

### **Summary of the 3/2/99 By-Laws Discussions**

By the end of the meeting on the evening of 3/2/99, consensus had been reached on the following changes to the draft By-Laws:

#### **Joint By-Laws**

1. Article II, Section 1, Subsection A  
A subsection will be added requiring at least one joint meeting of the Association legislative bodies per quarter during the academic year.
2. Article II, Section 1, Subsection E  
During joint meetings, instead of requiring that each item of business be voted on separately by the two legislative bodies, the default will be that everyone votes at once (i.e. similar to the way that the current Senate votes). However, by a separate two-thirds vote, either legislative body can require that a vote be retaken, with votes tallied for the two bodies separately.
3. New section inserted between sections 2 and 3 of Article II  
When Standing Committees of the Undergraduate Senate meet and discuss issues that affect the graduate population, at least one GSC representative must be present, up to a maximum number equal to the number of undergraduate members of the Standing Committee. This will ensure that on issues that affect both populations (e.g. joint Special Fee requests, the Teaching Award, etc.), there will be the necessary and desired communication between the two legislative bodies.

#### **GSC By-Laws**

1. Article I, Section 4  
The provisions for overruling a decision of the GSC Chair as to how a GSC meeting should be run were changed. Instead of having the other GSC members do so by consensus, it instead requires a 2/3 vote of the voting members.
2. Article I, added section 5  
It will explicitly state that in the event that consensus breaks down, the GSC decision-making procedure will default to a vote of the voting members.
3. Article II, Section 1, Subsection B  
Fall GSC elections will only be called if either 4 of the GSC districts are vacant, or if 7 GSC seats overall are vacant.