee on September 28, 2016*

