

The Code of Conduct for the Graduate and Professional Student Congress

Section 1 – Definitions

With the exception of the following, terms used in this Code shall be defined as in the Ethics Code or, if not there, as elsewhere in the Code:

- A. As used in this Code, “agents of the GPSC,” or “GPSC agents,” shall include all graduate and professional students who, at the time of the potential violation, are seeking or currently sit in some position of the Graduate and Professional Student Congress.

Section 2 – Code of Conduct

The Graduate and Professional Student Congress shall be an organization built on Ethics. As such, the violation of any of the following rules by any agent of the GPSC shall not be tolerated:

- A. University policies, state laws, and federal laws shall be followed at all times;
- B. All elections shall be carried out in a fair and just manner and in accordance with the Elections Code;
- C. The duties of each position within the GPSC as detailed in relevant Code(s) shall be carried out by the officer holding that position at all times to the best of his or her ability;
- D. No agent of the GPSC shall hold an office which he or she is not qualified for per the limitations as laid out in relevant Code(s);
- E. No agent of the GPSC shall use their position within the GPSC for personal or political gain at the cost of his or her constituents or fellow GPSC agents;
- F. No agent of the GPSC shall solicit or accept payment for performance or nonperformance of any act relating to their duties unless otherwise allowed in the Code or Constitution;
- G. No agent of the GPSC shall wrongfully use, authorize wrongful use of, or condone in any way the wrongful use of GPSC property or funds;
- H. All agents of the GPSC shall treat each other and fellow graduate and professional students with common respect and civility at any and all GPSC events or meetings;
- I. Alleged violations of the Code of Conduct shall be evaluated fairly and justly and in accordance with the Ethics Code;
- J. No agent of the GPSC shall intentionally or recklessly misrepresent a fact or deceive another GPSC agent or constituent in the course of their duties or for the purpose of influencing an election or appointment for a position within the GPSC;
- K. GPSC agents are to comply with University nondiscrimination policy and choose the most qualified and capable applicants to positions within the GPSC regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, political views, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, veteran status, or disability; and
- L. No agent of the GPSC shall aid, advise, condone, or in any way induce another to act in violation of any provision of this Code of Conduct.

Section 3 – Violations of the Code of Conduct

- A. Anyone who believes that this Code of Conduct has been violated may submit a report of violation to the Ethics Chair. All alleged violations shall be properly investigated per the process detailed in the Ethics Code. Any graduate or professional student who is found responsible for a violation of this Code of Conduct following a hearing per the Ethics Code shall be subject to penalties as detailed within the Ethics Code.
- B. Agents of the GPSC are responsible for knowing and following this Code of Conduct and any Code relevant to their position. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.
- C. Although no one shall be compelled to report what they believe to be violations of this Code of Conduct, reporting such instances is heavily encouraged.