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**Graduate and Professional Student Senate
 GPSS Resolution 2021-2022E
 Resolution to Change Constitution to Move Transition of Power to Spring**

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Approved by Board of Visitors:	date
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WHEREAS, the current Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) constitution states that the transition of power occurs at the end of fall semester; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that current the constitution does not allow ample time for a change of power and transitioning of incoming board; and

WHEREAS, the initial reason for this shift was to enable stronger institutional memory; and

WHEREAS, shifting the date forward to early May allows us to keep the the benefit of institutional memory and the academic year calender for consistency with other senates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) transition of power be moved forward to early May (as detailed by Appendix 1).

Appendix 1: Change to GPSS constitution

Current Version:

Article IV: Executive Board

Section 4: Election of Executive Board Members

D. Executive Board Members are elected for a term starting at the end of the current fall semester and lasting until the end of the following fall semester.

Proposed Change:

Article IV: Executive Board

Section 4: Election of Executive Board Members

D. Executive Board Members are elected for a term starting in the first week of May and ending at the same time next year as they transition new executive members into the position.