



GSA Bill # 27

A bill amending the Bylaws: Orientation for Officers and Chairs

1 **WHEREAS** the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) is a governing body representing the
2 graduate and professional students of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and

3 **WHEREAS**, as a governing body, the GSA has a duty to responsibly allocate and utilize
4 student fees and to be the voice of graduate and professional students, and

5 **WHEREAS**, GSA meetings adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order and utilize specific
6 procedures for drafting, presenting, and deliberating on legislation, and

7 **WHEREAS**, GSA members, both executives and representatives, are responsible for
8 working together;

9 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the following amendment be made to the GSA
10 bylaws under Part II, Article III- The Executive Committee, adding Section 3. Officer Preparation:

11 **“Officers and appointed chairs must attend an orientation session prior to the first**
12 **assembly meeting of the school year (or their term of service) led by the outgoing officers or**
13 **their appointees. The orientation must include an introduction to Robert’s Rules of Order,**
14 **a mock assembly session, review of GSA Bylaws, training in how to draft a piece of legislation,**
15 **and time to get to know the other officers and chairs. The orientation will be required for all**
16 **officers and chairs, but will be open to all assembly members and to University of Nebraska,**
17 **Lincoln, graduate or professional students interested in running for or applying for a**
18 **position within the assembly. Should an officer or chair be unable to attend the orientation,**
19 **they must arrange an alternate orientation session with the organizer(s). Officers or chairs**
20 **who do not attend the orientation will be considered on probation and will have one month**
21 **to rectify the situation. If a month passes without orientation participation, the officer or**
22 **chair will be removed from their position.”**

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