

By-Law Code and Name

**Code: 2017.2018.014.PDN**

**Name: Merger of Professional Development and Leadership  
Committee and Networking Committee**

Reason for By-Law

This By-Law merges the Professional Development and Leadership Committee and the Networking Committee into a single Professional Development and Networking Committee. Both of these committees were previously tasked with organizing a variety of events for graduate students that all served to increase collaboration across the university and improve graduate skillsets. Therefore, it made sense to condense them into a single committee to pursue those goals; thus, this committee shall inherit the goals from both original committees. This committee is tasked with helping prepare graduate students for their careers after graduation both within and beyond academia, helping develop non-academic skills and resources for graduate students to help ensure their success in graduate school, providing opportunities for graduate students across campus to meet who otherwise may never interact, providing frequent, casual options for GSC members, representatives and Executive Board members to meet and discuss GSC issues outside of formal meetings.

By-Law Language

Section I: Removal of Professional Development and Leadership Committee and Networking Committee

- 1: Upon this By-Law taking effect, both the Professional Development and Leadership Committee and Networking Committees will no longer be official committees of the GSC.
- 2: As such, upon taking effect By-Laws 2017.2018.006.NWC and 2017.2018.007.PDC will be repealed.

Section II: Professional Development and Networking Committee

- 1: This By-Law creates a committee known as the "Professional Development and Networking Committee".
- 2: By-Laws submitted by this committee shall be marked with the code "PDN".
- 3: The co-chairs of this committee will provide oversight and support to its members.

- 4: This committee will report directly to the Chief of Staff & Operations.
- 5: This committee shall maintain and develop online resources for professional development.
- 6: This committee is responsible for organizing the major annual professional development events including but not limited to the Graduate Student Leaders Conference, 3 Minute Thesis competition, and the Life After Grad School Conference.
- 7: This committee shall work to improve existing annual professional development events and develop new professional development activities as needed.
- 8: This committee is responsible for organizing social events occurring throughout the academic year.
- 9: This committee is responsible for major annual social events including but not limited to Ice Cream Socials, Graduate Student Gala, and Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
- 10: This committee shall work to develop new social activities for graduate students on campus.
- 11: This committee shall aid in coordination with the Communications and Documents Committee in the management and maintenance of all social media accounts including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Section III: Duration of this By-Law

- 1: This By-Law shall take effect at the beginning of the April General Meeting and remain in effect indefinitely or until a future By-Law explicitly replaces this By-Law.