

**The Graduate Student Assembly
The University of Texas at Austin**

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Resolution: G.R. 18 (S) 5 – Amendment to the Confirmation of Appointed Positions in Event of Vacancy

WHEREAS (1): The Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) currently states:

2.4. **Vacancy of Appointed Officers.** In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a replacement upon two thirds (2/3) approval of the Assembly.

(Art IV. §2.4); and,

WHEREAS (2): The decision to confirm a nominee for an appointed position should be well-informed and well-considered; and,

WHEREAS (3): There is no requirement for the president or their nominees to be present for questioning at a confirmation vote; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (1): Article IV, Section 2.4 of the GSA Constitution be amended, stating:

“2.4. **Vacancy of Appointed Officers.** In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a replacement. The name of the replacement shall be provided in a notice to the Assembly at least ten (10) days before a confirmation vote. The President and nominee must be present at the vote for the nominee’s confirmation, which shall proceed with two thirds (2/3) approval of the Assembly.”

(Art IV. §2.4); and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (2): Copies of this bill be sent to the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Vice President of Student Affairs for approval and updating of the Constitution.

PASSED by the GSA General Assembly, April 18, 2018

Signature of the GSA President

