

Resolution Best Practices

What is a resolution?

A resolution is the official opinion of GPSS, and expresses consensus on issues affecting UW graduate students

What resolutions has GPSS approved in the past?

- Minimum wage on UW campus
- On-site childcare
- Open-access publication policy
- Fee-based programs

Who can write a resolution?

Anyone can bring a resolution before the Senate, including senators, GPSS officers, and current students

What does it mean to “sponsor” a resolution?

Resolution “sponsors” are those Senators who have contributed to the preparation of a resolution, including yourself and others (there is no limit)

What is a friendly amendment?

A friendly amendment is an informal suggestion that does not require a vote or motion; the resolution author can decide whether to accept

What is a subsidiary motion?

Subsidiary motions are formal propositions that require a second, and a majority vote if an objection is stated

Who can I talk to about proposing a resolution?

Contact the GPSS Secretary at gpssec@uw.edu for any questions regarding resolution preparation

What is the process for creating and passing a resolution?

