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Resolution to amend Constitution Article V, Section 5, Subsection b.

Short Title: A resolution that will amend the Constitution Article V, Section 5, Subsection b to specify that one of the four graduate senator seats be reserved by appointment from the Graduate Student Council Executive Board.

- Whereas, the constitutional objective of the Student Government Association (SGA) at Arkansas State University is to consider *all matters that may concern the general interest of the student body*; and
- Whereas, the Constitution Article V Legislative Branch, Section 5, Subsection b currently states “Four senators from the classification of graduate students,”; and
- Whereas, the current Graduate Student enrollment consists of four-thousand four-hundred and twenty-eight students; and
- Whereas, SGA’s current four graduate senator seats are not consistently filled during first-term elections and Graduate Student Council (GSC) wants to aid in the efforts to ensure a graduate student will fill at least one of the seats; and
- Whereas, GSC’s Executive Board will appoint one of its best Student Council members to represent the interests of the graduate student body on SGA for one term; and
- Whereas, the functions and decisions of SGA and GSC equally impact all students on campus; and
- Whereas, having a voting member from GSC would establish a long-term partnership that would benefit the interests of all students on campus; and

Whereas, GSC does not intend to impede on or obstruct the autonomy and duties of SGA, but rather contribute to its goal of serving the interests of all students; and

Whereas, this would help establish transparency and communication between SGA and GSC, while also fostering a strong relationship between graduate and undergraduate students for years to come.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Arkansas State University Student Government Association Constitution be amended to enact the following change, if deemed appropriate by the student body pursuant to a campus vote:

1. SGA shall amend Constitution Article V Legislative Branch, Section 5, Subsection b to specify one of the four graduate senator seats be reserved for a Graduate Student Council member, appointed via the GSC Executive Board.

Pass

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Erika Tuck, President