GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC)  
Report to GSA Council for the October 23, 2017 Meeting

To: GSA Council  
From: Babak Soltannia  
Date: October 20, 2017

Dear Council Colleagues,

At its last meeting, GSA Council approved changes to the GSA Policy on Nominating. One of the changes included removing the additional call for nominations being sent to only GSA Council members for positions on GSA Standing Committees, ad hoc committees, and subcommittees, and GSA Council-Elected Officer positions, in favor of allowing all graduate students access to all advertisements by requiring that these vacancies must be advertised at least twice in advance of the nomination deadline noted in the advertisement.

Upon reviewing other section of GSA Bylaw and Policy (Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Bylaw, GSA Officers; Section H: Performance, Conducts, Responsibilities, and Attendance, and the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board; and Section I: GSA Elections, GSA Policy, Elections), it was noted that these sections required factual changes to align with the removal of the additional call for nominations. Additionally, Section F: GSA Standing Committee, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees required a factual change to reflect that the GSA Policy on Nominating now specifies that GSA Council elects all graduate student members to fill vacancies on subcommittees, unless otherwise noted. As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, the GSA Governance Committee unanimously approved these editorial changes, via email, on October 10, 2017.

Sincerely,
Babak Soltannia, GSA President and Chair, GSA GC